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Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Docket No. E-01345A-07-0663 and T-01846B-07-0663

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Dear Corporation Commissioners and Judge Harpring:

I am writing to reaffirm my support for the UCSA project for Hillcrest Bay.

In reading the March 16, 2010 recommendation of Administrative Law Judge Sarah N. Harpring, it appears a great deal of weight has been placed on the economic feasibility of this project to arrive at the recommendation of denial of the project.

Hillcrest Bay consists of approximately 238 parcels. We have about 48 permanent residents of which 18 support this project. Of the 238 parcels, part time residents own approximately 190. Some owners own multiple parcels. Others use their properties as 2nd or even 3rd homes or for rentals to our winter visitors. 33 of the parcels are undeveloped dirt lots.

This makes Hillcrest Bay a very diverse community. Driving around our streets, one would see homes with multiple cars, boats, wave runners, quads, off road vehicles, beautiful motorhomes, 5th wheels, trailers, motorcycles, classic cars, and gorgeous residences of all sorts. It quickly becomes very obvious that most of our property owners are quite well to do and have considerable discretionary income, by most standards.

No one here wants to see any of our residents unfairly burdened. That is why we formed our financial aid program. When the program was formed, 31 of our residents said they needed financial help but for some reason, only 7 responded to the independent CPA who was receiving the applications. Of the 7 who responded, 4 simply said they didn't want our help but 3 people did formally apply. **All 3 were approved. Why didn't more apply?** Perhaps this project is **not** really the financial burden we are being led to believe that it is? After all, using the cost figures we were all provided with, available financing would mean a monthly payment of less than \$100 for a typical lot --- far less than the cost associated with the many trailers, RV's, boats, and fun type toys that are throughout our community. Even some who are saying they cannot afford this project, have second homes, rentals, and recreational vehicles and the like.

It's true that the current recession has caused a lot of headaches for many, including me. I, like many here, am retired. The part of my income that is not fixed has been very adversely affected by the current economic climate but, to walk away from this important project for our community is not even a consideration. The improvement to our community as a result of **your approval** of the Underground Conversion Service Area project is well worth making expense adjustments in my lifestyle to accommodate the cost of the project. I have to respectfully disagree with Judge Harpring --- **the benefits of this project far outweigh the burdens** --- please drive around our community and take a look for yourself. **I respectfully request that you approve this project.**

Arizona Corporation Commission
DOCKETED sincerely,

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