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Recreation Centers of Sun City Opposes Decoupling in \$73.2 Million SW Gas Rate Case

Southwest Gas Corp. is seeking a \$73.2 million rate increase, which would raise the average customer's bill approximately 14 percent, or on average six dollars a month. Part of the signed settlement agreement proposes a policy change referred to as decoupling. Decoupling reduces the company's financial risk from selling less energy. The Recreation Centers of Sun City (RCSC) formally expressed their opposition to both decoupling options in the proposed settlement agreement of Southwest Gas Corporation in a letter written to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

"The decoupling options laid out in the proposed settlement agreement have no benefit for the customer, and only serves the best interest of the utility company, because there is no need for added infrastructure to meet the needs of the current customer base," Jan Ek, General Manager for RCSC said. "Under this proposal, energy usage will have gone down, but the customer's monthly bill will have gone up, with no long term benefit of reduced rates."

The RCSC stands with the Residential Utility Consumer Office and AARP in their opposition to the decoupling mechanism laid out in the proposed settlement agreement, and are hopeful that the Commissioners hear their objections and address them when the case comes before them.

The Arizona Corporation Commission will be holding a public comment session on the Southwest Gas rate case on October 7th at 10:00 AM in the Sundial Recreation Center located at 14801 N. 103rd Ave, Sun City, AZ.

"We encourage all citizens to attend this meeting and contact the Commissioners directly to express their concerns over the proposed rate increase and decoupling. Even if your home is not serviced by gas, this proposal will affect all residents in Sun City due to the negative impact it will have on the operating expenses of RCSC and therefore increase annual property assessments," Ek said.

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