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From: AARP Arizona [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Fred Valdez [fivald@hotmail.co]
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**Arizona Public Service
In Opposition
E-01345A-11-0224**

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

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$165. a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time for an average \$165+ 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 for an average residence over \$100 a year.

In the last 4 years APS has requested several rate increases stating it would only raise our rates by a few dollars, The rate increases were for adding equipment power station etc. However APS has made major profits from rate in increases. While my rate increases have gone up a estimated 1000 a year with the last few increases. On a retirees income this has caused many problems I have raised air conditioning to the point I have become sick trying to save money on my APS bill because of the heat. I'm disabled and dependent on my small income. I have to cut back of on groceries, drugs I need for my medical conditions. Please do not approve the rate increases, their are many of us senior citizens who can not afford these contiuned rate increases.

Thank you.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise our rates an average of more than \$165 a year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Fred Valdez

[Redacted signature and address]
Yuma, AZ [Redacted]

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