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Investigator: Deborah Reagan **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Opinion Date:** 4/21/2016
Opinion Number: 2016 - 130222 **Priority:** Respond within 5 business days
Opinion Codes: Rate Case Items - Opposed **Closed Date:** 4/21/2016 9:28 AM

First Name: Ginger **Last Name:** Niesen **Account Name:** Ginger Niesen
Address:
City: Overgaard **State:** AZ **Zip Code:** 85933

Company: Arizona Water Company **Division:** Overgaard

Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: W-01445A-15-0277 **Docket Position:** Against

Customer sent the following -

Dear Commissioners:

I am absolutely opposed to rate hikes for utilities that vary radically from the rate of inflation. This puts undue burden on those who are on fixed income and those who live at the poverty level. Arizona has the second largest number of people living in poverty in the nation as of 2009 per the census bureau.

"More than one-fifth of Arizonans live in poverty, a figure higher than anywhere else in the nation except Mississippi." Per the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, Sept. 17, 2010

The Arizona Corporation Commission will be hearing Docket No. W-01445A-15-0277 submitted by the Arizona Water Company at a public hearing at 10 a.m. May 9, 2016. I will not be able to attend.

Please limit any water increases submitted by them to a reasonable water hike associated with the inflation of the dollar. I would note that the Federal Government did not give those on Social Security any increase in pay because they said there was NO inflation in 2015. I don't know the last

time the AWC had an increase in rates but I would ask that you take that

into consideration especially when considering base (low water use) rates. We are encouraged to conserve water. We should not be penalized for doing so.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration

Sincerely,

Ginger Niesen

Overgaard, AZ 85933

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