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From: Tonya Taylor  
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2007 4:26 PM  
To: Gleason-WebEmail  
Subject: Please Vote No on APS

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Dear Chairman Gleason:

I'm writing to you today to ask you to vote against the request from APS for a rate increase. This increase would negatively impact the school districts in Arizona. Schools must stay within their spending limits and an increase of this magnitude, along with other increases such as health insurance costs, cost of living increases, technology, etc would certainly mean school districts cutting programs in order to pay their electric bill.

Another consideration is that the excess utilities portion of a school district budget will be eliminated in 08/09. What this means is that the revenues that school districts receive to assist in paying utility bills will no longer be available. How can a school operate if their revenues are taken away and their expenses are increased? We are surely setting these businesses (school systems) to fail unless we look to our future and see that the math doesn't work out. The children and the programs that the children so desperately need will surely be affected if expenses keep going up when there is no money to pay those expenses.

Thank you for considering the educational process of our future leaders when voting on June 13.

Tonya L. Taylor, Chief Deputy  
Pinal County School Office

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**From:** Tonya Taylor  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 3:52 PM  
**To:** Mayes-WebEmail  
**Subject:** APS Rate Increase

Dear Commission Mayes:

I am Tonya Taylor, Chief Deputy of the Pinal County School Office and I am writing to you to ask that you vote against the rate increase for APS.

School districts are not expected to receive much of an increase in their budget this year and an increase of this magnitude would be detrimental to them. As you are probably aware, schools are struggling already just to meet the needs they are already required to meet.

Pinal County school districts have been experimenting an explosion of growth in the last couple of years and that has posed a negative impact on them financially. You would think more children would mean more money, but the budgets are based on prior year figures. In the meantime, the buildings have to be built, the classrooms must be furnished with furniture, equipment, books and teachers. School districts are cutting programs just to keep from overspending the budgets and if this rate increase goes into effect, possibly more programs would be cut. Therefore, I believe, APS would be taking programs away from students if they were approved to increase their rates as requested.

Also, excess utilities is scheduled to be eliminated in 08/09. If the little help that the schools do get for utilities is taken away and the utilities continually increase, the future of education will be greatly impacted.

Thank you for considering the future of Arizona and its future leaders when casting your vote on this issue. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concern.

Sincerely,

Tonya Taylor, Chief Deputy  
Pinal County School Office

**Sheila Stoeller**

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**From:** Mark Ollerton  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 9:46 AM  
**To:** Mayes-WebEmail; Mundell-Web; Gleason-WebEmail; Hatch-WebEmail; Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** APS Rate Hike

I am a Business Manager in a rural school district in Snowflake, Arizona. I am concerned about the proposed rate increase. The impact on our fiscal budget would be over \$74,000. This may not seem like a lot of money. This represents two teacher salaries in our district. We continue to be asked by the state to increase dollars to the classroom yet the cost to support the facilities continue to take away the ability to meet this request. This year, nearly 8% of our budget will be dedicated to utilities. The transportation portion of our budget is requesting an increase of nearly 25% and this represents nearly 9% of our budget. I know you probably don't like to hear these concerns. I hope I don't sound like I am complaining. I am concerned about putting classroom dollars that would directly affect students into support areas. I would like to ask the Utility Companies for a discount for being a large customer in the area. We are striving to educate the youth of Arizona. I would hope you would consider our concern of the negative impact this increase would have on all of us. Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Mark Ollerton,  
Business Manager

**Snowflake Unified School District**

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**Sheila Stoeller**

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**From:** Champie SD #14  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 8:37 AM  
**To:** Mayes-WebEmail  
**Subject:** APS rate increase June 13

*Dear Commissioner,  
Re: special open meeting June 13,07 APS rate increase of 20.4%  
We are notifying you of the negative impact that this requested rate increase will have on our school district.*

*Respectfully,  
Champie School District members*

*Wanda Brandon  
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Champie School District #14*

**Sheila Stoeller**

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**From:** Denise Evans  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 4:28 PM  
**To:** Mayes-WebEmail  
**Subject:** Rate Increase for APS of 20.4%

With the elimination of excess utility funds after 2008-09 fiscal year, I just wanted to let you know what impact the APS rate increase of 20.4% will have on the Palominas School District. We are a rural school district in Southern Arizona with declining enrollment. This increase will have such a negative impact on the quality of education we can afford to give the children this area. In a small, rural area we do not have the luxury of choosing or bidding services for our electrical needs and are forced to use what company is available to us. This increase will impact our district budget over \$20,000.00. This may seem like a small amount of money to you, but it is a substantial amount very in a small school district budget.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

*Denise Evans*  
*Business Manager*  
*Palominas School District #49*

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