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Subject:

Commissioners:

I am a permanent resident (Scottsdale, AZ), taxpayer, registered and participating voter, and utility customer of both ASP and Southwest Gas. I am writing you with what I consider to be a simple, rational and reasonable request. I have read a variety of information and reports regarding the pros and cons of "decoupling" utility revenue in our state. I do believe I have a good understanding of the issues requiring your consideration.

My request is that whatever final policies you adopt regarding "decoupling" you insure that I, and other taxpaying, voting and utility consumers, am allowed to RECOVER the legislated INVESTMENT I and others would be mandated to make in these utility enterprises. If I/we am talked into or price-driven into more energy efficiency and conservation behavior (which I have done successfully), and I am required to fund/finance the utility enterprises regulated requirements to build infrastructure and operations that are more energy efficient, I/we should be rewarded as are enterprise shareholders. Clearly, the shareholders of these utility enterprises will benefit handsomely from both the revenue generated by my purchase of these utilities, AS WELL AS from the investment of my/our personal funds (non-shareholders) in the increased assets of THEIR utility enterprise ("decoupling").

There would be something absurd about forcing me/us (consumers) to PAY A PENALTY for doing my/our part to conserve and be more efficient with our use of utilities. However, if this must be the case in your intelligent, reasonable and rational judgment, I am requesting that you structure the implementation of such a policy to provide for my/our RECOVERY of such a PENALTY when these utility enterprises utilize their "decoupled revenue" to meet their mandated efficiency goals and PAY DIVIDENDS to their registered SHAREHOLDERS.

With all sincerity,

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