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**Subject:** Proposed Sun City Water Rate Increase - Docket Number SW-01303A-09-0343.



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Dear, Mr. Newman

I would like to comment on the proposed water rate increase for Sun City. I feel like a victim of the old "bait and switch". The American Water company proposes an outrageous rate increase which gets everyone spun up – then we are supposed to be happy when the increase is "only" 20%. I am sorry, not a bit of it! At my company we have had pay cuts and extreme austerity measures to control costs during this economic recession. My question is what has American Water done to control their costs---has the board asked them to provide details on the austerity measures they have taken? Workforce reduction, reduction in pay, restricted travel, etc. etc. All they want to do is pass cost increases along to Sun Citians and keep doing business as usual. That is not right and I fully expect the board to stand up for the rights of the Sun City residents. The answer should be no water rate increase until American Water can fully outline the cost cutting measures they have put in place.

Warmest Regards,

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