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Commissioner Pierce:

Once again, THANK YOU for taking the time to visit Anthem last night.

While the topic of rate increases is complex, it boils down to simple issues for the majority of our residents. The true-up payments to Pulte from their undisclosed financing agreements made the entire process more complex and heated than necessary. Hopefully, the courts will deal with that issue in an expeditious and reasonable manner. In that regard, I believe that ACC needs to take a clear position on passing through the costs of any undisclosed financing agreements to the user base. While Arizona State Statutes make it clear that Pulte's disclosure was required, the Commission should have a mechanism to disallow any costs that reasonable due diligence can't discover.

As I stated last night, there are two issues that still concern me:

- Why residents with a 1" meter are made to pay an unjustified and escalating monthly premium versus those with either 3/4" or 5/8". For nearly 40% of our Anthem homeowners with 1" meters, this doesn't seem fair or equitable. It seems that the rate issue should have been more focused on water usage.
- The pending impact of the utility sale to Epcor and how a new cost structure will impact future rate requests. As a business person, you clearly understand that Epcor is in the utility business to make money. American Water is not going to "give" this business away in a sale and they aren't going to lose money in a sale. I pray that ACC and RUCO examine this purchase closely and apply some forward thinking.

Thank you,

Steve Champion

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