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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Carlos Romero [mrcaromr@yahoo.es]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 7:50 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

**Southwest Gas
G-01551A-10-0458**

Oct 5, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

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

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Carlos Romero

Glendale, AZ 85304-4310

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tracy Visser

Tolleson, AZ 85353-4436

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Patricia Ayers [pattlope@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 4:19 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 5, 2011

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

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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Enough is enough many of us have cut back from food to medication.
Stop this assault on the American people!

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Ayers

Peoria, AZ 85382-5302

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of William Veith [B4uz2@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 3:49 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. William Veith

Avondale, AZ 85323-8448

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP Arizona [AARPAZ@AARP.ORG] on behalf of ROBERT ZACHMAN [robertzachman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 3:48 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: APS and SW Gas Ask Big Combined Rate Increases

Oct 5, 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.

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. ROBERT ZACHMAN

Surprise, AZ 85374-6430

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Tom Smith [tombridge77@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 3:49 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 5, 2011

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

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase of about \$48 a year for the average single family residence.

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

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Tom Smith

Peoria, AZ 85381-3416

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Ed and Donna Herrera [edherrerai951@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

(THE CITY OF PHOENIX AND SRP RATES ARE ALLREADY OUTRAGEOUS. WE NEED TO CUT THE RATES FOR SRP AND I DON'T KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO FOR WATER AND TRASH. NOW THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT REDUCING THE TRASH PICKUPS BY COMBINING THE RECYCLE AND REGULAR TRASH BUT I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT CUTTING THE RATES.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ed and Donna Herrera

Phoenix, AZ 85043-2416

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Carole De Cosmo [codeco2@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carole De Cosmo

Glendale, AZ 85301-1117

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of GEORGE KNIGHT [gwnight22@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 1:19 PM
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. GEORGE KNIGHT

Glendale, AZ 85301-5752

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Antonio Gill

From: June Schwertfager [June@pennyputzgold.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 12:26 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Southwest Gas decoupling

Mr Gary Pierce

I will be attending your meeting Oct 7 to express my concerns about the Southwest Gas decoupling. I echo the statement by our GM Jan Ek.

"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."

June Schwertfager

Sun City, AZ 85351

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Gloria Marin [gmarin@msd.org]
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gloria Marin

Phoenix, AZ 85037-1025

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Thomas Velasquez [tom_bert@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 12:19 PM
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Velasquez

Avondale, AZ 85323-8324

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Bruno Klasener [brunk17@cox.net]
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bruno Klasener
Phoenix, AZ 85037-6364

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Rich Greene [rydad56@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 11:49 AM
To: Pierce-Web
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Rich Greene
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of MANUEL YBARRA [mybarra1@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 5:51 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 6, 2011

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

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

We don't have dental insurance and we have to pay for all dental expenses.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. MANUEL YBARRA
Glendale, AZ 85304-4125

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Mark Klein [kleinmark69@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2011 3:51 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 6, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark Klein
Gilbert, AZ 85234-5950

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Pat O'Neil [ponail1949@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2011 11:23 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 8, 2011

Commissioner Gary Pierce
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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We are struggling to pay utilities and each year have to find more way to cut back. Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pat O'Neil

Phoenix, AZ 85033-1307

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Leslie Fish [lesliefish@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 2:40 PM
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Isn't there an American custom of not kicking somebody when he's already down? And isn't there a line in the Bible about: "Thou shalt not grind the face of the poor"?

If Southwest Gas wants to save money, let them overhaul their own bureaucracy, but their own paperwork, reduce the number of their clerks and managers, and fire their lobbyists.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Leslie Fish

Mesa, AZ 85201-2546

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Barbara Jandt [jandt.barbara@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:01 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara Jandt

Gilbert, AZ 85233-7234

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of William Darrington [billdarrington@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Natural gas is the cheapest form of energy available in the market place can't Southwest Gas stand to pass along this break to its long suffering customers. Beside that why should we pay for some thing we are not using at any particular time.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. William Darrington

Phoenix, AZ 85028-4815

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Yvonne Quarles [y.quarles@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Yvonne Quarles
[REDACTED]
Gilbert, AZ 85233-4721

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of David Olm [booby500@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:00 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Olm
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85028-3606
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Keith Von Sprecken [kbsenm@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10:30 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Keith Von Sprecken
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85028-3513

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Jerrilynn Ruff [jerrilynn@acquasencepools.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 12, 2011

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jerrilynn Ruff
[REDACTED]
Glendale, AZ 85304-4135

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Michael Santeusanio [mjsanteusanio@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:00 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 12, 2011

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Santeusanio

Phoenix, AZ 85003-1161

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Sandra Irwin [sandra.irwin@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:00 AM
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Thousands of Arizonans are out of work.

At present I am able to pay my SWG bill, but there are many people that struggle to. If SS gets cut, I too may be in that boat.

Times are tough for everybody, please think of the old folk that are unable to earn a paycheck, we are on SS and don't get a cost of living raise lately, yet everything costs more, so please do not increase rates - the elderly are not able to pay more.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sandra Irwin

Lot 320
Phoenix, AZ 85028-1634

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Terry Pustai [rainornc52@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 9:00 AM
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Terry Pustai

Phoenix, AZ 85029-1034

Antonio Gill

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Roger Quaing

Phoenix, AZ 85021-2425

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From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Susan Mardock [smardock@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:30 AM
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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Mardock
Phoenix, AZ 85028-4938

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Fordyce Stainhour [fordyce@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:00 AM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Fordyce Stainhour
Phoenix, AZ 85028-2106

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Robert Clark [rclark@montrose.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 7:00 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 12, 2011

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

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Clark
Phoenix, AZ 85028-4115

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Brenda Horton [bh2007@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 6:30 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Jobs are scarce.

People are being evicted from their homes and becoming homeless.

I feel this would be a hardship on families that are on the verge of poverty level and would hurt the elderly as they are on a monthly income that is already stressed.

I myself included. Who is on a strict income, it is stretched as far as I can stretch it, without being homeless myself.

College students who are on a strict income who already have large amount of debt to pay.

This is not the time to raise rates for gas usage for all your customers. It would be more beneficial if you waited for the economy to get better, as families already are in dire turmoil.

As for decoupling it would hurt the people who conserve energy usage of gas. This would ultimately cause people to stop conserving and waste energy. Let's face it we all need to conserve to protect our precious energy for future use.

So I hereby ask that you wait for a better time to raise your rates and to not decouple.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Karen Goodridge [kngood1@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 6:30 AM
To: Pierce-Web
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My job was out-sourced so I'm out of work. My home is about to be foreclosed and my utility bills are already more than I can pay. I can't afford higher bills of any sort!

The cost of food has jumped by so much that my cupboards hold only what I can find at the Dollar Store and lots of potatoes.

Gasoline is so high that I can no longer justify driving the 25 miles each way to visit my elderly parents.

Now is NOT the time to raise our gas rates!

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Karen Goodridge
Phoenix, AZ 85008-6512

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Peter Escalante [peterescalante@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 6:30 AM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Escalante
Phoenix, AZ 85017

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of EDWARD KLISKA [edkliska@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. EDWARD KLISKA
Phoenix, AZ 85054-5412

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Susan Baxter [slfbax@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Susan Baxter
Phoenix, AZ 85020-1585

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarp@aarpp.org] on behalf of Ron Leonard [rleonard@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ron Leonard

Phoenix, AZ 85014

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarp@aarpp.org] on behalf of Bill Anderson [bbar38@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 10:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Both my wife and I have chronic illnesses that require medications that are in the tier 2 and tier 3 classifications of our Medicare Advantage plans and are therefore quite expensive. My wife has diabetes and I have Multiple Sclerosis, COPD, and Glaucoma. In my case I am under the care of several specialists, and the co-pay for these doctors is considerably higher than the co-pay for a primary care physician. I'm sure that we are not the only seniors that have higher than normal medical expenses. If Southwest Gas gets all of the raises they are asking for, it is highly probable many Seniors will be forced to cut back on needed healthcare expenditures on food, etc.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bill Anderson

Phoenix, AZ 85020-5309

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarp@aarpp.org] on behalf of Jerry Spetsieris [jerryspets@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 9:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jerry Spetsieris

Fountain Hills, AZ 85268-5089

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarp@aarpp.org] on behalf of Betty O'Donnell [bdonnell@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 1:40 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates. This is the wrong time to raise anything. Unemployment is over 9% this green act is going to have to wait until this economy gets back its feed. What don't you understand people are out of money, their homes it is not going to get any better until big changes happen in Washington. I am on a fixed income can't even get a sit down job do to a handicap because those are being by moms will children. Don't you have to have this real now.

Sincerely Yours, Betty O'Donnell 8227 n 9th street, Phoenix, AZ 85028

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Betty O'Donnell

Phoenix, AZ 85028-3447

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Jeanette Runnings [boydrunnings7247@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 8:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jeanette Runnings
[REDACTED]
Gilbert, AZ 85233-1906

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Patricia Woods [pwoods9@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 8:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Decoupling is not good for Arizonans.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Woods
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85021-7956

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Larry Robinson [lrobin@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 8:29 PM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Robinson
[REDACTED]
Scottsdale, AZ 85256-6714

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Don Hevler [donandsal@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 8:29 PM
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years. Wage cuts are more likely than raises. We have personal experience with that.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure. My wife & I went through losing a home and we are still being chased by Chase.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Hevler
[REDACTED]
Chandler, AZ 85224-2505
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of darrell williams [darrellaz2007@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. darrell williams
Phoenix, AZ 85021-7927

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Virginia Herring [gherring4@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

People are already struggling way too much. Please do not raise prices at this time.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Virginia Herring
Phoenix, AZ 85018-1258

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Gayle Parent [gayleparent@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Gayle Parent
Phoenix, AZ 85020-4215

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of randell elmer [reimerfud@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. randell elmer
Phoenix, AZ 85008-6415

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Jean McLeer [jmcleer@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

I am seventy-eight years old and live on social security and a very small pension. There have been no COLA increases for two years and there is not likely to be one this year, since the cost of living is based on increases EXCLUDING food, gas and medical, which accounts for the majority of seniors' expenses.

I rarely eat beef now - I used to be able to get clearance cuts at 50% off, but the original prices have almost tripled, and the discounts reduced to 30%, which puts it way out of my budget. I rarely buy clothes, never go to the movies, the theatre or dinner. I drive a thirteen-year-old car, have dial-up internet, broadcast TV, and the library for books. My cell-phone is a Trac-Phone - no frills - just a phone, at \$99 a year, which includes 450 minutes, all I need, since I carry it mostly for emergencies. (To date, I have accumulated 1300 unused minutes.)

During each of the past two years my medicare premium has increased, as well as the premium for my supplemental health plan (which I cannot afford to lose due to multiple health problems, including impending surgeries, and fourteen ongoing prescriptions). I live alone with my sixteen and 1/2-year old dachshund, who also requires four prescriptions to live.

BUT I am so lucky as to own my home, and that is the only way I can make it. So far, I have not needed assistance with utility bills - please help to keep it that way, for me and for others in similar circumstances, or worse.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Lynn Russ [lruss@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates. My income is below poverty level. In the winter, I always keep my furnace down to 67 degrees to avoid bills I can't pay. If you allow this increase with the "decoupling" pricing, I won't be able to afford to eat.

You simply can't side in with the big corporation on this issue. It is time to take the human interest into account.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lynn Russ

Phoenix, AZ 85017-2655

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Ken Van Houten [barbieken@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Ken Van Houten

Phoenix, AZ 85020-4016

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Mark SCHULER [ecodaz@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 7:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mark SCHULER

Phoenix, AZ 85020-3736

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Irene Steffen [countessavonsteffen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As a retired State Employee myself after working hard for 33 years I am barely making it, this would make it so hard for me I would have to look for a job and that is really not easy in this economic times.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Irene Steffen
Phoenix, AZ 85021-6942

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Theresa Hale [trrhale1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up. Many homes are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates. There is no reason to raise the rates. More people are paying their bills on line and that minimizes human costs. Quite frankly, it is sad that utility companies raise their prices because they can - because we are in need of the utilities to run our households. It is sad that such greed exists. With this 'decoupling' rule, it again proves that there is nothing but greed

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Theresa Hale
Phoenix, AZ 85041-6114

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Marcy Kostewa [marcy@swabs-az.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marcy Kostewa
Scottsdale, AZ 85257-1928

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Angela Deaner [angeladeaner@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 6:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 11, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Sincerely,

Ms. Angela Deaner
Phoenix, AZ 85042-5518

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Laurel Coughlin [lmnodak@aol.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:29 PM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Laurel Coughlin
[REDACTED]
Gilbert, AZ 85233-2046
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Sherry Dickinson [sadiact1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:29 PM
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sherry Dickinson
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85028-4599
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Maureen Webster [maureenpw@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Maureen Webster
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85014-1925
[REDACTED]

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Oscar Quadros [osquadros463@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,
Oscar Quadros
[REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Oscar Quadros

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Don Ferguson [dferguson@pwcconstruction.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 5:28 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Ferguson

Scottsdale, AZ 85268-3324

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Kathy Weitzel [kweitzel1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 11, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathy Weitzel

Phoenix, AZ 85014-3029

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Paul Watkins [pwwat@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Watkins

Phoenix, AZ 85021-8638

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Denise Gougler [ddweezdo@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years; nor have there been any Arizona State Retirement increases for the last 5+ years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up.

My Health Ins through the ASRS is going up \$80.00 a month - a single retired person will be paying over \$500.00 per month and still will have to pay 30% of hospital and outpatient procedures.

Many homes are in foreclosure; others are upside down on mortgages and cannot get the assistance they need from the now profitable banks; others are considering just walking away from their homes.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Denise Gougler

Phoenix, AZ 85020

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Laurie Handlers [laurie@butterflyworkshops.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Dear Commissioners,

I want to state clearly that I am opposed to the raising of gas prices in Phoenix. There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years.

The cost of food and gasoline are way up to an all time high. A record number of homes in the valley are in foreclosure.

Now is not the time to raise our gas rates.

Please consider postponing this action.

Sincerely,
Laurie Handlers
2702 E. Ironwood Drive
Phoenix, AZ 85028

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laurie Handlers
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85028-4328

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Thelma Bywalec [thel42@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Thelma Bywalec
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85028-4322

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Daniel Ray [dannyray@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Daniel Ray
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85029-4134

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Marilyn Pomerantz [pomerantzcentral@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Marilyn Pomerantz
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85012-1108

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Stephen Maine [smaine2@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Stephen Maine
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253-4341

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Brian Wharton [brianwharton@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:58 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Wharton
Phoenix, AZ 85029-1629

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Carl Wright [carlwright2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:59 PM
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Sincerely,

Mr. Carl Wright
Phoenix, AZ 85007-1412

Antonio Gill

From: Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Barbara Cain [birdcain@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency. #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 11, 2011

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The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Miss Barbara Cain
Tucson, AZ 85712-6042

Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Kirby Bonds [kbonds@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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Please add my voice to those opposing a rate increase for Southwest Gas. just as all of us have had to tighten our belts during this economic downturn, so should they. they have monopoly status and so should be able to manage their costs without this rate increase. Inflation has been non-existent recently and so this effort flies in the face reality. Just tell them

" NO!"

Please

Kirby Bonds
749 E Tuckey Lane
Phoenix, AZ 85014

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kirby Bonds
Phoenix, AZ 85014-1229

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of martha bern [two.puppies@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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There have been no Social Security COLA increases for two years, nor my State Retirement pension for seven years. Even though property taxes are supposed to be going down, my house went up \$600 this year while the property value lost 25%.

I was in Belgium in 1993 watching a little old lady make lace with her gnarly wrinkled hands. She was like an artist! I was talking to the owner of the shop and learned that she had to give up the home she had lived in for 85 years in the center of town because taxes had gotten to the point that she could no longer afford them. Here she was, nearly 90 years old, still working to afford her keep and living with the owner of the shop. I don't want to see that happen to me or many other seniors who have lived in Phoenix their whole lives.

Something has got to give, as the middle class just can't keep giving. A little bit here, a little bit there, adds up.

PLEASE - do not approve any rate hikes for the utilities in general this year.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. martha bern
Phoenix, AZ 85067-6501

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Paul Arter [arter@juno.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 4:29 PM
To: Pierce-Web
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NOT ONLY THAT. GIVEN THE PRESENT ECONOMY, THIS IS THE WORST TIME POSSIBLE FOR AN INCREASE IN GAS RATES. PEOPLE ARE OUT OF WORK, THE REPUBLICAN STATE LEGISLATURE REFUSES TO HELP THE UNEMPLOYED, AND SOMEHOW IN EVERY CASE (ESPECIALLY HERE IN ARIZONA) THE POLITICIANS ARE LETTING WEALTHY CORPORATIONS SCREW THE HARD-WORKING EVERY DAY CITIZENRY.

THERE COULD NOT BE A WORSE TIME TO FOR SOUTHWEST GAS TO TRY TO PAD ITS OWN POCKETS.

PLEASE DO NOT PERMIT IT.

As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase and decoupling request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs Paul Arter
Phoenix, AZ 85006-3499

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Antonio Gill

From: Sierra Club [information@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jan Anderson [janderson@tucson@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2011 11:01 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency. #G-01551A-10-0458

Oct 11, 2011

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The Commission and the utilities should be helping Arizonans lower energy bills. We can do this through increased energy efficiency and through decoupling, which removes the utility incentive to waste.

I believe becoming more energy efficient is in everyone's best interests!

As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jan Anderson
Tucson, AZ 85752-0256

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Antonio Gill

From: Sierra Club [information@sierracub.org] on behalf of Peter Curia [pcuria@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 6:43 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

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As a ratepayer, I want you to support both decoupling and energy conservation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Curia

Scottsdale, AZ 85257-2637

Antonio Gill

From: Sierra Club [information@sierracub.org] on behalf of Jenny Roberts [ajzen@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 8:13 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Re: Consumer comments in favor of decoupling and energy efficiency, #G-01551A-10-0458

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jenny Roberts

Carefree, AZ 85377-1087

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Antonio Gill

From: AARP [aarp@aarp.org] on behalf of Evelyn St. Amant [amsaint@cableone.net]
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2011 4:27 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Oct 10, 2011

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As an elected Commissioner please vote NO on the Southwest Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Evelyn St. Amant

Prescott, AZ 86303-5835

Antonio Gill

From: Linda Lindquist [linda.lindquist@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, October 08, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Sun City Public Comment

Commissioner Pierce:

I just wanted to take a moment and thank you and the other Commissioners for coming to Sun City for the public comment session yesterday. It always means a lot to the citizens of Sun City to have you here to listen to our story. I do apologize for the few that seemed to have left their manners at home; but I am sure that probably happens every time you hold a public comment session.

In these difficult economic times (not just for Sun City) I do hope our statements will have some impact on the decision that your group makes.

Linda Lindquist
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