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Investigator: Michael Buck **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Opinion Date:** 4/26/2016

Opinion Number: 2016 - 130317 **Priority:** Respond within 5 business days

Opinion Codes: Rate Case Items - Opposed **Closed Date:** 4/26/2016 3:15 PM

First Name: Alfonso **Last Name:** Atencio **Account Name:** Alfonso Atencio

Address: <<< REDACTED >>>

City: Coolidge **State:** AZ **Zip Code:** 85128

Company: Arizona Water Company **Division:** Casa Grande

Nature Of Opinion

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

Director - Utilities

I am writing to request that you deny the exorbitant rate increase requested by Arizona Water Company.

In the recent past Arizona Water Company has raised the base rate from \$11 per month to \$16 per month. It is also using a tiered rate system which charges us the consumers for every drop of water that goes through the meter. If this rate increase is allowed it will increase my water bill by \$10.16 per month even if I use no more water. Over a year's time I will be paying \$121.92 for the same amount of water. At some time I feel that you need to tell the utility companies that they have to live within their means just like the rest of us.

Among the reasons given by Arizona Water Company for needing a rate increase is higher property taxes. I too am faced with higher property taxes but I can't run to the Social Security Administration and say I need a raise in my benefits. Infact I did not receive an increase in my benefits this year in spite of rising food, utility and medical costs.

The Arizona Water Company also says that since we are using less water it needs this rate increase. Of course we use less water; the price of water in the Coolidge area is very high. It is a well founded economic fact that when the price of a product increases consumers use less of that product. A normal business does not say, " I raised my price and people are using less of my product so I will raise my price again".

Beyond this, it was reported in the Casa Grande Dispatch that Abbott Nutrition is asking for a 15% lower rate for its water. If this happens, who will make up this revenue loss? Of course we the small every day consumer.

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Again I ask you to please deny this exorbitant rate increase request. Thank you.

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