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Date: 3/5/2013

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

First: Robert and Fran Last: Boston

Complaint By: Robert and Fran

Account Name: Robert and Fran Boston

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work:

City: Yuma

CBR: (000) 000-0000

State: AZ Zip: 85367

is:

Utility Company: Far West Water & Sewer, Inc.

Division: Sewer

Contact Name: Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 West Washington
Phoenix AZ 85007

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Reference:
Far West Water and Sewer Inc. Docket no.- WS-03478A-12-0307

To the ACC Commissioners,

I read with dismay in the Yuma Sun newspaper today (2/27), your staff's support for Far West W&S's sewer rate increase. Although I may be too late for more public input, I would like to go on record by offering additional information that was not discussed at the recent public hearing here in Yuma.

Approximately three years ago, H&S Developers, Inc. and their associate Far West Water and, Sewer began developing the "El Rancho Encantado" subdivision at the SW corner of 48th Street and Foothills Blvd. They leveled the entire area and Far West made a very significant investment in sewer and water lines on the entire development. In addition, Far West installed grinder pumps (one pump to serve every two lots in the entire subdivision) with a long term commitment to service the pumps and water and sewer supply lines. They obviously knew at that time they were in financial trouble.

Even before the first lot went on sale, a reputable representative of the aggregate companies personally told me

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they had over \$ 7 million dollars invested in the project at that time. Paving of 1/2 of the roads and the exterior block walls had not even been finished yet. I have no idea what the real total cost was. To date, only 1/2 of the sub-division has paved roads and maybe 60 % of the those available lots have been sold.

In my opinion, this entire subdivision should never have been allowed and those development costs should have been invested in the needed upgrades that FWW&S is now asking their customers to finance. This is approaching fraud and your staff appears to be overlooking some of those questionable actions with their recommendations.

The proposed rates will put a financial hardship on current customers and will eventually make our properties difficult to sell. This rate will ultimately decrease our property values and result in lower property tax revenues to Yuma County. This is a bad recommendation that will have many long-term negative effects. I urge the Commission to take a more reasonable approach in arriving at a final rate increase.

Sincerely,
Robert Boston
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Comments entered for the record and filed in docket number WS-03478A-12-0307. CLOSED.
End of Comments

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