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Company: Liberty Water-Black Mountain Sewer Corporation Division: sewer

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We are a resident of Scottsdale in the Winfield community and our sewage water has been processed/treated by the city of Scottsdale since our inception 20 years ago.

Apparently Scottsdale entered into a 20 year contract in 1996 with Black Mountain/Liberty whereby the latter installed the sewer pipes in our community, directed the sewage water to the Scottsdale waste treatment plant. Winfield residents were invoiced by Black Mountain for sewage treatment, costs of the sewage pipes installation and maintenance, and a profit. Liberty's closest functioning facility is about 30+ miles away in west Phoenix. Their maintenance and repair costs for installed pipes at Winfield is nominal, and they have been completely compensated for their initial installation costs of the pipes.

Were we a direct customer of Scottsdale our current cost for sewage treatment would range from \$15 to \$25 per month based on our water usage. We would also have incurred a charge for a bond or LID covering the cost of installing the pipes. That bond issue would have been paid off this year

In 2010 you approved a fee increase for Liberty Utilities/Black Mountain of approximately \$23 per month which raised our monthly rates from \$42 to \$65. Now you are considering an additional increase of 18.75% thus increasing our monthly charge to approximately \$77. This new rate will approximate a \$473,000 annual contribution to Liberty by the 512 residents in Winfield versus averaging about \$123,000 if we were billed for this same service by the City of Scottsdale.

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We understand that Liberty is unwilling to sell/deed the pipes to Scottsdale thus we will be required to continue paying an inordinate fee to Liberty for our waste treatment services. Why?

Thanks for your considerations.

Sharon/David McCullam

Scottsdale, AZ 85266

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