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RE: DOCKET NO. W-04015A-12-0051

GREAT PRAIRIE OASIS LLC dba SUNLAND WATER COMPANY
REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE

I have reviewed the proposed rate increase as submitted by Great Prairie Oasis DBA as Sunland Water. In doing so I disagree with the request. It is stated in their request this is the first time since 1979 that Sunland Water has filed for a rate increase; that is a false statement. See Docket No. W-04015A-02-0509 in the year of 2002.

Brookside Farms has had continued water leaks that have been repaired temporarily each time and have leaked repeatedly each time during the years 2002 thru 2010. During that time, Mr. Bill Miller was a partner in Great Prairie Oasis DBA Sunland Water and did the repairs from 2002 thru 2010. I personally suggested many times to start replacing the street crossings with copper; which never happened. It is said a picture is worth a thousand words, therefore I will enclose numerous pictures of leaks within Brookside Farms that have occurred more than once and left leaking for several weeks and even months unrepaired.

In researching the 200+ water companies in Arizona I have only found two that have a service fee, no water charge, in their rates. Sunland Water Company is one of the two.

If we take the service fee of \$4.00 times the monthly average subscribers of 80: $4 \times 80 = \$320.00$. Multiply that by 12 months, and it equals \$3,840.00. Multiply that by the years from 2005 thru 2011, and it equals \$26,880.00; this is an estimate of service fees received the last seven years. If you use the same figures for a minimum monthly water usage bill, we again get an estimate of \$26,880.00. Which, multiplied by two, equals \$53,760.00; this is the estimated income for the years of 2005 thru 2011. It would be interesting to know how much of this income was spent on permanent repairs.

NOTE: Accompanying pictures are on file in UH.D.T. v.

In my opinion, Sunland Water's reported loss of \$32,840.00 for 2011 is a loss that has been created by temporary repairs for the last twelve years and their recovery of that loss should be spread over the next 12 years of serving residents of Brookside Farms.

Furthermore, tying the current well with a second well sounds like a good idea. However the goal is lowering the arsenic levels to meet EPA and AZ water standards and therefore the following should be taken into account. Tests on the second well show it is in violation of EPA and AZ water standards. A report done on 08-16-2011 on the well water shows nitrate exceeds MCL and reporting limits. The report also shows the reporting limits for lead exceeds the reported limits.

In summary, my opinion of the loss of \$32,840.00 as stated in the rate request is a culmination of doing nothing during the years 2000 thru 2010, and playing catch up in 2011. As requested, the rate increases should not be granted. I also believe further testing of the two wells should be done for the nitrate and lead reported limit violations.

Sincerely,



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