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Sandra Kennedy,

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As your records show, Appaloosa Water Company of Chino Valley has requested from you a water rate increase. The water rate increase that was made by Appaloosa Water Company was for 100% increase. This is outrageous. The owner of Appaloosa Water Company, Joe Cordoba, made a similar request last year. You denied his request for such a high increase. The docket number for that request was DOCKET#W-04443A-10-0143. The stated reason for the water rate increase does not "pass the smell test". Some of the needed reasons (for the increase) given by Appaloosa Water Company are; 1) postal rates have increased; 2) purchase of software for billing and reporting documentation to comply with regulations; 3) increased property taxes. There were more reasons listed by the company.

As you can imagine, I am not in favor of the rate increase. Not long ago, Appaloosa Water company sent out a statement with the water bill. In this statement, it was explained that the level of arsenic in the water was below the Federal requirement limits allowed. I believe that the statement reported that the level of arsenic was 2/3 higher than it should be. As far as I am concerned, it is very "gutsy" for Appaloosa Water Company (Joe Cordoba), to ask for an increase when the company has not done what the company is already supposed to be doing. That is like a neighborhood kid who only mowed 1/3 of my lawn and wants to be paid as if he mowed the entire lawn.

It has been discovered that the owner of Appaloosa Water Company, Joe Cordoba, increased his personal salary from \$30,000 (in 2008) to over \$50,000 (in 2010). To increase your salary when you do not have the monetary business income is not good business. It has been reported also that Joe Cordoba borrowed \$141,000 from the water company. Joe Cordoba recently remodeled his other business (Windmill Farms). It seems as though Joe Cordoba wants his water customers to pay for that remodel. Is it fair that we as water customers, should have to pay for his business expansion dreams? I say "no" and I would hope that you agree with me.

Please deny the water rate increase requested by Appaloosa Water Company (Joe Cordoba, owner).

Thank you,

Randy Brumund
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