

Arizona **Corporation Commission**

Customer Services: Docket Control No. SW-02361A-19-0139

1200 West Washington Street

Phoenix, AZ 85007

Date _____

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the request by Liberty Utilities to raise my Commercial sewer charge to an **extraordinary** monthly fee of \$116.46 ... which represents a **37%** increase!

We, the **captive** Liberty Utilities ratepayers, are already paying the highest sewer rates in the entire State of Arizona! The ACC raised our rates to \$85 per month in 2016 to fund Liberty's WWTP closure and now they are back again seeking an even more **OUTRAGEOUS** rate!

Liberty's justification is totally unacceptable as their formal Annual Reports have revealed to **RUCO** they earned over 2x the ACC authorized rate of return in 2016 and 2018 ... and 3.4x in 2017!

What is worse is their alleged WWTP closing and decommission expenses. Liberty Utilities now confirms, "all closure cost estimates it provided the ACC were made without engineering bids or knowledge of actual on-site conditions or municipal requirements." Their current president revealed in his testimony, "their cost estimates were, "**at best, guesstimates.**" This is **disrespectful** of the ACC and the **captive** ratepayers!

As a direct result of Liberty's financial folly, the cost of this WWTP closing and decommissioning came in **millions of dollars** greater than they presented to the ACC. Again, **disrespectful.**

Liberty's former president states, "the costs are what they are" and Liberty is fully expecting the ACC to pass these closure and decommissioning costs directly on to us, the **captive** ratepayers. Their president testified, "people should not expect the estimates to be **EXACTLY** the same as the actual costs."

Please, Commissioners, how does the term **EXACTLY** equate to a **4 Million Dollar Difference ???**

We all rely upon the ACC to represent our **captive** consumer/ ratepayers' interests to assure us per your mission statement, "a balance between **affordable** rates and a **fair profit** for the utilities."

Thank you in advance for your consideration and **REJECTION** of this totally inappropriate and disrespectful request for this 37% increase or even **ANY** increase in our sewer service charges.

Respectfully,

Name

Address