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I'm writing in regard to a couple of things that are happening in the Ft. Mohave area under supervision of Mohave County.

The first concern that I have is that Mohave electric cooperative has filed with you for a rate change of a base rate by a 3.79% increase combined with transferring the PPA. Very interesting because the way I read this is that they want to increase the base rate by 3.79% and keep the Purchased Power Adjustor (which is added on to the use of power for the future cost of purchasing power if cost go up) which they probably purchase by way of futures. I would love to see what part of this rate increase is for employee raises, bonuses, health increase cost, and salary increases for salaried personnel, as well as stockholders. In this time of a bad economy it is not the time to increase your rates maybe the Company should think about making some cuts beginning with all the employees from the top down, I'm talking of benefits not the employees themselves. Let them pay more for their Insurance. And not try to pass everything onto the consumers. My bill from Mohave Electric for the month of Aug. was \$316.76 now let's break this down. KWH used was 2757 for a cost of \$229.34 Purchased Power Adj. \$53.76, Customer Charge \$9.50 Renewable Energy Std Tariff-Mandated by ACC \$3.10, State and county taxes, Regulatory fee for about \$20.05 (Total again \$316.76) It's seems to me they already have a lot of added cost for power used. I also know that they are selling the power at a rate higher than what they are paying for it, also \$9.50 for customer charge (what's that reading the meter, not bad for a 1min job per house) Why do they need to bank almost a \$3 million dollar increase each yr.

I'm retired after working for the railroad for 35 yrs. and have not had a pay increase in 3 yrs. not old enough for Medicare and my wife is younger than me we have to pay out of pocket \$856.00 for our health ins per month. Plus \$10,000 deductible before BCBS pays anything, we have no medical problems THANK THE LORD! My wife works over 40hrs a week as a client coordinator for a company that does not have health insurance for their employees. Maybe Mohave electric should have all their employees from the top down pay out of pocket for their insurance like I have to. That would probably make up the \$3 million needed.

Mohave Electric held town hall meetings which I'm sorry to say that I didn't have a chance to attend because of other commitments, the last being Aug 25, 2011. Then on Aug 27, 2011 I received a letter from Sunrise Solar/Greenstone Renewable who wants to build an Energy-Solar Photovoltaic on some property that's less than a mile from ours and several thousand houses. The property has been zoned for Multiple Family Residential, Mobile Home Park, Single Family Residential and Single Family Residential/Special Development, but now the owners because home sales have declined and development for the land has dropped. They want to lease the land to Sunrise Solar and get the zoning changed from Residential to Manufacturing. If this were to take place they would have a 25' set back from houses that are backed up to this property. They also said that they would be selling the power from the plant to Mohave Electric. Very interesting that Mohave has asked you for a rate increase and

now a Solar Photovoltaic wants to build and sell power to them ?? I have concerns about this project and want to know why don't they build a this solar panel power generating plant somewhere 20 to 25 miles away from Residential area. Like the one outside of Las Vegas.

(Look at our government they over spend and then want the tax payer to pay more so they can spend more instead of living within their means.) If I remember correctly you commissioners were elected official who are to work for the people, when you took that job you became a servant for the people to hear from the people and protect the people, I ask you to remember who you work for and do the right thing.

I remember when Az. American Water wanted a rate increase for the sewer treatment plant here in Ft. Mohave and you OKed that increase from \$35.00 a month to \$55.00 a month Flat rate. The highest rate for sewer in the state of AZ. And you did this after hearing complaints from the people, because we felt a \$20. A month increase for sewer was way too much when it is not base on water usage. Now 3 yrs later AZ. American Water wants or is selling the water co. and sewer company to a Canada company for a huge profit. I'm still receiving info about the Az. American Water fillings. Did you hear and listen to the people then. (NO) we were the one's effected not you. (YES)

Maybe because Mohave Electric is here in Bullhead City and not Phoenix you should come to the people and let them talk to you instead of the people on fixed incomes going to Phoenix and maybe the Mohave County Development Services should come to Ft. Mohave to hear from the people instead of Kingman. It affects the people here not everywhere else.

Sincerely Yours

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