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**Katherine Nutt**

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**From:** Ted Chesneyt [mailto:chesneyt@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 4:33 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web

Please stop the proposed increase in gas rates. Ted S. Chesney, 17157 W. Nelson Dr., Surprise, AZ 85387

Ted Chesneyt  
[chesneyt@earthlink.net](mailto:chesneyt@earthlink.net)  
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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Wayne Wilkerson [waynewilkerson@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 7:39 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 28, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

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Many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wayne Wilkerson

[REDACTED]  
Vail, AZ 85641-1056  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of lois bellin [loisabellin@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 7:39 AM  
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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. lois bellin

[REDACTED]  
Oro Valley, AZ 85737-9728

(520) [REDACTED]

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Lyda Berman [lberman6@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:09 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 28, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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As a senior citizen on a fixed income, I am among those struggling to make ends meet.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lyda Berman  


Tucson, AZ 85710-2490

## Katherine Nutt

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**From:** John Nerdahl [2jhn46@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 5:38 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Rate Increase

Dear Ms Kennedy:

I'm a Sun City Grand resident with a fair amount of influence over other residents. I've been a Commissioner of a similar board in Minnesota.

I've been advised that our gas rates will go up over two digits beginning with the number 2. Without further analysis, this increase seems to be outrageous, so I'm assuming there are some extraordinary reasons--catch up increase after many years of no increases, etc. and/or a dramatic unanticipated increase in your costs.

Please advise where I can go to better understand the rationale behind this huge increase at a time when people and organizations are already struggling.

Sincerely,

John Nerdahl  


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**From:** Bobbie Rigali [bobbierigali@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 7:18 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** G-01551A-10-0458

In addition to seeking this permanent increase in rates, Southwest Gas is also requesting approval of an "Energy Efficiency Enabling Provision" (decoupling), that will allow Southwest Gas to collect from current customers, lost revenue due to conservation and energy efficient programs. Decoupling means that the actual utility revenues would track the utility company's projected revenue and should not increase or decrease with changes in sales - this guarantees a set revenue to the utility company regardless of the actual usage.

What is happening to this country? Do you really need to be so greedy...obviously, I am against these proposals...

Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation  
Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458  
Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling

From Roberta Rigali, [REDACTED], Surprise, AZ. 85374

Bobbie Rigali [REDACTED]

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**From:** gwenn wisner [pgwisner@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 7:26 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Cc:** Sandra Kennedy  
**Subject:** Fw: Southwest Gas Corporation Rate Increase Request

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

**From:** gwenn wisner  
**To:** Sandra Kennedy

**Subject:** Southwest Gas Corporation Rate Increase Request

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

I am writing to you regarding Docket No. G-01551A-10-0458, Southwest Gas Corporation asking for a Rate Increase and also Decoupling status.

I am not opposed to someone or a corporation making money, but this is RIDICULOUS.

For years we have been told to decrease our use of natural gas, to conserve energy, which we have done. Now, we are being told that Southwest Gas Corporation wants more money and wants to be assured that they will make the same if not more revenue, because of people conserving.

My husband and I are on a fixed income and every time we pick up the Newspaper, some utility company is asking for more money. We cannot afford to keep paying higher utility bills. We conserve, we recently installed a tankless water heater to conserve on our gas bill, but if this request passes, we will have wasted a substantial amount of our savings.

We urge you and the other Commissioners not to approve any rate increase and not to allow decoupling.

We feel that if the higher ups of Southwest Gas Corporation learns to live within their budget and quit giving raises that are far to high already, the average customer will be able to afford to live here. As it stands now, what with APS getting a raise, according to my last APS bill, Arizona American Water wanting a 89.82% increase in water rates, and now Southwest Gas Corporation, wanting more money, we will have no choice but to leave our home. We most certainly are not the only people this will affect. We are facing the possibility of the Federal Government withholding our Social Security Checks, so we plead with you not to approve this request.

Thank you.

Gwenn and Paul Wisner  
[REDACTED]  
Surprise, AZ 85387  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Vincenza Genovese [geno@esedona.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 9:05 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 29, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

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Many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Vincenza Genovese

  
Sedona, AZ 86336-3839

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**From:** kenneth neves [neveskw@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 29, 2011 10:53 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy  
**Subject:** Southwest Gas Corporation --Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

*Sandra Kennedy:*

*I am writing you regarding:  
Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation  
Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458  
Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling*

***I am very frustrated with the utilities in the Valley. As we had been going through a growth spurt all utilities over planned and when the economy turned south, they are trying to saddle existing home owners and residents with costs that were to be borne by new residents. This is their planning mistake, not ours. This particular instances is even worse, not only is Southwest Gas dumping on residents, they want to decouple performance, revenue as it occurs, from their rates and profits. So as the economy turns down, our taxes increase, and more of us out of work, they want to save "their bacon" by dumping their poor planning and failed energy policies on us. You would be sanctioning taxation without representation to allow this travesty.***

***In addition, if you live in a HOA community that is fruggle about managing their energy for pools, recreation and other ammentities, you will get a double hit. The cost of operation of these facilities figure greatly into our HOA dues. Their increased utility costs will get past to us with increases in our annual dues. So for the retired you are dumping twice by allow such a travesty. Please do not do this.***

**Kenneth Neves**

**[REDACTED]**  
**Surprise, 85374**

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Joe Lopez [joelopez2@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 12:37 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 30, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Kennedy,

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As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joe Lopez

  
Tucson, AZ 85706-4050

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Ernest Simpson [esimpcat@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 9:37 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 30, 2011

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ernest Simpson

[REDACTED]  
Tucson, AZ 85749-8840

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**From:** Dick Mitchell [rmitchell30@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 30, 2011 9:03 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** JUST SAY NO

Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation

Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling

Please do not allow Southwest Gas Corporation to increase rates or approve the Energy Efficiency Enabling provision.

Thank you, a concerned and retired citizen

Joyce Mitchell

  
Surprise, Az 85387

(623) 322-0822

[rmitchell30@cox.net](mailto:rmitchell30@cox.net)

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Brooks Gibson [brooksgibson1@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 27, 2011 5:35 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 27, 2011

Commissioner Sandra Kennedy  
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Proposed cuts to social security, medicaid, medicare further threaten our ability to live independently, while just barely above the federal poverty level.

The economy in AZ is not much improved for self-employed.

Rising utility costs threaten my ability to stay in my home in spite of remedification terms that have allowed me to remain here. It will all be for nothing if the reduced mortgage payment I negotiated with the mortgage company is eaten up by rising utility costs from APS, Southwest Gas, Qest, City of Peoria Water, garbage collection, etc.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brooks Gibson  


Glendale, AZ 85308-8725

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Michael Odette [michaelodette@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 2:10 PM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Just how many increases are we supposed to absorb?

The city council has already voted to boost our property taxes next year.

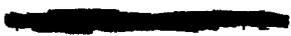
I'm on the verge of bankruptcy now. Would you like to push me over the edge? Then you get nothing, right along with me!

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Odette  


Tucson, AZ 85730-4214  
(520) 748-0959

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**From:** AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Donna Bonnett [donna\_bonnett@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 28, 2011 11:10 AM  
**To:** Kennedy-Web  
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Donna Bonnett

  
Gilbert, AZ 85234-1514