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Complaint Description: 08A Rate Case Items - Opposed  
N/A Not Applicable

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Complaint By: Gary L.

Anderson CPA

Account Name: Gary L. Anderson CPA

Home:

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Street:

Work:

City: Maricopa

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85138

is: E-Mail

Utility Company: Global Water-Santa Cruz Water Company

Division: Water

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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To whom it may concern:

(Regarding docket numbers SW-20445A-12-0310 & W-20446A-12-0314)

1) I am currently paying a base wastewater fee of \$62.91 per month. I personally think that is too high. But I understand Global Water (GW) proposed to raise the rate to \$72.82 per month, representing a 25% rate increase. I understand COLA/inflation adjustments that approximate national CPI of 3%, BUT, a 25% rate increase cannot be justified. If it cannot be demonstrated that GW's cost have increased by 25%, then there is no reason for GW to propose such a rate increase. I understand GW also proposed a 22+% rate increase for Water Basic. It is difficult to keep up with the rate of inflation, but to incur 22 to 25% rate increase makes it very difficult.

2) I am a member of a local HOA (Province). I understand that GW is proposing rate increases to the HOA from \$.57/1000 gallons to \$1.00/1000 gallons. Wow! Does that not represent a 75% rate increase?. The higher the costs to the HOA will be passed on to me. If the rated increase proposal were more in line with actual inflation rates, I may better accept a rate increase.

3) Now that it appears that Maricopa is just starting to show signs of rebounding from the recent economic downturn, rate increases could possibly negatively affect economic growth in home construction, and new business growth. The rates are already high, most significantly the wastewater basic fee.

4) It is my understanding that GW proposes to decrease the incentive for water conservation. As a consumer, it seems we are penalized for our conservation use of water. Less water used, means less income for GW,

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therefore GW must raise rates to meet their income projections. Which means, we are penalized for conserving water.

5) It should be noted, there are indications that the economy is improving. The housing market is stronger, there are less empty homes in Maricopa, and the builders all seem to be busy. Therefore, there should be improved revenues for GW without rate increases.

Gary L. Anderson CPA

Anderson & Company, P.C. CPA's  
\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

N/A  
\*End of Response\*

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

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Emailed to the Phoenix office for docketing.  
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\*End of Comments\*

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