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Commissioner Sandra D. Kennedy
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Dear Commissioner Kennedy:

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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,


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