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Commissioner Kennedy:

We have received notice that Pima Utility has filed a request with the Arizona Corporation Commission to increase the water and wastewater (aka sewer) rate for their customers. Every household will see an increase, but the biggest impact for all of us will be felt through the proposed 94.9% increase in the watering of our common areas and the irrigation of the golf courses in our retirement community. Last year our HOA paid Pima \$171,560 for the watering of these areas. If this proposed increase goes into effect, it will cost our HOA \$327,680 for watering these same areas. We are on fixed incomes and in a retirement community. We all realize that a *Modest* increase must be made periodically, but this rate increase is **not** acceptable. This increase will raise our Homeowner dues, as well as all homeowners in Sun Lakes. We are retired and all have felt the downturn of our economy and investments these past years. This is not a time to lay more financial burden on this Community. We ask that you, as our Commissioner, would meet with Pima Utility Company and relate the need to **deny** this rate increase.

Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.

Customers of the Pima Utility Company,

Joseph and Judith Dingeldine



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Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
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Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

My wife and I are retired here in Sun lakes and have recently been informed that the Pima Utility Company has filed a request with your offices to raise the water and sewer rates for both the residents of this community and also for the Home Owners Association.

We respectfully request that the Commission consider this request in light of the age of our residents and that many of us are on fixed incomes. Both my wife and I are 71 years old and one of the remaining pleasures we have is playing some golf and enjoying our home. The requested rate increases will severely curtail our ability to afford our golf and our ability to meet our other utility expenses.

Under the proposed rate increase, the common area irrigation and residential water costs will increase 94.5% per lot unit (from \$45.04/lot to \$87.58/lot). This appears to be excessive.

The residential sewer rate is expected to increase 22.3%. While we can understand that costs continue to increase, it must also be understood that the US Economy has not and neither has our income to pay for these proposed increases.

Pima Utility Company justifies these increases with the argument that rates have not increased for 19 years. All I can say about this is, they have picked a very poor time to admit that they should have been more diligent to seeking a just compensation for their services when there were more funds available than now.

Sincerely,

*David Franklin*

*Eleanor Franklin*

David and Eleanor Franklin

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