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Re: **Docket No. W-01445A-11-0310 – System Improvement Benefits Surcharge**

To the Honorable Chairman Stump and Fellow Commissioners,

We are providing this letter to the Arizona Corporation Commission in regards to the above-mentioned docket number, and in support of the System Improvement Benefit Surcharge case before the board. Arizona Water Company's planned infrastructure improvements pursuant to the Arizona Corporation Commission's System Improvement Benefits (SIB) mechanism represents a critical need to the community of Apache Junction, and to the Superstition Fire & Medical District.

Included in Arizona Water's planned improvements within our jurisdiction are the replacement of older water distribution systems with undersized mains that were never able to support fire flows, nor were they installed with fire hydrants. Our ability to provide safe and effective fire and life safety services to the citizens we serve is directly impacted by the lack of working fire hydrants in wide-spread areas throughout our fire district. To be able to upgrade these older distribution system mains and add fire hydrants with at least minimal fire flow capabilities will allow our firefighters to be better equipped to save lives and property.

SFMD has a long standing professional working relationship with our private water purveyors and rely heavily upon their water distribution systems for fire protection and suppression needs. If the SIB funding mechanism will allow Arizona Water to increase fire-flow reliability and increase hydrant distribution in our jurisdiction, we would ask for the support and approval of such by this esteemed commission.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Montgomery, Assistant Fire Chief – Fire Marshal
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