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RE: Docket Nos.: E-01345A-07-0663 and T-01846B-07-0663

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Our Parcel # 310-32-007

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is being sent in opposition to the proposed "underground utilites" at Hillcrest Bay located in Parker Arizona. The following reasons are cited.

1. When this project was originally proposed to the homeowners, the cost was estimated to be in the area of \$3,000. to \$3,500. per household. APS was going to trench the project and install the underground cable. Verizon was going to drop their cables into the trench created by APS and no additional charge would be involved in adding the telephone service to the project. Later Verizon changed their position on this and decided it would charge for dropping their cables in the APS trench. The result is that Verizon is now charging more than APS, more than doubling the cost to each homeowner to the area of \$9,000. per household. Also there was a misrepresentation on the cost of connecting to the system. Originally estimated at a few hundred dollars we were quoted over \$2,100. in the joint letter we received from APS and Verizon.
2. Hillcrest Bay is essentially a retirement residential neighborhood with a large number of its residence living on social security. This project has to a large extent been a dispute between "the haves and have nots". Most of those people opposed to the project are on fixed incomes. This project will add an average of \$9,000. in debt on to each resident. It is quite possible that at least a few of the elderly or infirm property owners will be in danger of losing their homes over this additional debt. Most of the residents who voted against the project did so because it would create a significant financial hardship for them. Some will not have the \$2,100. cash to connect to the project.
3. For those fortunate enough to have the cash to spend on this project there will be no hardship. The rest of us will make payments over the next 15 years. With interest at the quoted rate of up to 8% we will ultimately pay as much as \$15,000. again plus \$2,100. cash to connect to the system) for a grand total of over \$17,000.
4. There is nothing in this proposal to prevent those without the ability to pay to from losing their homes or otherwise suffering significant financial hardship. Some provision needs to be in place to prevent that from happening.

Very truly yours,


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