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Dear Sirs:

I am protesting the proposed rate hikes for the following reasons:
I am a senior resident in The Corte Bella Complex. The rate increases which you are contemplating will be disastrous for me as a single person. I am retired and on a fixed income. Please reconsider what you are planning to do as I don't want to be put in the position of having to give up my home in order to survive. This past month my bill in July was almost twice as much for the same amount of water usage in July, 2010.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Ernestine Glenn

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Commissioners --

An increase in the wastewater rate for Arizona-American Water Co. of \$40.37/month for residents of Corte Bella in Sun City West is simply unconscionable in today's economy.

Not only are our retirement incomes not increasing, but we would be receiving no added benefit as a result of such a rate increase.

In our opinion, deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wasterwater District should be denied if this gigantic rateincrease is going to be the result.

Should deconsolidation be granted, the Arizona Corporation Commission should at least require Arizona American Water Co. to take into consideration in its monthly billing the fact that up to 30 percent of the monthly water use for each home in the desert goes to irrigation -- especially during the summer months -- and thus **does not impact wastewater treatment.**

We know from having been residents of Glendale that the City of Glendale prorates its sewer bills each summer because it recognizes this fact. If sewage rates are going to continue to be linked to water useage, then Arizona-American Water should be required to do likewise, in our opinion.

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From: Charles Dyer [charles.dyer@moody.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 11:17 AM
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I tried to submit the following comments using the Arizona Corporation Commission Public Comment Form, but the form would not allow me to send it via e-mail. I feel strongly enough about the issue that I want make sure my comments are included, so I'm sending this e-mail directly to each of you.

I'm writing to oppose the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District as well as the proposed increase in our water rates and wastewater rates. These proposals, as now under consideration, will result in an 82.9% increase in my water rate and a 139% increase in my wastewater rate--an average annual increase that has been projected to be \$301.56 per household for water and \$484.44 per household for wastewater treatment.

I live Corte Bella, a community where most residents are retired. Asking retirees to shoulder a one-year increase of nearly \$800 is excessive and will impose a severe hardship on many in the community.

Again, I urge you to not approve the deconsolidation plan...and to drastically cut back on the proposed increases for water rates and wastewater rates. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Charles Dyer

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P.S. You might also want to ask the Arizona Corporation Commission to explore why their Public Comment Form cannot be submitted electronically by everyone. I filled it out twice and tried to submit it twice. Each time nothing happened. They need to make sure the form is optimized so it can be used by all types of computers and web browsers. (I'm using a Apple MacBook Pro, running OS 10.6.8 with Firefox 5.0.1 browser, and Cox as my internet provider.)

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From: Brian Gillies [brian.gillies@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 11:16 AM
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ACC Commissioners,

I would like to comment on the dockets listed above relating to the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District:

- If deconsolidation is approved, the average wastewater bill for Corte Bella residents will increase by \$40.37 per month, which equates to an annual increase of \$484.44 per household. The ACC needs to understand that Corte Bella residents cannot handle such a drastic increase in their monthly utility bills.
- In addition to this case, Corte Bella residents are also facing a proposed 82.9% increase in water rates as part of Docket No. W-01303A-10-0448. This would increase the average water bill by \$25.13 per month.
- The ACC approved the current makeup of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District nearly 10 years ago. Yet, at the request of Anthem residents alone, the ACC is now considering a proposal to deconsolidate the District. Deconsolidation will result in a 139.7% increase in wastewater rates for the new Agua Fria Wastewater District and a mere 15.5% increase in wastewater rates for the new Anthem Wastewater District. The ACC should NOT approve deconsolidation under these circumstances.

I hope you will give consideration to the above concerns.

Sincerely,
Brian Gillies

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From: Steven Beinfest [sbfest@cox.net]
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To: Commissioners Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman, and Brenda Burns

- If deconsolidation is approved, the average wastewater bill for Cortez residents will increase by \$40.37 a month – an annual increase of \$484.44 per household. The ACC needs to understand that Cortez residents cannot handle such a drastic increase in their monthly utility bills. You should describe how an increase in wastewater impact you and/or your family financially.

- In addition to this case, Cortez residents are also facing a proposed increase in water rates as part of Docket No. W-01303A-10-0448. This will increase the average water bill by \$25.13 a month.

- The ACC approved the current makeup of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater District nearly ten (10) years ago. Yet, at the request of Anthem residents, the ACC is considering a proposal to deconsolidate the District. Deconsolidation will result in an increase in wastewater rates for the new Agua Fria Wastewater District and a moderate increase in wastewater rates for the new Anthem Wastewater District. The ACC should approve deconsolidation under these circumstances.

Best regards,

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From: John & Barb Wilson [wilsonsinaz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 09, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
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Our position is CON on SW-01303A-09-0343 & W-01303A-09-0343

My wife and I are both retired senior citizens living on a fixed income in Corte Bella Country Club . Moreover, I am a disabled Vietnam veteran. Social Security has had no increase in 3 years. Home values have plummeted. Many homeowners like ourselves are upside down in their mortgages, having purchased retirement homes at inflated prices in Corte Bella when it was being built out 6-7 years ago when the housing industry was booming. The proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District will severely and negatively impact our personal budget and, furthermore, will have a negative impact on our community, both in ability to sell a home and move where more reasonable rates could be expected, and to attract new home buyers to our community. Who in their right mind would take a look at the proposed water rate fees and decide to move in. It won't happen! Right now, my water/wastewater monthly bill is only \$5.00 less than my monthly flat-rate electricity bill. When water costs approach that of electricity - and proposed rate increases for water threaten to make water costs significantly more than that of electricity, something is horribly wrong! If the deconsolidation is approved, Corte Bella residents will experience about a 140% increase in wastewater rates since 2010! If approved, the average Corte Bella household will experience an annual increase of almost \$500 for wastewater. Also, we are facing a proposed 83% increase in water rates as part of Docket # W-01303A-10-0488. The ACC approved the current Wastewater District configuration almost 10 years ago. Now, at the request of the residents of Anthem, you are embarking on a mission to deconsolidate and adversely affect a number of other communities. You should not approve the deconsolidation.

John and Barbara Wilson

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