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October 13, 2011

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

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Dear Commissioner Pierce:

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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. 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,

Warren M. and Susan K. Gordon

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Anthem, AZ 85086

Arizona Corporation Commission

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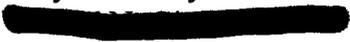
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**From:** Bryan McIntyre [bfmcintyre@att.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 15, 2011 11:47 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

The ACC approved the current makeup of the Anthem / Aqua Fria Wastewater District nearly ten (10) years ago. Yet, at the request of the Anthem residents, the ACC is now considering a proposal to deconsolidate the District. Deconsolidation will result in a 139.7% increase in wastewater rates for the new Agua Fria Wastewater District and a mere 15.5% increase in wastewater rates for the new Anthem Wastewater District. The ACC should not approved deconsolidation under these circumstances.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this very important matter.

Bryan McIntyre

  
Sun City West

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**From:** John Wasserman [john@johnwasserman.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 2:11 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** I support the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District

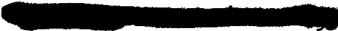
SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioner Burns:

I support the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District operated by Arizona American Water Company (AAWC). Anthem's system is not connected to the Agua Fria system, and Anthem residents should not pay for something we don't use.

I support a phase-in as a means of mitigating the effect of the rate increase through a 3-year phase-in of the rates. I believe that the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district is the right thing to do. I urge you and your fellow Commissioners to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

Respectfully,  
John Wasserman

  
Anthem, AZ

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Jeff Ward [jeffaward@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 14, 2011 8:58 AM  
**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** APS Proposed Rate Increase SW-01303A-09-0343

Dear Commissioners:

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!”

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Respectfully,

Jeff Ward  


Anthem, AZ 85086

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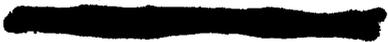
**From:** Marilyn Witt [marrich1w@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 7:08 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** Fw: Deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District  
**Attachments:** wastewater letter.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Attached please find my letter in support of the deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District. It is my hope that you and your fellow commissioners will take the appropriate action and vote for the deconsolidation of this wastewater district.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Witt

  
Anthem, AZ

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Tom Burns [tom@everythingburns.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 6:02 PM  
**To:** Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Cc:** Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Plea for Deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District

10/13/2011

**TO:**  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Commissioners:  
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!”

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

Respectfully,

Tom & Angie Burns  
Anthem Residents

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**From:** Ray [rzorz@qwest.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 5:36 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Anthem Wastewater District

As an Anthem homeowner I encourage the Arizona Corporation Commission to deconsolidate the Anthem wastewater district from the Aqua Fria wastewater district. Our water bills are ridiculously high compared to our neighbors in Phoenix through no fault of our own.

Thank you.

Ray Zorz

**Antonio Gill**

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**From:** Charles & Joan Anson [anson2011@q.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web; burns-web@azzcc.gov; Pierce-Web; stump-web@azzcc.gov; Kennedy-Web  
**Cc:** Jenna Kollings; Neal Shearer  
**Subject:** Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343

Charles and Joan Anson [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] 5086-3635

October 13, 2011

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

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners:

We have followed with interest Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 in reference to the Aqua Fria Wastewater District Deconsolidation.

As retirees living on fixed incomes in the Community of Anthem, we ask you to approve deconsolidating the Anthem wastewater district from the Aqua Fria wastewater district.

As Anthem residents are not physically connected to or have the use of this infrastructure, it is unfair for residents of Anthem to pay for the Aqua Fria wastewater infrastructure and processing. We have our own wastewater infrastructure and processing and we pay for this on a monthly basis.

Although we understand the concerns of the residents who are connected to the Aqua Fria District, we must let Fairness and Common Sense prevail.

Please approve deconsolidation these two wastewater districts.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charles M*

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Bob Wallace [bwallace@wihresourcegroup.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 13, 2011 9:10 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web  
**Cc:** Utilities Div - Mailbox  
**Subject:** DECONSOLIDATION OF THE ANTHEM / AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
**Attachments:** Letter to Commissioners to Deconsolidate Anthem Agua Fria Wastewater District.pdf

**Importance:** High

Dear Commissioners,

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 an Anthem resident and local small business owner, 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!

Please find attached a more detailed letter requesting your assistance and urging you to help us as fellow Arizonans. Thanks for your help!

Best Regards,

**Bob**

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**From:** Rich Dieball [richied@q.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 12, 2011 5:48 PM  
**To:** Pierce-Web  
**Subject:** anthem/agua fria wastewater district ----deconsolidation

Sandra Dieball  
3839 W. Ranier Court  
Anthem, AZ 85086

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

I am an Anthem resident and I would like to ask you to please consider the deconsolidation case before you. We need some relief in the charges we are being charged by Arizona American Water. Since we lost the other rate case, I am hoping that the homeowners and businesses of Anthem could finally see some relief, by having our wastewater portion of the bill reduced, by having the approval of the deconsolidation case go through.

I had been able to make the other meetings and I was proud to help represent the folks of Anthem. This time however, I am unable to attend. I am requiired to be at work that day and there is no way I could possibly attend without some consequences. So I wanted to let you know that both my husband and I support the Anthem/Aqua Fria wasterwater deconsolidation.

It is too bad that the meeting is being held once again during work hours. I am sure that hampers many people from attending.

Thank-you,

Sandra Dieball

10/13/2011

Commissioner,

Arizona Corporation Commission

Commissioners Wing

1200 West Washington

Phoenix, Az. 85007-2996

Dear Commissioner,

SW-01303A-09-0343

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Please accept this letter regarding our views on the subject of deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District which is operated by the Arizona American Water Company.

We support the deconsolidation and my husband and I strongly believe that we should not be paying for the costs of the facilities that we do not use or will not use in the future.

Our system that we are already paying for in Anthem has no physical connection to the Agua Fria system.

**Please**, no unfair treatment for Anthem ratepayers.

Please consider our urgent and fair request to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria wastewater district.

Sincerely,

Gayle and Ray Kelly

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Anthem Az. 85086

## Antonio Gill

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**From:** Daniel Drogowski [ravn.beauty@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 18, 2011 10:23 AM  
**To:** Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Kennedy-Web  
**Subject:** Anthem/Agua Fria Waste Water Deconsolidation Docket # W-01303A-09-0343 ET AL.

October 18, 2011

To: Arizona Corporation Commissioners

From: Daniel R. Drogowski

  
Sun City West, AZ 85375-2393

Subject: Anthem – Agua Fria Waste Water Deconsolidation Docket # W-01303A-09-0343  
ET AL.

My name is Daniel Drogowski and I am a resident of the Corte Bella community. My wife, Carol, and I have lived in Arizona for almost four (4) years. We moved to Arizona from southeast Michigan (Detroit/Ann Arbor area) where I worked in the automobile industry for Ford Motor Co. while my wife worked for the University of Michigan. We have a married son who lives in Arizona and our move to Arizona was prompted by the desire to be close to our grandchildren. The main criteria for purchasing in Corte Bella was closeness to our grandkids, who live nearby in Vistancia (Peoria), and we wanted an age restricted, gated community. Never did it occur to us to research water costs and which communities were being treated "fairer" in the rates they were being charged. As it turns out, we're told that we are in Arizona American Water's Agua Fria Water District. Well actually WE ARE NOT in the Agua Fria District but rather we are in the North East Agua Fria Water District which is a small geographic area located northeast of Sun City West. Even though my home has a Sun City West address and we have to drive through Sun City West to get to the Agua Fria Water District, we were plopped into the Agua Fria district instead of Sun City West. That would not be of any concern if there was not a big disparity in water and sewer rates between Sun City West and Agua Fria. We usually use 5,000 gallons per month. Our water bills in late 2007, for that amount of water, was a little under \$50. Recently that amount of water has been costing us a little over \$90. It should be noted that 5,000 gallons of water plus sewage would cost a Sun City West resident \$58.35 per month and a Sun City resident \$29.74 per month. I think the Arizona Corporation Commission should be

ashamed that such a disparity in water rates has been approved and perpetuated. It lends itself to pitting communities against one another. This is not a good situation.

I can certainly empathize with Anthem residents on their argument that they should not be required to pay for waste water facilities in the Agua Fria districts in that there is no physical interconnection of the Anthem and Agua Fria treatment systems and, as such, they cannot and do not use them. Following this same logic, then why should residents of North East Agua Fria have to pay for operating costs of waste water systems (for example, Verrado) which is 20-plus miles away in the Agua Fria District when North East Agua Fria is not connected to Agua Fria and, as such, we cannot and do not use these other systems? It would appear to me that the Arizona Corporation Commission needs to make a choice aimed at fairness in that the current rate structures are terribly inequitable and lacking in fairness. The obvious choice to me is to embark on a process to consolidate the rates on all AAW's water districts into a regional system otherwise the second alternative would result in hundreds of small water and waste systems each having their own operating costs and rate structures. This being said, my wife and I oppose the subject deconsolidation, considering that the consolidation of all districts is seemingly the fairest method that should be attained in the future.