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From: Bob [jamrfm@  
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 12:59 PM  
To: Newman-Web  
Subject: Anthem rate case

Commissioner,

I am writing you because I am frustrated with Arizona American Water for requesting a patently unfair rate increase and I am frustrated with the AZ Corporate Commission because this rate increase is even being considered. I can forgive the water company for seeking it's self interest but the Commission is supposed to be representing the interests of the water users.

Without digging very deep this request can be seen to be unfair to the water users. My current bill of \$94.00 will go to the \$180's. It is my understanding that these are some of the highest rates in Arizona if not the highest. Most of this is to pay for infrastructure, the result of a bad deal the details of which were kept from the homeowners when they purchased their homes. If this increase is allowed it will be built into the future rate structure long after the infrastructure costs have been recovered. This can't even be justified on replacement because the company is already providing for this through the depreciation provision.

You don't have public support for this increase like you would for a reasonable increase based on inflation and a reasonable profit for a well run company. It would seem clear that any rate consideration should have two parts, one for inflation and a reasonable profit and another for the infrastructure. The infrastructure part should be amortized over the life of the asset and and stopped after that. In the meantime the Arizona Water Company can pay the short term loan off with a long term bond, interest on which will flow through the profit and loss statement and be covered in normal rate structuring.

If this rate increase is allowed it will adversely affect our community through increases in homeowners' fees, resale value of homes and our individual budgets. All of this at a time when we are all reeling from the economic downturn of the past two years. I am asking you to do the right thing and represent those of us who elected you and rely on you to protect our interests. **Do not allow a rate increase of this magnitude to stand!** Structure something fair and reasonable once and for all.

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**From:** Bettye Ruff [bruff@wwdb.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 08, 2010 5:33 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Anthem water rate proposed increase

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Unlike widely believed, Anthem is not an affluent community that can absorb this, almost double, increase. There have been and continue to be foreclosures in Anthem and many families are struggling to pay their mortgage and an increase in the already high water rate will only be an additional financial challenge.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** KEN ZELLMER [kenz5788@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 09, 2010 9:43 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** AAW rate increase

Dear Sir

I strongly oppose the water and sewer rate increase for Anthem. At no time when we bought or house were we made aware of AAW' s potential ballon repayment for the water here.

Things are tight enough and AAW should go back to the source PULTE for their money.

If someone made a deal on your home before you bought it would you honor that deal?

KEN ZELLMER

Anthem Resident

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