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Re: MOTION TO INTERVENE in the Application of Arizona American Water Company for increases in its Rates and Charges for utility service

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Dear Commissioners and fellow Arizonans,

I live in Waddell, in the subdivision of Cortessa, which is in the Agua Fria Water District. I just recently found out about the proposed 82% rate hike in *The Arizona Republic*, July 18, 2011. We have 1" water meters here in Cortessa. We get charged a lot more for water because of this meter size. To me, a gallon of water is a gallon of water, and the meter size should not determine the amount we get charged.

I have desert landscaping, front and back, no pool and use about 5,000/ gal per month. My bill total used to be about \$64/month and increased to about \$80/month, total, in December, 2009. The newspaper article stated that AZ American water has not had a rate increase for the district since 2007. Yet my bill had an increase in December, 2009. With the new rate increase, my new bill total will be about \$122/mo. (I called AZ American Water and they confirmed it) They also told me that the waste water was not part of the increase and would not be increasing. But on July 27, in *The AZ Republic*, I found out that there is a proposed 60% increase on the waste water rates. (Now quoted in the newspaper as the 'double whammy'.

I can only imagine how much my HOA dues will go up to cover these rate increases.

I know this case is closed for intervention. But would like it to be re-opened because I have never received a notification inviting me to a public meeting to hear from AZ American Water on this issue. It seems obvious that most of this proposed rate increase is to help sell their company to EPCOR, USA and to line AZ American Waters owner's pockets at the expense of the water customer. They built a water treatment facility thinking they would pay for it through water hookup fees. Then the housing/building market collapsed. They should have revisited their long range plans, instead of planning on charging the already strapped home owner and the HOA's they live in.

I too have made a some bad business decisions . But I'm hopeful the economy will bounce back. I agree with the Surprise city council in asking the board to extend the public hearing period and I am a resident expressing this opinion.

Common sense tells you this isn't fair.

Thank you for your time,
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