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Investigator: Jenny Gomez **Phone:** <<< REDACTED >>> **Opinion Date:** 10/2/2018
Opinion Number: 2018 - 155182 **Priority:** Respond within 5 business days
Opinion Codes: Rate Case Items - Opposed **Closed Date:** 10/2/2018 4:06 PM

First Name: Petition **Last Name:** Petition **Account Name:** Petition Petition (6)
Address:
City: **State:** **Zip Code:**

Company: Ajo Improvement Company **Division:** Electric

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Nature Of Opinion

Docket Number: WS-01025A-17-0361 **Docket Position:** Against

Ajo Improvement Company and the Arizona Corporation Commission are asking for a 300%+ utility rate hike here in Ajo. The rate hike is for all utilities (water, sewer, electricity) in the town center. For those with APS and Arizona water, it won't affect your electric rates 'til later, but it will cause your water bill to triple.

Here's how it works: if your monthly utility bill is \$40.00, then in 5 years, your bill will be +120.00 If your bill is \$100.00, then in 5 years, your bill will be more than \$300.00 a month...etc, etc.. Every year until 2024, your costs will increase substantially.

In addition, these costs will be passed onto you by local businesses and organizations...so everyone is affected and everyone will pay more for everything!

Real Estate prices could go down...taxes could go up.

This rate hike could KILL Ajo! Think about your own life, think about the progress made in Ajo since the dark days of 1985. Think about how the rate hike will affect your family, friends, and quality of life for all Ajo residents and visitors.

he 300%+ rate hike proposed by the Arizona Corporation Commission and Ajo Improvement Company will cause me:

#1 Severe Financial Hardship: can't pay rent or mortgage/ can't pay taxes I can't make car payment or buy gas/ can't buy enough food to feed self-family/ will have to sell home/ close business/ will have to charge higher prices for goods and services/ will have to substantially reduce services to community

#2 Moderate Financial Hardship: limit support of Ajo economy/ limit presence in Ajo economy/ limit grocery & hardware purchases/ have to apply for food stamps/welfare/ unable to make home repairs or invest in property/ unable to care for property/ unable to offer programs to the public

#3 Some Financial Hardship: unable to irrigate trees and vegetation/ unable to afford security lights at night/unable to water or feed livestock

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