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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:33 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Proposed Water Rate Consolidation Plan

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From: Carl Main [mailto:]
Sent: Tuesday, August 24, 2010 2:50 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Cc: Kennedy-Web
Subject: Proposed Water Rate Consolidation Plan

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REF: Case Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01301A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

I beseech you to EXCLUDE Sun City from Arizona American Water Company's proposed consolidation rate plan.

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Thank you for your full considerations and support.

Carl & Joyce Main

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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:27 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: water revenue increases

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 8:44 PM
To: Kristin Mayes
Cc: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Fw: water revenue increases

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From: [REDACTED]
To: kmayes@azcc.gov
Cc: gpierce@azcc.gov ; skennedy@azcc.gov ; pnewman@azcc.gov ; rstamp@azcc.gov
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2010 5:57 PM
Subject: water revenue increases

As Sun City Condo owners , we agree totally with COA's objections to Arizona-American Water Company's application for a 27.7% increase in water and a 40.8% increase in wastewater. Bundling (consolidating) geographical districts is unfair to Sun City, who has some of the better water in this state (we don't want unneeded water treatment). As a fixed income society, Sun City citizens cannot (and should not) be forced to pay for non-existing water problems. Furthermore, these residents cannot afford any undue property assessments that always accompany these outrages increases.

As fellow tax payers, we ask that our opposition to this application be heavily weighed.

Respectfully,
Paul & Andrea Cahill
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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:25 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Very Important Message

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From: Brian Wigger [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2010 9:06 AM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Very Important Message

Ms Kennedy,;

We are writing to express our opposition to the three proposed changes submitted to you from Arizona American Water.

Rate Consolidation:

Consolidating rates from such diverse geographical areas as Anthem, Agua Fria, Tubac, Mohave, Havasu and Paradise Valley makes no logical sense for the residents of Sun City. Sun City has been in existence for 50 years and consists of retirees on FIXED INCOMES. If this consolidation is approved it would mean a 168% increase from the present Sun City residential wastewater rate!....(not to mention a proposed 76.98% increase in proposed water rates!)

No new homes have been added to Sun City for almost 30 years, thus water usage increase has and will remain limited. Therefore, no new water/wastewater lines need to be built. The community is not growing nor will it grow beyond its current boundaries as it is now completely surrounded by other cities. So why should Sun City residents be forced to pay for all the growth of these other expanding cities? This consolidation makes absolutely no sense for Sun City residents.

Bundling: (Docket No. W-01303A-09-0343) (Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343)

Bundling Sun City with Anthem makes no logical sense for Sun City. Again Sun City has been in existence much longer than Anthem which has continued to grow and thusly is facing water shortage problems in the near future. Further, business in Sun City have closed or left the area entirely which is just the opposite of fast growing multi-generation Anthem. Sun City was developed and sold as a reasonably affordable retirement community for most "lower-middle" class" retirees living on a "fixed income" and was never intended to part of the "suburban sprawl" surrounding it.

Rate Increases:

Now that original "dream" is being again threatened by such punitive increases proposed by Arizona American Water. WE on fixed incomes are now being asked to support fast growing suburban areas of the Valley and beyond. Sun City was developed for American retirees who have "paid their dues" by working and sacrificing their entire adult lives.

This Country is in a deep recession, with Social Security being "frozen" for two years, Medicare costs, by contrast are rising. Retirement savings have dropped dramatically because of losses caused by greed on Wall Street and others. Yet, utility rates continue to spiral ever upwards. Sun City residents are certainly not "immune" to this *economic downturn*, and indeed "feel it" as much as anyone, but with little opportunity and little time to recoup these losses.

The original idea behind Sun City first attracted our own parents to Sun City in 1974. We have lived here for almost 8 years now. We have never missed voting in any election. We are asking you to please not approve these changes and charges being proposed by Arizona American Water.

Sincerely

Brian and Cathy Wigger
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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:11 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Arizona-American Water Company Proposed rate Increases

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From: Bonnie Mirick [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, January 29, 2010 11:17 AM
To: Kristin Mayes; Mayes-WebEmail; Gary Pierce; Pierce-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Kennedy-Web; Paul Newman; Newman-Web; stemp@azcc.gov; Stump-Web
Subject: Arizona-American Water Company Proposed rate Increases

Docket Numbers: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

These proposed actions of consolidations and rate increases are totally unfair and unrealistic for the people of Sun City. To consolidate means that we would be paying for the added expense in other areas than Sun City - why penalize the citizens of Sun City. And the Proposed rate increases are totally out of sight for people who live on fixed incomes as the citizens of Sun City do. I personally could not afford these types of increases in my water and waste bills.

Bonnie Mirick

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Water rate increase and consolidation, Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343 "ARIZONA REGISTERED VOTERS"

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From: Bonney [mailto:]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 4:19 AM
To: Gary Pierce
Subject: Water rate increase and consolidation, Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343 "ARIZONA REGISTERED VOTERS"



We are very concerned Sun City residents. We went to the meeting in Sun City, but were disappointed that noone from the Arizona -American Water Company spoke to the issues facing everyone. We moved to Sun City 6 years ago because it was affordable to us. This may be changing. Why is the greatest increase to Sun City? The effect of the rate increases would snowball--it wouldn't just be the Increase in water and wastewater rates for individual homeowners and condo owners, but our recreation center would have to raise it's fees, and all stores and shops would have to raise their fees immensely also. From what we've understood, Sun City has a good water system which is being taken care of by Sun City. Why should Sun City have to pay for arsenic removal for other water systems or pay for other peoples high usage of water and wastewater. Anthem is a young, working people's community with many more people per household and probably much more water and wastewater usage. Tubac also has an arsenic problem. It's very difficult for people who have income to understand the plight of those on fixed incomes, but we hope you'll all put yourselves in our place and do the right thing by Sun City. We understand the need to have increases, but WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS HUGE INCREASE.

We felt that the ACC people were truly listening to us at the meetings, and we beg you to reconsider this tremendous cost burden to Sun City, and be fair.

Sincerely,
Bonney & James Lunnie

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 3:09 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Proposed Sun City water Consolidation & Increase

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 9:41 AM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Proposed Sun City water Consolidation & Increase

Utility Name: Arizona-American Water Company, Inc.
Docket numbers: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343
Re: Rate Consolidation and Increases

Please consider the residents of Sun City who are living on Social Security, that didn't get a COLA raise, and now they want to bundle us to help pay for other areas water treatment. That doesn't seem right for us to pay since we pay for ourselves and now they want us to pay for others. We have had many increases in other areas and the water company had a recent increase. Please do not let the rate consolidation and the rate increases get passed. Just one more straw on the camels back which is almost to the breaking point.

Please think of the retired Sun City citizens who are struggling to make ends meet when you consider the bundling and rate increase.

Thank you

Barbara Noesges
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Carl & Joyce Main

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:54 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Arizona Registered Voter Concerns

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From: Billy Gilbreath [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 1:13 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Kristin Mayes; apierce@azcc.gov; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; rstump@azcc.gov
Subject: Arizona Registered Voter Concerns

To the Arizona Corporate Commission:

Re: Docket #W-01303A-09-343 and
Docket #SW-01303A-09-0343

We are taking the opportunity to voice our concerns over the proposed Sun City's Water & Wastewater Rate Increase & Consolidation. The consolidation, while good from the water company's point of view, would be devastating to us. We live in Phase One of Sun City, which is considered to include most of the the lower income retired families. Being retired for us means a fixed income that now just keeps up with our current bills.

Sun City has been set apart to keep costs for our immediate area to a minimum yet sufficient to meet our unique needs. By consolidating us with other areas whose needs are greater, the so-called "balance" of cost would shift to increases on our end. We would be unfairly required to paying for costs that would not apply to our area. If only Sun City and Sun City West were to be combined, our rates would still increase dramatically while decreasing those of Sun City West. This is not a fair sharing of cost, no matter how you look at it.

We respectfully request that you carefully consider such drastic increases and their long-term effect on us, the very ones who are most affected by them. Let each area, as they stand, continue to pay for their own increases as dictated by their own needs in upgrades, increases in equipment and water, and so on.

Sincerely,

Bill & Karen Gilbreath
Arizona Registered Voters

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 2:28 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: AZ-American Water Company Inc.; W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343; Rate Consolidation and Increases

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From: BILL CAROL HART [mailto: [REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, January 30, 2010 11:38 AM
To: cfraulob@azruco.gov
Cc: Kristin Mayes; Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman
Subject: AZ-American Water Company Inc.; W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343; Rate Consolidation and Increases

Please give very serious consideration to the subject increase. The increase would seriously impact the lives of many of the the Senior citizens who make Sun City their home. Many of us are on extremely critical fixed incomes and the drastic conditions of this request could be devastating.

Willard M. Hart, [REDACTED]

0-May 7, 2010

Sandra Kennedy, Commissioner
Arizona Corporate Commission
Consumer Service Section
1200 W. Washington St.—2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Docket Nos: W-01303A-09-0343
SW-01303A-09-0343

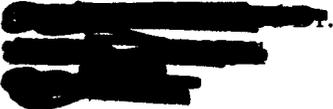
We are concerned about proposed rate increases for our community, Sun City. We understand that rates for our water and wastewater treatment may be increased in the near future. We also understand that these increases may be necessary.

However, we are opposed to any change that would require our rates to be consolidated with any other water districts. We feel that consolidation would place an unfair demand on Sun City residents and businesses. We appreciate that Arizona American Water, your staff, and RUCO have all recommended against rate consolidation at this time. Again, we concur with those recommendations. Without going into too much detail, we understand that consolidation would increase our water rates by as much as 68% and our wastewater rates by as much as 140%. Rate consolidation for Sun City would simply be unfair.

Thank you for this opportunity to make our feelings known to you.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Stephenson

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:33 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: water rates & consolidation

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From: barduson's [mailto:████████████████████] ████████████████████
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2010 7:16 PM
To: cfraulob@azruco.gov; rstump@azcc.gov; Paul Newman; Sandra Kennedy; Gary Pierce; Kristin Mayes
Subject: water rates & consolidation

Let it be known that we are against consolidation and water rate increase. We are senior citizens (we spend a lot of money in Sun City) on a fixed income and find this would be a hardship to our budget.

Truman & Maren Barduson
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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:25 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Registered Arizona Voter is opposed to the increase

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From: Barb Miles [mailto:██████████]
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 2:18 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Registered Arizona Voter is opposed to the increase

I am strongly opposed to the proposed water & waste water increase to me here in Sun City. One of many reasons we bought in this area was the reasonable costs to live here. This increase is above and beyond reasonable.

Barbara Miles
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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:05 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Arizona Registered Voter

From: AllCart6@aol.com [mailto:████████████████████]
Sent: Monday, May 10, 2010 1:21 PM
To: Kristin Mayes
Cc: Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; rstump@azcc.gov; Mayes-WebEmail; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Arizona Registered Voter

I would like to express my concern about the proposed rate increases for Sun City i.e. Docket No's W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343. I am also totally against any attempt at consolidation of Water Districts, since I don't want to pay for any one else's problems, and would not expect anyone to pay for mine.

Yours Truly
Alan Carter

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, September 29, 2010 1:23 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

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From: April Keys [mailto:arizonainvestments@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, May 07, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Sandra Kennedy; Kennedy-Web
Subject: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a real estate agent doing business in and around the Sun City areas, including the new development of Sun City which is not age restricted.

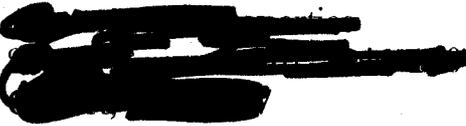
With the increase in waste water and water, this would cause cause great difficulties to seniors who are struggling right now.

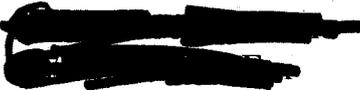
I used to also live in Sun City and saw some frightening things. Unless you actually go to Sun City, which seems to be the poorest of the Sun Cities, you have no idea how little some of these people actually have. Most seniors are on fixed incomes living solely on social security income which we know is roughly \$1200 a month. Every penny more they have to pay means money they will not be able to use for other basic needs.

I know Arizona American Water is a business and needs to stay competitive to stay alive, I just ask that this situation be carefully considered and reviewed before increasing rates. Or better yet, keeping rates low in the Sun City, Sun City West communities.

Thank you for your time.

April Keys, Realtor ©





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