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From: Susan Biggs [biggsuz@azcc.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 5:52 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; mallmaster@azcc.gov
Subject: Fwd: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

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Attention: Commissioners (Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns)

Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

From: Susan and Michael Biggs

23119 N. Sol Mar Ct.

Corte Bella
Sun City West

623-444-4563

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We are retired residents living in the Adult Community of Corte Bella. We are on a fixed income. We need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes. We also need your full support to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE district. To do otherwise, is completely unacceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without, your support of the ROO, our water rates would increase about \$67.97 per month for an average water user or a proposed average annual increase of \$815.64. This simply is not affordable, logical or fair for anyone ----- especially retired older adults.

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Thank you for your support and assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Susie and Mike Biggs

Antonio Gill

From: Michael Biggs [biggmikeb@me.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 5:54 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; mallmaster@azcc.gov
Subject: Fwd: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

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Antonio Gill

From: tiro1946@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 6:45 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Hello,

I support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and strongly request the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Thank You!

Mary Kathryn Straub

13443 W. San Pablo Dr, Sun City West, AZ 85375

623-322-7724

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From: faydra straub [faydrastraub@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 7:08 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Hello,

This email is to inform you I **strongly** support the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting.

Deborah Straub and Faydra Romero

Corte Bella

13818 W. Sola Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

623-322-8212

Antonio Gill

From: lgj@shaw.ca
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 9:00 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Attention: Commissioners (Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns)

Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

From: Lloyd and Susan Jenkins - Corte Bella Residents

23135 N Via Vistosa Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

623.584.0654

We are retired residents living in the Adult Community of Corte Bella. We are on a fixed income. We need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes. We also need your full support to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE district. To do otherwise, is completely unacceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without, your support of the ROO, our water rates would increase about \$67.97 per month for an average water user or a proposed average annual increase of \$815.64. This simply is not affordable, logical or fair for anyone ----- especially retired older adults.

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Thank you for your support and assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Susan and Lloyd Jenkins

Antonio Gill

From: candry1961@cox.net
Sent: Friday, May 11, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

We support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the open meeting.

Carol and Joe Andryshak
12934 West Rincon Drive
Sun City West, AZ 95375-1515

Antonio Gill

From: Ray LaRue [eraylarue@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 3:02 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Cc: communication@cortebellacca.com
Subject: DOCKET NOS. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Date: May 10, 2012

Attention: Commissioners (Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and brenda Burns)

Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

From: Edwin R. and Elizabeth LaRue (Corte Bella Residents)
22803 La medida Ln
Sun City West, AZ 85375

623-476-2893

We are both retired residents living full time in the Adult Community of Corte Bella. We are on a fixed income. We need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our sewage and water bills aimed at our small community of 1650 homes. We also need your help to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Water District which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE District. To do otherwise is not acceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without your support of the ROO, our water rates will increase about \$70 per month for the average user. That's over \$800 a year. This is simply not affordable or acceptable, not to mention fair for any of the captive residents of Corte Bella.

We are sending this e-mail to respectfully request your full support of the ROO. We support the Administrative Law Judge's recommended opinion and Order which states: "....deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District is NOT in the best interest at this time."

All Corte Bella residents respectfully request your complete support of the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the commission adopt the Order at the open meeting. Please accept their recommendation NOT to deconsolidate the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District.

Thank you for your support and assistance on this matter

Sincerely,

Edwin R. LaRue and Elizabeth LaRue

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Antonio Gill

From: Roger Willis [roger@willis-home.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 2:38 PM
To: Stump-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Newman-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: FW: Deconsolidation of Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater Districts - W-01303A-09-0343

Commissioners:

Apparently you did not receive the attached email that I sent on April 19, as it has not been posted on eDocket as of May 10. Hopefully you will receive this and have it posted on eDocket. Thank you.



Roger Willis

From: Roger Willis [<mailto:roger@willis-home.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2012 1:55 PM
To: Bob Stump (Stump-Web@azcc.gov); Brenda Burns (Burns-Web@azcc.gov); Gary Pierce (Pierce-Web@azcc.gov); Paul Newman (Newman-Web@azcc.gov); Sandra Kennedy (Kennedy-Web@azcc.gov)
Subject: Deconsolidation of Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater Districts – W-01303A-09-0343

Commissioners:

This email is in support of the immediate deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater district.

The recently issued Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO) represents a significant departure from the directive in Decision 72047 to keep case W01303A-09-0343 open for the “sole purpose of considering the design and implementation of stand-alone revenue requirement and rate designs...for the Anthem Wastewater district and the Agua Fria Wastewater district.” Nowhere in the Decision does it state that the Commission should consider deconsolidating the separate systems that would remain in the Agua Fria district. Nor does the Decision state that consolidation of the EPCOR Water USA systems should also be considered – and as you know, the issue of consolidation was already unanimously rejected by the Commission in this very case.

The ROO completely ignores the FACT that Anthem ratepayers have already subsidized the Agua Fria system with an estimated \$2.4M in 2011 (based on approved rates developed using the 2008 test year), and will continue to do so every year until the current wastewater billing arrangement is changed. Even if EPCOR is ordered to submit a new application to consolidate all or most of their water and/or wastewater systems, it will likely be January 2014 (or later) before any new wastewater billing arrangement could be implemented. The result of the ROO “kicking the can down the road” is that Anthem ratepayers will pay a total estimated subsidy of at least \$7.2M over three years (2011 through 2013) that provides NO benefit to them and will NEVER be recovered. That is \$7.2M that could be put to much better use by our residents and businesses to offset myriad other expenses that are causing financial hardship in our community.

In summary, the ROO and Decision 72047 do not seem to relate to one and other. The evidence in the case clearly demonstrates that Anthem customers are paying WAY more than their cost of service. To penalize Anthem customers in this manner is totally unfair and completely unreasonable.

Respectfully,



Roger Willis

Antonio Gill

From: Ken Zeroll [k.zeroll@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 5:02 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-web@azzcc.gov; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Fw: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

To: Arizona Corporation Commission

Reference: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

As I understand, on April 10, 2012, the Administrative Law Judge issued a Recommended Opinion and Order (the "ROO") stating that "deconsolidation of the Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater district is not in the best interest at this time. Unfortunately, for Corte Bella residents the case is not over yet because the Arizona Corporation Commission (the "ACC") must still approve the ROO. Consideration of this matter has tentatively been scheduled for the Open Meeting to be held on May 22nd and/or May 23rd. At this meeting, the ACC will decide whether to accept, modify or reject the ROO.

I strongly agree with the ROO. The Anthem / Agua Fria Wastewater District must be retained as one district.

If deconsolidation is approved, the average wastewater bill for Corte Bella residents will increase by \$40.37 a month - an annual increase of \$484.44 per household. The ACC needs to understand that Corte Bella residents cannot handle such a drastic increase in their monthly utility bills.

In addition to this case, Corte Bella residents are also facing a proposed 82.9% increase in water rates as part of Docket No. W-01303A-10-0448. This will increase the average water bill by \$25.13 a month.

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 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. The proposed increases in our water and wastewater rates are not the fault of either Corte Bella or Anthem, but the result of poor planning by the water company. Consequently, slamming Corte Bella for the water company's costly mistake is unjust to anyone with a conscience. If the water company is given a pass, forcing the water users to pay all costs for this outrageous screw-up, the only fair decision is to spread these costs over the entire existing district at the time of the screw-up, as the ALJ so recommended.

The ACC must do the right thing -- accept the ROO issued by the ALJ. Do you remember your lofty campaign promises? We do.

[signed] Kenneth A. Zeroll

Antonio Gill

From: Dee Perry [rdtperry@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 12:30 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Cc: communication@cortebellacca.com
Subject: Corte Bella Community- Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Attention: Commissioners (Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns)
Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

From: Ron and Dee Perry - Corte Bella Residents
22707 N Galicia Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Commissioners:

We join our friends and neighbors living in the Adult Community of Corte Bella, requesting your attention and support to this major problem that is facing this community.

We live in this community and are on a fixed income. We need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes. We also need *your full support* to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE district. To do otherwise, is completely unacceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without, your support of the ROO, our water rates would increase about \$67.97 per month for an average water user or a proposed average annual increase of \$815.64. This simply is not affordable, logical or fair for anyone ----- especially retired older adults.

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All Corte Bella residents respectfully request your complete support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting. Please accept their recommendation NOT to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District.

Thank you for your support and assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ron & Dee Perry

Antonio Gill

From: JLask01@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 6:24 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Cc: communication@cortebellacca.com; JLask01@aol.com; jasm315@aol.com
Subject: Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

| Attention: Commissioners (Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns)
| Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343
| From: Janice and Jim Laskowicz - Corte Bella Residents

22911 N. Del Monte Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

| 847 630-2632

We are retired residents living in the Adult Community of Corte Bella. We are on a fixed income. We need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes. We also need your full support to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE district. To do otherwise, is completely unacceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without, your support of the ROO, our water rates would increase about \$67.97 per month for an average water user or a proposed average annual increase of \$815.64. This simply is not affordable, logical or fair for anyone ----- especially retired older adults.

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So, all Corte Bella residents respectfully request your full support of the ROO and to absolutely accept their recommendation NOT to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District.

Thank you for your support and assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Janice and Jim Laskowicz

Antonio Gill

From: Ruth Orem [ruthorem@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 8:06 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox; Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

I am a retired resident living in the adult community of Corte Bella and I'm on a fixed income. I need each of you, as the 5 commissioners, to support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order which states,

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I ask that you give your 100% dedicated assistance and support to fight the totally outrageous proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes. We need your full support to stop the proposed deconsolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater which would place a totally unfair and unrealistic burden and increase to our water bills. It must be retained as ONE district. To do otherwise is completely unacceptable and unaffordable to the residents of Corte Bella. Without your support of the ROO, our water rates would increase about \$68 per month for an average water user or a projected average annual increase of \$816. This simply is not affordable, logical or fair for anyone - especially retired older adults.

I am sending you this email, as a submission for Public Record, to respectfully request your full support of the ALJ's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting. Please accept the Administrative Law Judge's recommendation NOT to deconsolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District.

Thank you for your support and assistance in this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Ruth Orem
13246 W. Quinto Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Antonio Gill

From: MSelf41967@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 10:58 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web
Subject: Re: Corte Bella Water Rate Increase

Attention Commissioners:

Gary Pierce, Bob Stump, Sandra Kennedy, Paul Newman and Brenda Burns

Re: Docket Nos. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

We are sending you this email, as our submission for Public Record, to respectfully request your full support of the ROO. We completely support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO) which states, "... de-consolidation of the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater district is *not* in the best interest at this time."

All Corte Bella residents request your complete support the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Opinion and Order and request that the Commission adopt the Order at the Open Meeting. Please accept their recommendation NOT to de-consolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District.

We are residents of the community of Corte Bella in Sun City West. We are small business owners who have been coping with this economy and trying to forge a retirement fund for ourselves. A rate increase to our water bill would have an impact on our already tight budget.

Most of the Corte Bella residents are retired are living on a fixed income. We have all been doing what we can to conserve water and money (to include the expense of changing out our 1" water meters to 3/4" to reduce our water rate). And as you are well aware, the housing market has placed our home values "under water". This rate increase will also have a negative effect on those trying to sell their homes in this down market.

Therefore, we need the five of you commissioners, to do all that you can to assist us to see that the outrageously high proposed rate hikes of our water and sewage bills (aimed at our small community of 1,650 homes) will not happen.

We also need your full support to stop the proposed de-consolidation of the Anthem/Aqua Fria Wastewater District. It must be retained as ONE district. This would place an unacceptable and unaffordable burden on the residents of Corte Bella.

Without, your support of the ROO, our water rates will increase about \$67.97 per month for an average water user or a proposed average annual increase of \$815.64. This is not affordable.

We thank you for your efforts and support in helping the Corte Bella residents with this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael and Jennifer Self
12914 W. Panchita Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Antonio Gill

From: Dgloshen@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 11:02 AM
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web
Subject: SW-0130A-09-0343

Commissioner:

Re: SW-0130A-09-0343

I am writing to ask you to vote against continued consolidation of the Aqua Fria Wastewater District.

Not too long ago the Commission voted against consolidation of the water systems under control of Arizona American. It is my belief the Commission voted against consolidation for two main reasons. First, the systems were not contiguous, and second, while consolidation would equalize rates throughout the AZAmerican districts, it would pose an undue burden in the form of a rate increase on those parts of the system having low rates in order to cover the large costs of a few districts who were paying higher rates.

I don't believe the current case for the Aqua Fria Wastewater District is any different than the previous discussion. Anthem is in no way physically connected to any of the other systems, and with a high probability will never be connected in the future. Additionally, Anthem residents have paid an estimated \$2,400,000 in 2011 over and above the actual cost of their service because of the current consolidation. This cost will continue into the future if the consolidation of the Aqua Fria Wastewater District is continued. If it was unfair for costs to be parceled out in the previous portion of the AZAmerican case, why is it acceptable to allow it in this case?

Please vote to deconsolidate the Aqua Fria Wastewater District.

Respectfully,

James M. Gloshen
Anthem Resident

Antonio Gill

From: MSelf41967@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2012 11:05 AM
To: Pierce-Web; Stump-Web; Kennedy-Web; Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Utilities Div - Mailbox
Subject: Docket No. SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

Attention Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Michael and Jennifer Self
12914 W. Panchita Dr.