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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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Re: Water Rate Increase Request – Beaver Dam Water Co. (BDWC)
Docket #W-03067A-12-0232

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of Beaver Dam Property Owners Assn. – a 55plus homeowner group located in Beaver Dam, AZ. We currently have 178 homeowners of which approximately 70% are seasonal; spending less than 6 months of the year in Beaver Dam. Most are retired people of modest means and fixed incomes.

We understand that BDWC is seeking a 10% across the board door charge and usage fee increase. Not only this but BDWC is seeking to put our 178 households on an individual meter. We vehemently oppose individual metering proposal as having no economic rationale other than to increase BDWC's revenues from our community and needlessly increasing its billing and meter reading expenses. We currently pay \$1,375 master door charge for a 6 inch pipe brought to the entrance of our park. We consider this reasonable as we distribute the water throughout the park in our own water lines. We pay an outside contractor to maintain our water lines within the park. There is no justification for BDWC to collect a door charge on our 178 residents. This very issue was brought to the attention of the Commission at the last rate increase hearing in 2008 when BDWC was collecting a \$15.00 per month door charge with no justification. The master door charge was instituted at that time and a generous usage fee was granted from \$1.00 per thousand to \$3.15. We use a large volume of water for irrigation and a minimal amount for household use. In the spring of 2011 we installed our own irrigation wells and this drastically reduced usage income to BDWC. This is the source of the water company's monetary problems as it pertains to our homeowner group. We should not be penalized for conserving water resources at the expense of BDWC.

Respectfully Submitted,

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