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AARP Arizona [AARP.AZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Beth Cullison [cullison30@gmail.com]
Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:29 AM
Pierce-Web
APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Sep 27, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

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.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Beth Cullison

Scottsdale, AZ 85254-2808

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Margaret Pieper [mpieper@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 11:38 PM
To: Pierce-Weld
Subject: APS and SV Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Sep 28, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Pience,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Please do not allow another rate increase by any utility. We are barely making ends meet, living paycheck to paycheck. We have not had a raise in three years, yet everything keeps increasing. We cannot keep up with our bills. Think about the unemployed and the elderly on fixed incomes. You cannot do this to us at a time when so many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Margaret Pieper

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Casa Grande, AZ 85122-2015

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Karin McCleaff [kmcclaff@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 3:00 PM
To: Pierce-Weld
Subject: APS and SV Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Sep 27, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Pience,

APS and Southwest Gas together are asking for your approval to raise average residence utility costs more than \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is NOT the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years. My husband and I are on a fixed income and even though we are more stable than a lot of people, we can't afford utility raises when other expenses such as food, gasoline and medical expenses are on the rise as well.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Karin McCleaff

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Surprise, AZ 85388-7602

Sep 22, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time for an average residence to have utility costs increased more than \$140 a year.

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 \$140 a year.

Have been retired 25 years. Pension has not been increased since 1999.

There never has been a COLA.

Company has taken away the following:
Dental plan. Eye glass plan. Made
Death benefit to spouse. Health plan. I am using my medicare payment
reductions to health plan to the limit I am using my medicare payment
to purchase health plan.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jacob Kropp
Sun City West, AZ 85375-5784

Sep 25, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

I am writing to protest the proposal by APS to raise their residential rates. As a senior who relies mainly on Social Security, I must point out that my benefits have stayed the same since 2008 while prices of food have sky-rocketed.

Now is not the time to raise rates on heating and electricity. There are thousands of people who live in our state who are out of work and are barely able to feed their families. Gasoline prices have also gone up considerably making it even more difficult to make end meet.

Please consider the hardships that will affect every person if residential rates on gas and electricity are raised and vote NO on the requests to raise rates. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miriam Iverson
1020 E Pueblo Road
Phoenix, AZ 85020

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Miriam Iverson
Phoenix, AZ 85020-4120

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona (AARPAZ@AARP.ORG) on behalf of Paul Dummel (pauld@cox.net)
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 9:08 PM
To: Pierce-Yed
Subject: APS and SV Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Sep 30, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

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

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

We are doing the best we can to conserve energy and help keep the cost down.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Dummel
Glendale, AZ 85308-7363

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona (AARPAZ@AARP.ORG) on behalf of Judith Barber (jagaw@webt.net)
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 7:39 PM
To: Pierce-Yed
Subject: APS and SV Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Sep 26, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

It seems hard to believe that SW Gas is thinking of increasing the utility cost as much as 14%. There are so many people out of work right now, and many are struggling to make ends meet and put food on the table, due to rising costs, food and gas for cars. I sincerely hope you will not approve this increase in December.

Judith Barber

Tucson, Az. 85742

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Judith Barber
Tucson, AZ 85742-9525

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Noralee Urban [noraleeu@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 02, 2011 12:12 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: APS, SW Gas & AZ American Water Combined Rate Increases

Oct 2, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is NOT the time to increase our utility costs!

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Many AZ workers have had their wages frozen or reduced over the past 2 years. There have been no Social Security COLA Increase for two years, yet insurance premiums keep increasing.

The costs of food and gasoline are so high it's hard to determine which vehicle is more expensive to operate: the family car or the shopping cart.

Now is NOT the time to raise our combined gas, electric or the 80+% AZ-American water rates.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Noralee Urban
Surprise, AZ 85387-7564

Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Wynema Bell [wbell@vtr.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 01, 2011 2:09 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Oct 1, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

Now is not the time to have our utility costs increased by so much.

Thousands of Arizonans are out of work. Many homes are in foreclosure.
The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

I am a bilateral below the knee amputee that depends on Social Security - it is my only income. There have been no Social Security COLA increase for two years. Have you gone two years without a raise? I am sure that you, like most at least received a cost of living increase or adjustment, if you will. I have no way of adding to my Social Security income. I can't put in overtime. The sad part is I am one of the Lucky ones - at least I get 55. Far too many Americans are out of work and have no income. Just once pretend you don't know where money for food to feed your kids is going to come from. Could you even begin to imagine the desperation and hopelessness that you would have to choke down so you can keep a smile on your face so your kids won't worry?
Kids aren't supposed to worry. I can't even begin to know what a living nightmare that would be.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.
Please listen to the people that this would impact most - not the businesses - the people.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Wynema Bell
Pearce, AZ 85625-4045

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of Margaret Swambat [jazzida@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 02, 2011 3:42 PM
To: Piersce-Web
Subject: APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increase

Oct 2, 2011

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 \$140 a year.

Please do not approve the APS and Southwest Gas requests.

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

The costs of food and gasoline are way up.

Now is not the time to raise our combined gas and electric rates.

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

Please vote NO on the requests to raise rates more than \$140 a year for an average residence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Margaret Swambat





October, 2011

Arizona Corporation Commissioners:

I am writing to ask you to refuse to grant a raise like the Southwest Gas and Arizona Public Service. These Services are necessary, not inflated!

Considering the Sick economy we are living in I think it is a mistake to even consider adding to the burdens Arizonans all already face.

Please think about this!

Alexia L. Hudson

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