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Attention:
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RE: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

We are Russell Ranch residents and are requesting an investigation and review of our water and wastewater rates.

In the last two years our waste water rates have increased dramatically. We have had a 44% increase in basic service charges and a 40% increase in the unit price for the sewer volume. Our understanding is that we will incur an additional 15% increase on January 1, 2015. Along with the apparent 7% increase to the basic water service and 7% increase to the unit price for the water used, it is creating very unreasonable water and sewer bills.

I can not think of any area of purchasing that an average of a 63% increase in a 3-year period would be acceptable to anyone. In the utility world we do not have the option of taking our business elsewhere and look for the commission to take a fair and honest look at what this is doing to the economic stability of our lives. We feel we are definitely being taken advantage of and are and will continue to look for ways to reduce our consumption of water.

In purchasing our parcel and home in Russell Ranch the wastewater treatment plant in Russell Ranch was built just for us and figured into the development costs of the subdivision, therefore we paid for it. We feel we should have never been in the Agua Fria District as there are no continuous boundaries and we are a much smaller development than the others. Since we have our own plant and are paying to support the rest of the Agua Fria District, we should be de-consolidated from the District and only pay to maintain the Russell Ranch plant. The ACC set a precedence when they de-consolidated and took Anthem community out of the District because they had their own plant and was paying to support the rest of the District.

In summary, these large increases are not fair or right and we ask that you review these costs and allow us some relief on these items.

Sincerely,



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