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Honorable Mike Gleason
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Re: Docket Nos: RW-00000B-070051 and RWS-00000A-07-0051

Dear Chairman Gleason:

I am contacting you in regards to the rulemaking to amend existing rules regarding the commission's requirements for applications requesting approval to obtain a new Certificate of Convenience and Necessity or extend an existing Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for water and sewer utilities.

The Town of Queen Creek is in general support of this amendment which requires a notice of application to any municipality within five miles of the area under application. However, we ask the Commission to consider adopting a few recommendations that we feel would enhance the amendment. These recommendations have been discussed previously with Mr. Olea and Ms. Collins.

Recommendations:

1. Applications will not be accepted without proof of notification such as certified mail or equivalent.
2. All notifications are made to the Municipal Manager or Administrator.
3. Notification requirements are five miles from all corporate limits.

This additional notice requirement will ensure that interested municipalities promptly learn of all applications and are well positioned to provide the Commission with any relevant information concerning the area to be served. With consideration of our recommendations we believe that by adding clarification on corporate limits leaves less ambiguity to interpretation.

It has been our experience with the unincorporated areas of Johnson Ranch near but not directly adjacent to our community, that if sprawling communities would have had this requirement, these unincorporated master planned communities would have had better opportunities to coordinate regional planning with neighboring jurisdictions in a much more proactive manner. Adequate coordination and planning for utilities would improve the quality of life for everyone.

I thank you for your consideration on this matter if you have any questions please contact Mark Young, Intergovernmental Liaison at 480-358-3150.

Sincerely,

Art Sanders



Mayor