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Chairman Kristin Mayes
Arizona Corporation Commission AZ CORP COMMISSION
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RE: Johnson Utilities

Dear Chairman Mayes;

The April 3, 2009 edition of the *Queen Creek Tribune* ran a story concerning a request by Johnson Utilities to expand its service area. The story reported that Commission members were angered by Johnson Utilities failure to report a sewage spill in a timely manner. This anger led them to rehear Johnson Utilities' expansion request.

Ten years ago, Sun Valley Farms, the small rural area where I live had extensive dealings with Mr. Johnson and Johnson Utilities. In July 1995, Sun Valley Farms was notified by the Arizona Department of Environment Quality that they were in violation of ADEQ standards for domestic water delivery. The SVF water delivery system serviced 23 families and consisted of one operable aging well, no backup well, no backflow devices and a gravity flow system consisting of several miles of 20 year old collapsing thin walled leaking irrigation pipe.

At the time of the Notice of Violation and Consent Order, I was secretary for the Property Owners' Association. With the help of Pinal County, we subsequently formed the Sun Valley Water Improvement District, of which I was the secretary. The SVF Property Owners Association spent the next two years trying to comply with the ADEQ Consent Order. We failed. After considering three different offers to buy our system, in May of 1998 we sold our system to Johnson Utilities.

Within one month of the sale, our only well collapsed. Johnson Utilities took heroic measures to keep the 23 families on the Farm in water. In the 10 years since Johnson Utilities became responsible for delivering water to SVF, I have nothing but praise for their efforts and performance. Yet all I read in the press are attacks on Johnson Utilities. I am writing to let you know that Sun Valley Farms is eternally grateful to Johnson Utilities for the construction, maintenance and operation of the water system. Selling to Johnson Utilities was the best decision ever made by the SVF Board of Directors.

Yours truly,

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