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Investigator: Al Amezcua **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Opinion Date:** 2/18/2016
Opinion Number: 2016 - 128922 **Priority:** Respond within 5 business days
Opinion Codes: Rate Case Items - Opposed **Closed Date:** 2/18/2016 2:24 PM

First Name: Richard A **Last Name:** Kruk **Account Name:** Richard A Kruk
Address: <<< REDACTED >>>
City: Scottsdale **State:** AZ **Zip Code:** 85266

Company: Liberty Water-Black Mountain Sewer Corporation **Division:** sewer
Linda Byrd **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Email:** <<< REDACTED >>>

Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: SW-02361A-15-0206 **Docket Position:** Against

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Arizona Corporation Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007
Re: Liberty Utilities Proposed Rate
Increase, Docket Nos.
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

My wife and I are retired, and are year round residents of north Scottsdale and pay Liberty for monthly sewer services. We have just learned of Liberty's application to the Commission for substantial increases in its monthly charges to consumers. We wish to go on record opposing the proposed increases because they bear no relationship to the cost of living increases that we are all experiencing and because of the limited annual income increases retirees have experienced in recent years.

Inflation has been increasing at low single digit rates and interest rates are often less than one percent. Liberty has applied to be permitted to increase its rates initially by 34% and eventually by as much as 44% without having to return to the Commission for approval. The proposed increases appear to be unconscionable in light of low cost of living increases and the public's inability to obtain pay increases or

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reasonable rates of return on safe investments in the current economy. It all boils down to the public's inability to pay such huge monthly increases in Liberty's service charges.

Please disapprove Liberty's application for a rate increase, or at least limit any future increase to something more in accord with present economic conditions.

Thank you.

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2/18/2016	Al Amezcua	Telephone	Investigation
Comments noted for the record and docketed. CLOSED.			
