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Subject: Proposed transfer of sewage treatment responsibility from BHP to others.

Dear Honorable Jane L. Rodda:

At first I was alarmed at the exorbitant amount of money we as home and business owners in San Manuel may have to pay monthly if this transition comes to pass. After attending the public hearing June 29, 2005 between the Corporation Commission and Coronado Utility Co., I am more alarmed that BHP has been allowed to operate (and continues to operate) a sewage facility that does not meet the safety standards required of such a facility. I am now asking where the regulating authorities were *who are responsible* for overseeing and regulating such entities and why have they overlooked this infraction?

BHP has not been held accountable for running a compliant facility. Apparently BHP is attempting to deflect the responsibility of rectifying this to the taxpayers of San Manuel. As one of those taxpayers, I vehemently oppose this tactic. BHP has an obligation to supply the community with sewage treatment as stated in our deeds. They should have been maintaining this facility all along, making needed upgrades, and meeting industry standards. BHP has shirked its responsibility to this community and should be held legally liable to rectify this situation. The Corporation Commission should not even be trying to decide the issue of whether or not Coronado Utility Co. is competent and their rates fair, but should be concentrating on insuring that San Manuel has a proper sewage treatment plant.

Respectfully,

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