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First Name: Ruth L

Last Name: Parker

Account Name: Ruth L Parker

Street Address: <<< REDACTED >>>

City: Camp Verde

State: AZ

Zip Code: 86322

Company: Verde West Irrigation dba Harold W. Bullard

Division: Irrigation

Nature Of Opinion:

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Docket Position: Against

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IRRIGATION

Notification of said Hearing was received on September 4, 9 2015. Just short of a month (30 days) after filing date of August 10 6, 2015. 11

12 I feel there are some facts to be disclosed for the decision 13 process of granting or denying this RATE INCREASE request. 14

15 I understand that the Water Rights for irrigation purposes is in 16 the Property Deed to for approximately two hundred (200) 17 Deeded Properties of various sizes. 18

19 The pump involved, for my section of properties, pumps water 20 from the river to a holding pond . The water sits for the gravity 21 demand to occur suppling the water through pipes to the

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22 individual properties.

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24 In July, 2013, just over two (2) years ago from this requested

25 Rate Increase of August 6,2015 a twenty-five percent (25%)

26 increase was levied per month. The amount then was \$13.12 to

21 \$16.40 per month without prior notice of the event. This fee

28 does not cover water but only the delivery process.

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30 The delivery services are normally stopped in late October to

31 approximately April each year. This is six (6) months of paying

32 for no services as required for fear of liens to one's property for

33 not paying. This increases the service fee,in my view, to \$32.80

34 per month for when the service is available.

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36 This year the pump was in need of repair as it failed to work.

37 Service was not available for June and July an additional 2

38 months. Now the area was without irrigation services for a total

39 of eight (8) months while still paying the \$16.40 required each

40 and every month.

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42 Plants and trees died for what seemed to be an eternity for the

43 pump to be put back on line. I guess negotiating the services to

44 put the pump back in place took longer than planned.

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48 I guess my question is, What does Verde West Irrigation do

49 with all that monthly income. Not having a contingency fund for

50 repairs and/or unexpected events is not normal business

51 practice in my view.

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53 It look like this request by Verde West Irrigation is an effort to

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54 mitigate the owner's business risk to none. All businesses have

55 some element of risk that is why Insurance Companies exist.

56 I'm sure the expense of the maintenance is deductible from

57 business expenses.

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59 I am not in favor of price rate increases since the last one was

Go more than enough to cover contingencies if managed properly.

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