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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMM

UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM

Investigator: Carmen Madrid

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2013 -- 113310

Date: 10/17/2013

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

First:

Last:

Complaint By: Ray & Julie

Bluff

Account Name: Ray & Julie Bluff

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Sedona

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 86351

is:

Utility Company: Little Park Water Company, Inc.

Division: Water

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

\*\*\*\*\*OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE\*\*\*\*\*

October 14, 2013

Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Arizona Corporation Commission

DOCKETED

OCT 18 2013

Re: Little Park Water Company

Sedona, Arizona 86351

DOCKETED BY

Subject: Request to Adjust Rates

Gentlemen:

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DOCKET CONTROL

Little Park Water Company (Little Park) has very few customers, I would estimate 50. We have lived in Highland Estates, the location of this small water company, for 40 years. We were the second house in Highland Estates at the time. During the first five (5) years, there were 19lots (building sites) and a water system that consisted of one well site and approximately one (1) mile of 6" pipeline with 18 service connections. In the late 1970's and early 1980's, the subdivision was completed so that there was a potential for 65 building sites.

A second well and appurtenances was added and looped to the original well so that uninterrupted service would be available to all 65 building sites. Upon the final sale of all 65 lots, the owner sold the water system to the Big Park Water Company (Big Park).

This larger company, with several hundred (if not thousands) of customers, then tied their larger system into

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our very small system. I believe that their only purpose in doing so was to now have two (2) additional water wells and appurtenances tied into their large system. Otherwise, why would anyone in the water service business purchase a stand-alone system of 50 or fewer customers?

Now, it seems that Big Park needs a 41% rate increase to bring them to a profitable situation with a small customer base. They say that this rate increase is necessary due to higher costs of operations and falling revenues due to conservation of water use by homeowners. We in Verde Valley, and in the entire state for that matter, are consistently being told to use less water due to the semi drought conditions that have existed over the past several years.

Based upon the above information, we ask that the commission consider the fact that Big Park Water Company has gained two (2) good water wells with the purchase of our system, and that to expect a profit on the backs of 50 or fewer users is unjust. We should be paying at the same rates that customers of the adjoining water company (Big Park) are paying. No more and no less.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ray & Julie Bluff

Sedona, Arizona 86351

Sedona, Arizona 86339

Encl.: Little Park Water Company customer notification  
\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

Opinion noted and filed in Docket No. W-02192A-13-0336. closed  
\*End of Comments\*

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