

OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Antonio Gill

Arizona American Water
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From: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 11:51 AM
Sent: Utilities Div - Mailbox
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Jenna Kollings; roger@willis-home.com
Subject: Additional Petitions in Support of Deconsolidation of The Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District
Attachments: PetitioninSupportDeconsolidationApril2012.pdf

ORIGINAL

Attached are additional petitions signed by Anthem residents in support of deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District. These petitions are in addition to the previous files sent on November 4, 2011, November 11, 2011, November 18, 2011, December 1, 2011, December 9, 2011, December 16, 2011, January 6, 2012, and February 10, 2012. As of today, more than 800 residents have taken the time to sign the petition and share their comments on why they support deconsolidation. On behalf of Anthem residents, the Anthem Community Council would like the attached information from the petitions docketed with the Arizona Corporation Commission as well as sent to the Commissioners deciding this case so they're aware of where Anthem stands on this important issue.

As additional petitions are collected, they will be docketed with the Arizona Corporation Commission and sent to the Commissioners to continue to inform them on why Anthem residents support deconsolidation.

Case Number W-01303A-09-0343
Decision 72047

Thank you.

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PETITION IN SUPPORT OF DECONSOLIDATION OF
THE ANHEM/AGUA FRIA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

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MAR 26 2012

BY:

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Thank you.

Name Richard Covey

Address 41902 N GOLF CRES R1 City, State, ZIP ANHEM AZ 85086

Signature 

Comments:

**Please drop-off the completed petition at the Council/HOA office at 3701 W. Anthem Way, Suite 102 or the Anthem Community Center at 41130 N. Freedom Way.*

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Thank you.

Name Stacie Guidie

Address 1211 W Sousa Ct City, State, ZIP Anthem AZ 85086

Signature Stacie Guidie

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Thank you.

Name ROBERT R. NORTON

Address 42543 N. Beck Way City, State, ZIP ANTHEM, AZ

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

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Name Ernest J. Curtis

Address 41902 N. Crooked Stick Rd City, State, ZIP Anthem, AZ 85086

Signature Ernest J. Curtis

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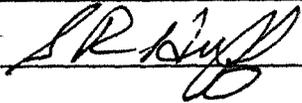
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Name STAN HUFF

Address 2664 W PATAGONIA WAY City, State, ZIP ANTHEM AZ 85086

Signature 

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Name Heather Brumwell
Address 41020 N Club Pointe Dr City, State, ZIP Anthem AZ
Signature Heather Brumwell 85086

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Name MICHAEL BARBERA
Address 2443 W. LEWIS + CLARK TRAIL City, State, ZIP Anthem 85086
Signature [Signature]
Comments:

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From: George (Hank) & Sandy Grammerstorf [gramm99@comcast.net]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2011 3:08 PM
To: Stump-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: DOCKET # W-0130A-10-0448

We have been informed by our Marley Park HOA, and the City of Surprise that Arizona American Water is requesting a rate increase of approximately 83%. In our opinion, this request is unbelievably ridiculous.

We own a second home in Surprise. This increase would affect us directly and indirectly as home owners. If this increase is allowed, it will play a role in our decision as to whether we can continue to afford our home in Surprise.

As a manager in the business / finance division of three corporations while I was working, we would never have requested a price increase of this size as it would have been corporate suicide to do so. At a recent City of Surprise meeting on this subject, it was mentioned that the reason for the increase was to pay for a treatment plant that was started prior to the current U. S. wide financial crises. Just for starting the project, those individuals behind this project should immediately be told to seek employment elsewhere (or seek mental help). This project should not have been started, and at least discontinued when it was evident that the economy was headed for a downturn.

We ask you to do the reasonable thing and not allow this unfathomable rate increase. A reasonable increase is acceptable.

Sincerely,

George & Sandy Grammerstorf
15110 W Aster Dr
Surprise, AZ 85379

Antonio Gill

From: Ric & Lee Holland [ricandleeholland1980@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 4:50 PM
To: FILINGS Corp; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web; Newman-Web
Subject: Re: DOCKET: SW-01303A-09-0343

From: Ric & Lee Holland <ricandleeholland1980@yahoo.com>
To: "filings.corp@azcc.gov" <filings.corp@azcc.gov>; "Pierce-web@azcc.gov" <Pierce-web@azcc.gov>; "Kennedy-web@azcc.gov" <Kennedy-web@azcc.gov>; "Stump-web@azcc.gov" <Stump-web@azcc.gov>; "newman-web@acc.gov" <newman-web@acc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 4:36 PM
Subject: DOCKET: SW-01303A-09-0343

April 18, 2012

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: DOC NUMBER SW-01303A-09-0343

ATTN: Gary Pierce, Chairman, Bob Stump, Commissioner, Sandra Kennedy, Commissioner, Paul Newman, Commissioner, Brenda Burns, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident of Russell Ranch Community, my wife and I object to EPCOR's request to extend the time to implement a winter average waste water design. We believe that EPCOR should implement the winter average rate design by June 1, 2012, as ordered by the Commission in decision number 72047.

Russell Ranch residents received ample notice of the change and fully understood how the waste water rates will be calculated going forward. As a homeowner, we have made considerable efforts and sacrifices to conserve water usage in an attempt to avoid excessive and highly inflated waste water bills. The amount of total water my wife and I used during the months of December, 2011 through March, 2012 (3,000 gallons per month average) reflects an 'excessive' amount of waste water actually generated at our home every single month of the year. Fee's for water used to water our plants, fill our swimming pool and evaporation are reflected in the total amount. Yet, we have been paying for 233.3333% of that amount every month since purchasing our home. We feel like we're being fleeced by greedy utilities with permission from you! Please put a stop to it!

Based on the foregoing, we request that the Commission deny EPCOR's request for an extension to the winter water average rate design. As a resident of Russell Ranch, we have prepared for the water rate change and believe it should go into effect June 1, 2012 as initially ordered.

Regards,

Richard W. & Leslie F. Holland, Residents and Trustee's for Lee Holland Living Trust
18014 W. Georgia Court
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Regards,

Terry and Barb Partyka
5403 N. 179th Drive
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340

Antonio Gill

From: hstump44@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 2:42 PM
To: FILINGS Corp
Subject: DOCKET NO. SW-O1303A-09-0343

April 6, 2012

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343

Commissioner Gary Pierce, Chairman
Commissioner Sandra Kennedy
Commissioner Bob Stump
Commissioner Paul Newman
Commissioner Brenda Burns

Dear Chairman Pierce and Commissioners,

On March 5, 2012 EPCPR Water filed a motion to delay implementing the winter averaging wastewater program (that is to begin June 1, 2012 by the Commission in Decision No. 72047). As a resident of the Russell Ranch Community I believe that EPCOR should begin the winter average rate design by June 1, 2012 - as ordered by the Commission in Decision No. 72047, for the following reasons:

- 1. All bill payers were notified by a mailing from American Water last fall as to the winter rate averaging plan. If they cared or had questions, they could call American Water for more information, of which many of us did.*
- 2. A Russell Ranch neighborhood meeting was held in December to explain what was happening. We gave everyone the direct number at American Water to get more info if they so wished. We sent out a newsletter informing residents of the winter rate averaging program and how to get more information.*
- 3. Many of us have modified our landscaping, let some plants die, did not use our pool and have really gone into a conservation mode for this period as we know most of our water is used for pools and irrigation. As the summer heat comes, our water uses will greatly increase and we should not be paying wastewater charges on the water used in pools and irrigation.*
- 4. I don't see how the Commission can approve delaying this plan as was ordered. We were informed of this plan well before the starting date and still haven't been informed of any change by Epcor. It was also well into the last month of the third (and last) billing period that Epcor filed with the Commission to delay implementing this plan.*

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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From: Lmartinmaas [Lmartinmaas@aol.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2012 12:01 PM
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: Surprise water rate increase

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you, the commissioners to seriously take into consideration the hardship a 39% increase along with another 18% the next two years will affect the residents of Surprise. I don't know how you think people can afford that high of an increase. It is seriously going to hurt people on fixed incomes, people on unemployment, and families with children. It is another cost that will affect their ability to decide what they spend their money on first; groceries, gas, electricity, etc. A small increase I think anyone can handle but a total 57% in 3 years is highway robbery.

I hope people take it all into consideration on election day.

Thank you,

Kevin & Lisa Martinmaas
Greer Ranch South
11058 N 162nd Ln
Surprise, Az 85379

Antonio Gill

From: DAMT58@aol.com
Sent: Friday, April 20, 2012 7:05 AM
To: FILINGS Corp
Cc: Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web
Subject: DOCKET: SW-01303A-09-0343

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Regards,

David and Sandra Ament
5516 N. 180th Ln.
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340
