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Complaint Description: 04C Service - Restrictions of

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Complaint By: John

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Account Name: John Breninger

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Utility Company: Pine Water Co., Inc.

Division: Cool Pines

Contact Name: n/a

Contact Phone: n/a

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Nature of Complaint:

Comments submitted at the Public Comment meeting in Pine, AZ on 1/31/05 states the following:

My name is John Breninger, I am a resident of PINE, and I speak as a private citizen.

I have followed the actions of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) closely for the past ten years in its regulation of some of our local water service utilities. The proposal you bring to us tonight, expanding the moratorium, is another action that falls short of being useful and constructive. I plead with you again to reconsider this course of action, and work more cooperatively with this Community. I think we can solve our water problem with your participation with some bold and cooperative actions. Let's go for a solution - not a band-aid.

In the recent Rate Case Hearing for Pine Water Co., the Pine/Strawberry Water Improvement District, by the Gila County Board of Supervisors acting as the Board of the PSWID chose to intervene in those proceedings before the ACC. They chose to submit testimony that was not supported by the broad majority of the residents and property owners of this District. They petitioned the ACC to deny the CC&N of Pine Water Co. They testified with information about the operations of Pine Water Co. and Brooke Utilities that was largely refuted by the findings and testimony of the ACC Staff. I feel that they have accomplished nothing for this Community, but cost us a lot of expense.

Just recently, the control of the PSWID has been returned to our elected Board of Directors. That Board has informed the ACC Commissioners and Hearing Officer that PSWID has withdrawn from it's status as "Intervener," has terminated and discharged the Attorney for the PSWID, and will not continue the representations made by that Attorney for the PSWID.

As a member of this elected Board, I will be asking from this Board that we extend an invitation from PSWID for dialog and careful consideration of those other sources of water that have not been utilized by our local suppliers thus far. I would ask you Commissioners to help open the way for this dialog to build a solution to our water shortages, and to find those cooperative efforts for the most cost effective delivery of these other water sources. I would ask the Commissioners to encourage Brooke Utilities, as an owner of two of our local

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water companies, to engage in dialog with not only our PSWID, but the other agencies currently studying the options of water supply for this area. I believe that the long-term solution to our shortages of water can be better solved by combining our resources, rather than the imposing a further moratorium, which can only have a short term effect of all bad...

We have a lot of healing to do in this Community. Hate and discord have been the tools used in the past to rally people to take control of our destiny. Our destiny for a long-term, reliable water supply will be seen in working together to find this solution. Others, who are looking at this Colorado Plateau area to solve water problems over much of Arizona, don't hold much promise to Pine and Strawberry. We are going to need a lot of help to find and apply the solution that works here. Let's get to work.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Comments noted and docketed in docket no. W-03512A-03-0279. closed

End of Comments

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