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From:
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Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:07 PM
Pierce-Web
Deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District

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Gary Pierce,

My October 2011 water bill here in Anthem was \$249.84.

Since the Corporate Commission did not consolidate the statewide water and waste water districts, it is unconscionable to continue to force Anthem to subsidize the Agua Fria Wastewater District.

Please act on deconsolidation now.

Sincerely,
Barry Hutton

[REDACTED]
Anthem, AZ 85086

Arizona Corporation Commission

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From: MEDINA FAMILY [NYPD05@COX.NET]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: ANTHEM WATER

LETTER TO ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION IN SUPPORT OF DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

[10-9-2011]

Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner(s) Newman,Burns,Pierce,Stump,Kennedy:

SW-01303A-09-0343

I am writing in support of deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District operated by Arizona American Water Company (AAWC). I strongly believe that Anthem customers should pay for the treatment plants, facilities, and infrastructure that serve our community. As Anthem residents we pay for a state of the art wastewater treatment facility; why should we also be paying for the costs of facilities that we do not use and will never use? Anthem's system has no physical connection to the Agua Fria system – we should not pay for what is not "used and useful" by Anthem residents!"

I understand that deconsolidation will result in increased rates for Agua Fria customers. I also understand that the Anthem Community Council has proposed a phase-in of the rates, similar to what we experienced in the recent water rate case, as a means of softening the impact. I support this phase-in as a means of mitigating the effect of the rate increase through a 3-year phase-in of the rates.

The bottom line is that deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district is the right thing to do under the current model for private water/wastewater systems in Arizona. It returns our service to what is "just and reasonable." To not deconsolidate is to go against the principles that the Commission has advocated and would result in different and unfair treatment for Anthem ratepayers.

Deconsolidation is consistent with the stand alone, cost of service systems owned and operated by AAWC throughout the state, and creates an even playing field. To delay until consolidation is considered is unfair; statewide consolidation has not occurred to date, and may or may not occur at an unknown time in the future. The time to correct this disparity is NOW by approving deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district as put forth by the AAWC in their April 1 filing.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to right this wrong, and deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

Respectfully,

The Medina Family 

Antonio Gill

From: Lynette Flinderrs [lyneteflinders@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2011 12:10 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket No.SW-01303A-09-0343

Mr. Chairman,

I am finally TIRED of paying for another district's wastewater when there is no benefit to Anthem ratepayers. It makes absolutely no sense whatever! First we are saddled with a rate increase from Azizona American Water and then this. Please approve deconsolidation the two wastewater districts.

Larry and Lynette Flinders
Anthem

10/9/11

Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200
West Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

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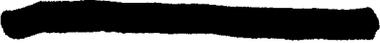
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I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to right this wrong, and deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

Respectfully,

Mary Jo and Dennis Maughan


Anthem, AZ 85086

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From: Lorrie Fullmer [lorrie_k_fullmer@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 8:38 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket #SW-01303A-09-0343

Chairman of the Corporation Commission,

I am a resident of the Anthem community in North Phoenix, and I have to object to the future rate hike of my water bill.

I, for one, am tired of being the brunt of this type of action: let the city of Surprise pay for their own improvements, let Desert Hills community pay for their own improvements, let the other HOA's and business owners outside of Anthem pay for their own improvements and stop trying to get their hands into Anthem homeowners pockets.

I suppose I would be angered if my bill was raised to pay for infrastructure improvements for Anthem alone, but to have to pay for infrastructure improvements for other communities as well is unfair.

Since when does the burden of supporting other communities improvements fall on one community that does not benefit from the rate hike for them, at all?

Please approve the deconsolidation of the two waste water districts. That way, it will only be fair.

Respectfully yours,

L. Kellerman

Antonio Gill

From: Jerry Hall [jhall94591@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:40 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket #SW-01303A-09-0343

Gentlemen,

I am writing to request the deconsolidation of the Anthem & Agua Fria wastewater districts.

Thank You,

Jerry Hall


Anthem AZ 85086

Antonio Gill

From: Tom Vollertsen [tvollertsen@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 9:08 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343

Please represent your constituents fairly by approving the deconsolidation of the Aqua Fria district and the Anthem district. We in Anthem are' in part, paying for another district's wastewater. That is not right.

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Tom Vollertsen


Antonio Gill

From: kweiser39@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:24 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: APS Propose Rate increase at Anthem

To whom it may concern:

I have been an Anthem resident since 2003. I find it hard to understand why your company thinks it is OK to increase water and sewer expenses to the extent that has occurred. I wonder how a company can have such little concern for the finances of the families who live in Anthem. Greed can and has become addictive. I think the way this company has taken advantage of Anthem residence is a crime. Although I live in Parkside, I really think the extra cost to the residence living in country side is ridiculous because the extra fee is not based on usage, instead is based of pipe size. This is the first time I have ever heard of anyone being charge not for how much water is used but instead is charge by the construction of their home. This is utterly ridiculous! I can't wait until another company comes in and offers a more reasonably priced service. Maybe Anthem residence should put in underground water storage tanks and have water hauled along with installing septic tanks like many other towns in Arizona who do not have city water or sewage service. This is America and free enterprise will always win. The people you are taking advantage of now will not forget how they are being treated.

Dissatisfied,

Karen Weiser

Antonio Gill

From: Cornelius, John A. [Cornelius-John@aramark.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 9:55 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket Number SW-01303A-09-0343

Chairman of the Corporation Commission,

We are an Anthem water consumer from Arizona American Water. Our rates have become exceptionally high over the past few rate increases. These rate increases are unacceptable.

It is unfair and unjust for the residents of Anthem to pay for another district's wastewater. There is no benefit to Anthem or its residents and there is no common sense rationale for continuing to consolidate the two districts. We recommend the commission vote to approve deconsolidating the two wastewater districts. This is the correct, fair and just action on behalf of the commission.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendation.

John A Cornelius
[REDACTED]

Anthem, AZ 85086
[REDACTED]

October 6, 2011

Commissioners
Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

RE: SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to request your support in deconsolidating the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District operated by Arizona American Water Company (AAWC). Anthem customers should only have to pay for the treatment plants, facilities, and infrastructure that serve our community. As Anthem residents we pay for a state of the art wastewater treatment facility; why should we also be paying for the costs of facilities that we do not use and will never use?

Anthem's wastewater system has no physical connection to the Agua Fria system, yet our rates are based on this "dual" system. Deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district is the right thing to do under the current model for private water/wastewater systems in Arizona. It returns our service to what is "just and reasonable." To not deconsolidate is to go against the principles that the Commission has advocated and would result in different and unfair treatment for Anthem ratepayers. Deconsolidation is consistent with the stand alone, cost of service systems owned and operated by AAWC throughout the state, and creates an level playing field.

When we bought our new home in Anthem in 2000, we had no idea that our water/wastewater rates would be over \$100/month in the year 2012. Deconsolidation of the wastewater systems will help to alleviate this unexpected financial burden. The time to correct this disparity is now by approving deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district as put forth by the AAWC in their April 1 filing.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district next year.

Sincerely,

Craig Seppelfrick


Anthem, AZ 85086

Antonio Gill

From: Sue and Charlie [TwoMatzens@qwest.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Deconsolidation

Docket #01303A-090343

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

There is no reason we in Anthem should be paying for another district's wastewater, as there is no benefit to us and we already have extremely high rates. We realize that Sun City and Surprise will have a rate increase, but it will be calculated on a MUCH lower base than we in Anthem were assessed this year. Our monthly bill was almost \$300.00 last month, and as retired Seniors this is an unbelievable burden. Let's be fair and approve the deconsolidation.

Sincerely,
Charles A Matzen Jr
Suzanne Matzen [REDACTED]
Anthem Az 85086-1247

Antonio Gill

From: stevelnancy1@cs.com
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 6:41 PM
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: Deconsolidation of Anthem/Agua Fria

Commissioner Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

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At one of the meetings on the recent rate hike, I asked if our rates would go down once the infrastructure costs were re-couped. The answer was a resounding "NO". That means that AAWC continues to reap the benefits of the rate hike long after they should. This isn't fair to all the citizens of Anthem.

I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to right this wrong, and deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

Respectfully,

Steve and Nancy Lamontagne
Anthem

Antonio Gill

From: Deborah A. Manley [lawren@localnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 10:53 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: SW-01303a-09-0343

Importance: High

Mr. Pierce, it looks like "Groundhog Day" again. Was the "deconsolidation of the Agua Fria Wastewater District" just thrown on the table to appease the masses? Nothing has changed since the last massive water increase for Anthem.

The communities south of Anthem would have nothing to do with the sharing of the burden of our water issues, *as should be*; and we shouldn't be expected to carry "their" Aqua Fria wastewater burden either! Deconsolidate, period! In the world of common sense, this should be a no-brainer! They've had a "free ride".

It appears the Corporation Commission never really completes anything. It just strings the people along again and again in a never-ending, strength-eroding, energy-zapping dog and pony show. Maybe it's time for the Corporate Commission needs to be broken up, and your power diluted. A 5-member panel that is so busy that it can't do its own research and relies on a bunch of idealistic young people to research, recommend findings/solutions for the multitude of cases under your responsibility is a miscarriage of justice. What does it take for the Commission to have a moment of clarity/conscience and do the right thing?

Disgusted in Anthem . . . Larry and Deborah Manley