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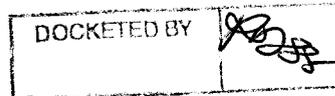
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ATTN: Bob Stump



Dear Mr. Stump:

My wife and I want to express our concern over the proposed rate increase by Pima Utility Co. We have been full time residents in Sun Lakes Cottonwood area, and a customer of Pima Utility Co., since 1994 and have watched costs steadily increase. We fully understand the need to increase dues and fees periodically for goods and services to keep up with material and labors costs. However, what is being proposed is a pretty hefty increase in anyone's books. Granted, the monthly increase will be between \$8.00 and \$10.00 per household. This translates into an increase yearly of between \$96.00 and \$120.00. Even though there are many households here that can afford this, there are a considerable number of elderly residents living on a fixed (and sometimes very minimal) income who find it already difficult to cope with the steadily increasing costs of living. We personally have heard this sentiment expressed before, that medical science is a wonderful thing. It allows us to live much longer now; each year at a lower standard of living. Let us hope that the utility company is not contributing largely to perpetuating that sentiment.

Beyond even the increased cost to individual homeowners, an even larger cost factor will be the water usage by the associations to maintain clubhouses, golf course and green belts. The calculated proposed (estimated) yearly increase for the Cottonwood/Palo Verde areas (3,809 units) goes from \$45.04 per unit/lot to \$87.58 per unit/lot. This is an annual increase of \$42.54 per unit/lot, or a 94.44% increase. Coupled with the individual homeowners increase, this will amount to a minimum of between \$139.00 and \$163.00 per home unit --- depending on how much the association board of control raises the yearly association dues. It should be noted here that the figures quoted are for only one area of Sun Lakes. They do not speak to the costs associated with the original Phase I area, or the Oakwood/Ironwood portions as they now exist.

It is our hopes that your will temper this proposed increase to stay within more reasonable limits. Personally, we have seen nothing to date that would warrant this increase by Pima Utility Co.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this request,

Respectfully,

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