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Please read this letter in its entirety. The matter that I wish to address is the proposed UCSA at Hillcrest Bay Mobile Manor in Parker, Az. I became aware of some disturbing information at the Sept. 2008 H.O.A. meeting that I think you should be made aware of. John Sears, the advocate for the UCSA was "updating" everyone on status of the project and when he got to the 5 requirements ordered by the Commission in the Procedural Order mailed July 6, 2008, he basically said nothing has changed and nothing further needed to be done. The meeting quickly became out of hand because this has become such an emotional subject. I was able to speak with him one on one during a break as I wanted to make sure that I heard him correctly. When I asked him about the 5 items ordered by the Commission he said that all the requirements for the USCA had already been met previously and that the project was going forward. I asked specifically about item #4, a new petition, and he told me that it was meaningless and unnecessary and the project was going forward. Please consider the following information before approving this petition. The economic situation for most, if not all, of us has severely worsened since last year. We have all experienced reduced buying power due to inflation and reduced income resulting from the current economic crisis. This is not a good time to impose more financial burdens on us for a minor improvement to the aesthetics of Hillcrest Bay. At the last HOA meeting I also came to the conclusion that many of the property owners do not understand the impact of the UCSA and that John Sears had not presented the information correctly to the property owners. As with any proposed project, there are pros and cons. As a representative of the HOA both sides should be presented in an unbiased manner. Only the pro side was presented. In the OPINION AND ORDER package mailed out by the Commission May 16, 2008 pg15 paragraph 46, pg18 paragraph 58 and pg.20, paragraph 65 all state that the square footage is less than 60%. Isn't the requirement 60%? If the 2 late withdrawals are counted it is 58.91%. You allowed Verizon to make late filings why not the homeowners? One of the biggest reasons John Sears used for promoting this project was that the existing poles were old and deteriorated and that APS was going to place new poles in the front and feed all homes from the front instead of the rear. This was going to be done because of the difficult access to the rear property. Why is it that Verizon doesn't have a problem with this situation? Has this ever been done before? I think not. D.L. Wilson said in the Sept. 2008 HOA meeting that the poles were not bad and that they are inspected annually.

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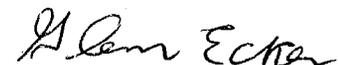
I have tried to call D.L. Wilson to discuss this but he will not return my calls. I have worked in the communications industry for over 30 years, 20 of which were as an outside plant engineer working closely with power companies, and have never seen this done. I also have many colleagues who have worked in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. These areas have tens of thousands of rear property overhead facility leads. None of my colleagues have ever heard of one single case where a rear property lead was converted to a front lead.

The May 16, 2008 OPINION AND ORDER package pg26, paragraph 87 list 12 reasons why people signed the petition for the USCA. Most of these are falsehoods. I would like to go over each one and offer comments

- #1. APS assistance a one time offer: Probably not true. I have never heard D.L. Wilson say that.
- #2 Beautification of Hillcrest Bay: Sort of true. But the real eyesores of Hillcrest Bay are the rundown houses and trailers, the dilapidated boats which have not been used for years and the junk piles some people keep by their homes. These eyesores will remain.
- #3 Prevent parking problems if poles are moved from rear to front feed: Not true. Parking would be worse because the number of above ground transformers and pedestals (1 to 4 per lot) would be far greater than the number of poles that may or may not be placed.
- #4 Belief that underground utilities are the norm: Only true in new developments.
- #5 Cost sharing with APS and Verizon: Half true. Verizon is charging full amount.
- #6 Increased property values: Probably true but not enough to offset the cost of the UCSA and only realized if property is sold. Also, property taxes would probably increase.
- #7 Improved reliability: Not true. APS stated that 95% of outages caused by problems outside of Hillcrest Bay.
- #8 Avoidance of escalating maintenance cost: Not true for homeowners. APS and Verizon said no change.
- #9 Need to replace aging poles: Only if poles are bad. D.L. Wilson said at HOA meeting that poles were not bad and are inspected annually.
- #10 Avoid mass of lines: Only true if APS replaces rear feed with front feed.
- #11 Quality of life: Nonsense!
- #12 Enhanced safety: Not true. If unsafe condition exists, it is APS and Verizons responsibility to correct.

In conclusion, I would like to comment on the method of determining the individual public cost. The size of the lot does not relate to the benefit received by the UCSA. The cost should be determined by property values or the lake view. I realize that is what ARS 40-347B dictates but that doesn't make it fair. What ever happened to common sense? This is an attempt by well off owners of multiple homes trying to get low income people and retirees to subsidize a frivolous project that they perceive will improve their view. Many of us could be displaced or homeless because we would not be able to sell our homes and move in such a depressed housing market. There are very few, if any, areas where homes are less expensive than Hillcrest Bay. Please don't let the UCSA project sabotage our already fragile financial security. Please DENY the UCSA.

Thank you for your time


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