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G-01551A-10-0458
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From: Hugh Mobasseri [h160685750@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 10:59 AM
To: Newman-Web

Dear Commissioner Newman,

Please consider very carefully the effect of the Southwest Gas request for a rate increase of 14% as well as the idea not to let their revenue does not decline if we use less gas.

Heating, cooling, and cooking food are basic necessities. People such as ourselves make serious efforts to make the best use we can of gas and try not to waste. Since our income is falling each year and costs are increasing, we hope you will do your best to be reasonable.

Even as stockholders in Southwest Gas we object to this request as unreasonable and unrealistic in these times.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hugh and Judith Mobasseri
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From: Ron Saleker [rsaleker@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 2:39 PM
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: SW Gas G-01551A-10-0458 RE:Rate increase and Decoupling

Please pardon my cc everyone. I am a stroke victim and doing this with one finger.

I am against this request. If granted will see my utility rates increase plus my Sun City rec center fees will go up.

Not only that but as will have additional income due to tying together usage and efficiency. For those of us on fixed incomes we already have to make hard decisions on what necessities we will do without. Why can't the utilities learn how to live within their means. Why should I be forced to decide between food, medication, or the utility

when it comes time to pay the bill.

Ron Saleker

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From: FARKLEXFBE@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 27, 2011 6:48 PM
To: Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Gary Pierce; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web; Bob Stump; Burns-Web; Brenda Burns
Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation Rate Increase and Decoupling

Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation

Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling

Dear Commissioners,

I have just learned that Southwest Gas has applied for a 15.5% rate increase.

I am retired and receive Social Security and a pension.

The United States government had told me that there has been no increase in the cost of living, therefore, I fail to understand why Southwest is in need of a rate increase and a guaranteed return, without regard to the efficiency of their operations.

I would also be interested in knowing if the management and employees of SWG have received raises and/or bonuses during this time of non-inflation.

I am therefore opposed to their receiving this requested increase, absent their being faced with some dire catastrophe.

Thank you.

Carl A. Larsen, Jr.

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From: Beatrice Tamburri [btamburri@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:14 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Southwest Gas Corporation

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

Commissioner Paul Newman,

What kind of school yard bullying thinking is Decoupling.

In my opinion the corporation is saying, 'we want this much money and we don't care that you have adjusted your usage to your budget income so that you can pay your bills and maintain your credit, just hand over your Social Security check.

We want a certain amount of money, so regardless of how much service you use, just hand over your pension check.

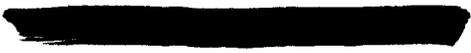
We want a certain amount of money, so regardless of usage, just hand over your pay check.'

Persons with this kind of crazy bullying-technique-thinking should not be allowed to head up a utility corporation.

What kind of nonsense is this, that individuals who have acted responsibly and sacrificed to adjust their usage so that they can afford to pay for what service they do use, are being told, it doesn't matter how much you use, you will just pay us whatever we determine we want regardless of how much you use. That is utter nonsense and is, in my opinion, a bullying technique.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Tamburri


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From: Scott [slewis20@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:42 AM
To: Ed Carter
Subject: Southwest Gas Corp. rate increase and decoupling creates another utility hardship for residents

Hello, my name is Scott Lewis. My address is [REDACTED] Surprise, Az. 85387. My contact number is [REDACTED] My e-mail is slewis20@cox.net

My concern is that the Rate Increase and decoupling proposal from Southwest Gas Corp. will cause undo hardship for my family during these hard financial times.

Please reconsider their request and postpone to a later time in the future.

Thank you

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Robert Christensen [karen032792@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 9:10 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 28, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Newman,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase which would raise average home gas bills almost \$75 a year.

Now is not the time to raise gas rates nearly \$75.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up.

Many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet.

Social security is our only income, and it is stretched to the maximum now.

Please vote no on a Southwest Gas rate increase.

Thank you.

Robert and Karen Christensen
[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85739

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. Robert Christensen
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From: Cheryl Ulrich [totipole@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:22 PM
To: undisclosed recipients
Subject: Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

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

Elected Officials,

When is the madness going to end? Take more from those who already are living on everything they have. This proposed increase is extreme and should not even be considered.

Respectfully,
Cheryl Ulrich

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From: John and Arlene Bak [jbak3@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 10:10 PM
To: Pierce-Web; gapierce@azcc.gov; Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web; Bob Stump
Cc: Burns-Web
Subject: Docket Number G-01551A-10-0458 - Southwest GAs Corporation

DEAR COMMISSIONERS,

REGARDING: SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION - DOCKET #G-01551A-10-0458,
RATE INCREASE AND DECOUPLING

WHY, WHY, WHY?????? WHY WOULD YOU AGREE TO GRANT SOUTHWEST GAS
APPROVAL FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES?

WHY, WHY, WHY?????? WHY WOULD YOU AGREE TO GRANT THIS UTILITY COMPANY A SET REVENUE AT THE
EXPENSE
OF ITS CONSUMERS? WHY CAN'T SOUTHWEST FUNCTION ON WHAT IT BRINGS IN
IN TERMS OF REVENUE?

ONCE AGAIN FOR THE COMMON GOOD, CONSUMERS HAVE ANSWERED THE CALL FOR CONSERVATION OF THIS
COUNTRY'S RESOURCES AND HAVE CONSERVED AND UTILIZED ENERGY EFFICIENT PROGRAMS, PRODUCTS AND
IN GENERAL
RESPECTED THE NEED TO CONSERVE. NOW ANOTHER UTILITY (BESIDES ARIZONA
AMERICAN WATER COMPAY) WANTS
THE CONSUMERS TO PAY, PAY, PAY!

AS SENIORS, WE DO NOT GET A COST OF LIVING RAISE IN ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM IN SOCIAL
SECURITY, PENSIONS,
BANK ACCOUNTS, INVESTMENTS, ETC. WE HAVE TO LIVE WITH WHAT WE GET
AND HOW THESE AREAS FUNCTION.
WE HAVE HAD A LOSS IN INCOME WITH THE MARKET----NO ONE PAYS US FOR OUR LOSSES (WHICH IS WHAT
SOUTHWEST
IS ASKING). THUS, AS A CONSUMER OF NATURAL GAS AND A
CONSERVATIONIST, STOP THIS CONTINUAL REQUEST TO 'STICK IT' TO THE CONSUMER AND ONLY CHARGE US
FOR THE ACTUAL USAGE OF GAS ONLY!

IN ADDITION, AS A RESIDENTS OF AN HOA, WE WILL NOT ONLY BE PENALIZED BY OUR INDIVIDUAL BILL,
BUT WE WILL BE
PENALIZED AGAIN THROUGH OUR HOA ASSESSMENT. IS THIS FAIR? WE
WOULD LIKE A CONSISTENT INCOME REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS WITH STOCKS, BANKS, ETC., BUT WE
DON'T HAVE THE
LUXURY. WHY SHOULD SOUTHWEST GAS BE GUARANTEED
A SET REVENUE?

START THINKING ABOUT THE AVERAGE MAN/WOMAN.....

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Arlene and John Bak

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From: William Mohme [wmohme@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, July 29, 2011 10:36 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Gary Pierce; Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web; Bob Stump; Burns-Web; Brenda Burns
Subject: Docket Number G-01551A-10-0458 Rate Increase and Decoupling

Re: Southwest Gas Corporation proposed increase

I am getting more and more confused with the economic situation that is and has been going on for some time. The harder I work to use resources carefully and cautiously, the higher my rates go. That makes me feel that either the utility companies are not budgeting or conserving properly or that they really don't want me to do so because they lose money.

I do realize that costs have gone up for pretty much anything, but I do not understand why utilities' increases are always so much higher than anyone else's. I do not understand why I am supposed to bear the burden of errors or poor planning by the corporations. If I make errors or plan poorly, no one makes up the difference for me so why am I supposed to cover their mistakes?

As I understand it, Southwest Gas wants to cover lost revenue due to conservation and energy efficient programs. These are programs that Southwest Gas pushed for us to follow. Did they never look ahead to see what the financial issues might be if we actually did what they asked??? And now they want us to pay them for failing to think???

Please consider that rewarding them for stupidity would simply teach them to continue the same way in the future.

Susan H. Mohme
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Aug 1, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Newman,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average home utility costs almost \$175 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time for an average \$175 a year increase.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates an average of \$175 a year.

I'm counting on you, as an elected Commissioner.

Please vote NO on the requests to raise our rates an average of \$175 a year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. James McQuinn

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Yuma, AZ 85365-4750
[REDACTED]

Aug 2, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Newman,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase which would raise average home gas bills almost \$75 a year.

Now is not the time to raise gas rates nearly \$75.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up.

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. Faye Thompson


Tucson, AZ 85747-5714