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From: Steven Ramar [steven.pallasathena@gmail.com]
 Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 7:48 PM
 To: Mayes-WebEmail
 Subject: ANOTHER Hike for APS? Please vote NO! Please encourage the others to do so. We've had ENOUGH!

Dear Ms. Mayes,

I don't believe APS/Pinnacle West has made all the cost-containment efforts they should, prior to coming back to the rates payers for EVEN MORE money.

Here are some perfectly valid, sensible cost-containment options that could be implemented INSTEAD of hitting us up for more money:

1-Cut Executive Compensation packages by 50%, and THEN cut out "executive perks" and "executive medical plans". Make sure they choose from the options from which the rank and file choose.

2-Cut IBEW union compensation packages. This union has long been living higher off the hog than most employees across the country. Time for them to come to the same reality we live. Cut union wages by 25%, and cause union employees to pay a MINIMUM of 30% of the healthcare package.

3-Non-union administrative wages/salaries are also out of line with current earnings: Cut all non-union/non-executive compensation by 15%; increase the contribution to their healthplan to 20%.

4-Jack up the healthplan premiums on ALL smokers - Smokers deliberately subject their health to significant risks - nothing wrong with asking them to pay a greater share of the health premiums - 80% is a perfectly reasonable employee contribution to expect from smokers.

5-Stop sponsoring "Community Events" such as festival of lights, festival of the arts, et cetera. These are NICETIES! NOT necessities. APS/Pinnacle West can't AFFORD to contribute to charity any more - not if they have to go after all these rate hikes.

Try all of these cost reduction suggestions for one year; if you still can't make it financially, please consider a merger with a company that enjoys municipal support and government assistance. Attacking us ratespayers REPEATEDLY just ISN'T an option any more. It just isn't.

Oh - and so far as their popular blackmail threat "We can't guarantee a steady supply of energy WITHOUT the rate hike? They've gotten EVERY rate hike they've ever asked for, and we're STILL experiencing brown outs & black outs in the summer, and unexpected service cuts in the winter, when demand is low. They can't deliver the goods even WHEN you give into them. Stand tough this time around and PLEASE GET ALL ON THE BOARD TO SAY NO.!

One last option is to force APS to agree to take-over by SRP. SOMEHOW, SRP manages to get by with SIGNIFICANTLY fewer and lower rates hikes than APS. Perhaps they could teach APS something.

Steven Ramar - totally disgusted APS customer

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