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SW-01303A-09-0343

Katherine Nutt

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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:12 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Water rate consolidation

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From: Paul [mailto:paulnhtoz@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:11 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Water rate consolidation

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Reference: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

Sun City is a retirement community as you well know. For me, it means that I no longer receive a payroll check.

When I moved here 5 years ago, I did my financial retirement planning based on the water rates at that time in Sun City. I did not expect that I would have to pay for another water district's water costs.

The people that moved in other water districts did so knowing what the water rates were at the time. The water rates came as no big surprise to those who moved into their water districts, just as I knew when I moved into Sun City.

When I was a town councilor in Hudson, NH, the Southern N. H. Water Company asked for significant rate increases every year. This, it turned out was primarily due to them investing in infra-structures that were not needed. Nor were they requested by the town or the State of N.H. To resolve this issue for the taxpayers, the town of Hudson bought the water company. As a result, the water rates dropped significantly. Maybe that's what the county/state needs to do to insure that the water company does not spend citizens' money frivolously. It's just a thought!

I'm sure there must be other ways to resolve the financial crisis that the water company has created in the concerned water districts.

I am opposed to any consolidation with other water districts that have a higher rate structure than we have in Sun City. It's just not fair!

Why punish the Sun City residents? We were not involved in the water company rate settings for the other water districts.

I have not received a COLA in my Social Security Check. Nor have I received an increase. If this passes, should I cut my citrus trees and bushes down to save money? Or, should I just cut back on eating?

Thank you.

Paul Lessard

9201 N. 103rd Avenue
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623 580-1182 (home)

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:50 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Water rate increase

From: Corina Santoro [mailto:corpa@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy; Kristin Mayes; Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Bob Stump
Subject: Water rate increase

Please do not allow Arizona American Water to increase water rates in Sun City as much as Judge Jilibian has suggested. People in Sun City can not afford to pay that much of an increase in these hard times. Thank you for listening to the people.

Corina Santoro
9723 W. Indian Hills Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85351

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

From: Stuart Manville [mailto:stukmanville@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 11:27 AM
To: Sandra Kennedy; Kristin Mayes; Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Bob Stump
Subject: Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

Regarding the water increase I agree with Administrative Law Judge Teena Jibilian's recommendations.

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Stu Manville

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Sun City, AZ 85351
623-399-8456

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:45 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Regarding Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

From: Debbie Williams [mailto:sunny17wb@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Mayes-WebEmail; Kristin Mayes; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Pierce-Web; Gary Pierce; Stump-Web; Bob Stump
Subject: Regarding Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

Dear Commissioners,

As a Sun City resident and voter, I have attended several public meetings regarding the Docket items referenced above, and have appreciated your sharing your views and listening to our concerns. This week I have read Administrative Law Judge Teena Jibilian's findings in these matters, which may be summarized as follows.

1. Consolidation is not appropriate at this time;
2. Collection by Arizona American Water Company for future repair of the Sun City water infrastructure is not appropriate at this time;
3. Sun City water will be charged at 5 different tiers (gallons of usage);
4. The total cost of water and sewer for a Sun City average user is to be increased \$7.30 per month; and
5. The Sun City Taxpayers Association may administer a \$4 rebate to low income condominium residents.
(Money is supplied by Arizona American Water Company.)

It is my sincere hope that you will vote to accept in total numbers 1,2,3, and 5. Regarding #4, I respectfully request that you seriously consider a lesser increase than the average \$7.30 cited. This is a very large increase for those whose Social Security incomes have been frozen and whose personal assets have declined precipitously during the last two years. While I do understand that increased rates are necessary from time to time due to maintenance, cost of living, and the like, it seems to me that this is a time when your constituency and water company customers are least able to manage an increase. Belt-tightening is necessary for everyone at every level.

Thank you for your consideration.

Deborah G. Williams
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623-337-4565

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:44 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Sun City's Water Rate Increase

From: Millie Sparks [mailto:millie.sparks@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 12:19 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Sun City's Water Rate Increase

Re. Docket Nos. W01303A-09-0343 and SW 01303A-09-0343

This letter is to request your help in not allowing the increase of \$7.30 per unit usage in water rates for every Sun City resident. I am a senior citizen, 71 years old, living on my Social Security of \$1,014 per month. My expenses are at their limit of this amount now and cost of living increases have been denied for the last two years in Social Security income! I understand Sun City is fine as it is, with no immediate concerns regarding its water and that this increase would be to better other communities or concerns. Please don't put the burden of others on us; we cannot bear it! Thank you.

Millie Sparks
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85351
623-875-5088

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:43 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Docket #'s W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

From: Donald Wade [mailto:dwade49@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 12:24 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Docket #'s W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

In Re: Docket #'s W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

I agree with the Administrative Law Judge's decision on the Arizona Water Company's request pertaining to the consolidation of their different water districts. It is totally unfair for those of us living on fixed incomes to be involved in paying for the expenses of other water districts. I would urge you to vote in favor of this ruling in your deliberations on Dec 14 and 15.

Donald L. Wade
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Sun City, AZ 85351-1464
dwade49@gmail.com

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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:43 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

From: DaleYoko Zimmerman [mailto:daleyoko@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 12:42 PM
To: Undisclosed recipients
Subject: Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

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

Having lived in Sun City for 15+ years I have had a large reduction in my retirement income due to rising cost of Health Insurance

and the poor economy. This is NOT a good time for more increases.

Dale Zimmerman
10289 W WILLOWBROOK DR
SUN CITY, AZ 85373

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Water Consolidation Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

-----Original Message-----

From: DickWB [mailto:snifferpro@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:02 PM
To: Kennedy-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Kristin Mayes; Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Bob Stump
Subject: Water Consolidation Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

Dick Mishinski
10246 W Twin Oaks dr
Sun City, AZ 85351
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I support judge Teena Jibilian's decision regarding Arizona American Water Company's request to consolidate water districts and to raise rates.

This is in regard to Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

Sun City has had no major infrastructure modifications or repairs in the 12 years

I have live here. Sun Citian's probably use less water than any other community in the valley. Sun City should not be expected to subsidize Anthem and other communities when we get no benefit from those facilities. The amount of waste water inSun City probably hasn't changed in the last 40 years. A modest increase in water rates may be justifiable as water is our most precious resource in the desert. In the 12 years I have lived here I have never seen an Arizona American Water truck or crew anywhere in the neighborhood. If they want to make modifications that I would support, I would suggest they bury all water lines to 36 inches below the surface so that you get cold water in the summer from the cold water tap instead of hot water.

Let Anthem and all other communities support and pay for their sewer and water rates on their own as Sun City has done since its existence.

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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343
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From: Nan [mailto:suncitynan@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:10 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Please Note: most Seniors that live in sun City are on SS. And we have not gotten an increase in the past two years and it looks like we will not be given an increase for 2012, with the cost of food and gas and now water at an increase of over \$7.00 per month it is getting harder and harder to live on a budget. Any company that wants to be in business has a cost to operate and that should not be put on the customer just so they can get a bigger increase in profit. When is it going to stop?????. Social Security had been set up so seniors could have a comfortable life, well with all the increases How do we do that, I am on a fixed budget so tell me where do I start? No water increase at this time, Please

Nancy Laska
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Sun City, Az 85351

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Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:39 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Water rates

From: Gina Mullings [mailto:ginagem1@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:12 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy; Kristin Mayes; Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Bob Stump
Subject: Water rates

I am 67 and planned on working till I was 70 to try and add to my small savings for my old age and also to build up my pitiful Social Security. I was forced out of my job in June this year and am struggling to live on less that \$800 per month. My APS budget cost has just gone up by \$21 per month, now you want more money for water which means my HOA (duplex) cost will be going up. No raises for us from Social Security, Medicare stinks and routine checkups have cost me \$100's already since June so I have to spend almost \$100 per month on health and drug coverage to prevent this financial drain again next year and future.

I CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE INCREASES FOR ANYTHING, PLEASE NO INCREASES IN ANYTHING. My computer is my link to my family in England so food is the only thing left to give up.

Gina Mullings
9911, W Shasta Road, Sun City, AZ 85351

Katherine Nutt

From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:37 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: Sun City Water

-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Bonner [mailto:j.bonner@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:11 PM
To: Sandra Kennedy
Subject: Sun City Water

Please accept the judges ruling on the following docket #'s. Docket Numbers W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343.

Judith Bonner
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Sun City, AZ 85351

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From: Sandra Kennedy
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 3:41 PM
To: Katherine Nutt
Subject: FW: docket W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

From: Ken Svee [mailto:kbsvee@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 2:32 PM
To: Utilities Div - Mailbox; Kennedy-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Kristin Mayes; Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Bob Stump
Cc: Mayes-WebEmail; Newman-Web
Subject: docket W-01303A-09-0343 and SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear commissioner;

I am opposed to any rate increase for the City of Sun City. The majority of the residents are on a fixed income and those incomes in todays economy do not get increases..

It appears that the Law Judge Teena Jibilian is not in favor of the Consolidation or the collection for future repair. I find it difficult to see why the Law Judge is in favor of a increase of user fees with no explanation or justification other than it is a arbitrary increase. The increase of \$7.30 per month is a large increase and amounts to \$87.60 annually.

If the commission feels that a increase is justified, then this amount should be justified to the residents also. I see no reason that justifies the increase and feel this rate increase should be turned down.

Yours truly Kenneth Svee
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Sun City, AZ 85351

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