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To: Commissioners Marc Spitzer, Jim Irvin, Wm. Mundt FEB 11 2003

From: Walter Bush of Sun City

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This is not an exparte communication. I am not an inter-  
venor in any case. I am just a resident of Sun City, who  
over many years has been trying to serve and protect my  
fellow residents (even from their duly elected Recreation  
Centers directors).

At yesterday's Public Comment Meeting in Sun City West,  
there were a couple of attempted allusions as to whether or  
not Commissioner Mike Gleason had a conflict of interest  
with respect to the CAP water pipeline. They were not  
appropriate, and were properly squelched. However, by this  
means I should like to register my comments on the issue  
because I am on the scene and am fully knowledgeable of the  
facts.

I believe the first time Gleason commented publicly on the  
pipeline was at a Commission hearing in May of 2001, when  
he said he was in favor of it. But since that time I know  
he has worked continually along with Jones, Cappellear,  
Watts and others, to promote the pipeline. It is loud and  
clear on the record, in speeches, newspaper articles and  
actions. No harm in that. It's their prerogative. Of  
Gleason's most notable actions came last year. Sun City  
West has a problem with some of its groundwater rights  
Gleason was able to get his bill HB2064 passed by the  
legislature, which is designed to alleviate or delay the  
rights problem. BUT, it won't work without the  
construction of a pipeline. This, of course, is the  
reason for Gleason's persistent plea for the pipeline.  
The passage of this bill and its provisions were  
thoroughly publicized by the press in both Sun Cities. In  
short, there is no person in this area who can still hear  
and read who is not aware of Gleason's obsession on the  
subject. So it is undeniable that Mike Gleason has a  
potential conflict of interest as wide as the state of  
Texas.

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Therefore, I was quite surprised when I read the following  
article in the Daily News-Sun of January 8. It reported  
that there likely would be a hearing on the pipeline at the  
Corporation Commission, January 15. Then, in an interview  
with Gleason, it stated that "Commissioner Mike Gleason

also confirmed that it will occur. Gleason said he is  
prepared to make an educated decision. 'I have reviewed  
all the documents, and my advisor has summarized them  
together for me.'" Knowing what I and everybody else  
knows, I couldn't believe that this man actually was



expecting to vote on the pipeline. My conscience wouldn't  
let me ignore it.

P.S. My printer broke down. Sorry. Turn page, please.

P.P.S. On Feb. 2 the News-Sun reported on the coming meeting in Sun City West on Feb. 5. It also had another interview with Gleason. In part the article said "Acc Commissioner.... said he is ready to vote on the issue. In a statement he said he had studied the issue, as well as his previous comments, and is now prepared to make an educated vote on the pipeline."

That brings us up to date.

P.P.P.S. How sad if he is allowed to reflect badly on the Commission.