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From: Barbara Riley [bajm]
Sent: Sunday, June 24, 2012
To: Newman-Web; Burr
Subject: Pima Utility Rate Increase

Pima Utility Company
W-02199A-11-0329
SW-02199A-11-0330



Sirs:

My name is Barbara Riley, I am the owner and resident of 10430 E Regal Dr. in Sun Lakes, AZ and I am a customer of Pima Utility Company.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the amount of rate increases proposed by Pima. If granted, this increase will almost double our water bill and I find this totally unreasonable. What are they thinking? Perhaps they feel if they request this outlandish increase you will grant them a larger than normal amount. Wouldn't everyone like to almost double their income.

Keeping in mind that this affects mainly retirees on fixed incomes and could mean that some would have to give up their independant living, Please vote responsibly.

Thank you

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Antonio Gill

From: framin2u@q.com
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 3:50 PM
Subject: Pima Utility Co., Inc. filing a request at AZCC for rate increases on water/sewer in Sun Lakes

Dear Corporate Commissioners:

I went to the Sun Lakes Country Club to file my complaint this afternoon, and LO! you were not there. As I was told to come from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00, it seemed that 2:00 was appropriate. After talking to the office staff at Sun Lakes Country Club, I found out that you were to be there from 10:00 to 12:00, but left at 11:00. That you did not stay as long as you think you were supposed to, is the first thing that has me very angry, the second thing is that we were told that you would be there until 5:00 and that was wrong, but noone notified us that the time was wrong, and lastly about the proposed rate increase.....

I am a recent widow, and am almost at a poverty level. I have 4 jobs to pay my bills, as there is not other means of income except the meager social security payments that I've paid into for 60+ years, and if you allow any raise of rates in Sun Lakes, there will a lot of people in the same boat (or worse) than me that will be at poverty level and no place to turn to get our bills paid. It is sad that the Illegals get all kinds of things to keep them here, but us that have lived here all our lives and have paid our taxes and bills, are now second class citizens.

I guess you get the picture. I am adamantly opposed to any increase in the water/sewer rates because it will also raise our Association dues. and that will be the last straw that breaks the camels back. I plead, beg and pray that you will not allow any rate increase. My body and mind can't handle any more increases of any kind. I'm a tired old lady trying to do what is right, but am scared to death that we will be homeless shortly if the countries economy and increase in rates in everything that we have to pay for continues.

Concerned and angry natural born American citizen,

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From: Jan Ott [jan7238@wbhsi.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2012 4:04 PM
To: Newman-Web; Burns-Web; Pierce-Web; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Sun Lakes Public Meeting on 7/10/12, RE Proposed Rate Increases

Arizona Corporation Commission Members:

Having heard about today's informational meeting well in advance and from several sources, my husband and I went to Sun Lakes Country Club hoping to make our presence and opinions known. The information we had received indicated that you or your representatives would be available today from 10 AM until 5 PM. Obviously, this was not the case. When we arrived in the early afternoon, the only thing waiting for us was a duplicated handout (with none of the information on the reverse side to which the document alluded) and no official representative in sight. We were told that we had been misinformed; that the meeting was actually a brief one, held mid-morning.

Actually, I am almost surprised your phone and e-mail information was available. You see, many of us feel that our opinions were likely going to be without value...we are, after all, a relatively small group of what some may consider eccentric and miserly....it seems easy to sweep us under the proverbial rug. It also seems to us that the decision to proceed with the rate increases has already been made--and our opinions were never going to be a consideration; even the employees at the meeting site commented that those in charge appeared quite eager to gather up their materials and leave. Apparently, the early crowd had a thirst for blood.

We are embarrassed and ashamed for you. We may live in a democracy, but does feedback and personal input matter only on Facebook and Twitter??? Are actual community living standards low on the totem pole, with the upper rungs being stubbornly maintained by those for whom dollar signs create the rules--as well as the outcomes? It is true that we are the current generation's parents and grandparents, brought up in a time when courtesy and sincere concern for wellbeing was the rule rather than the exception--and these things no longer matter?

We feel that our wishes should be considered, and we DO NOT support the proposed rate increases. Please show us that you DO have concern for us--and DO care that your decisions will negatively impact the lives of many in this community.

A disappointed citizen,

Jan Ott

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July 5, 2012

Dear Chairman Pierce:

AARP submits these comments regarding a proposal under consideration in the Pima Utility rate case Docket No. W-02199A-11-0329, which would be both costly for Pima customers, and set a precedent that, if adopted in other rate cases, would significantly raise utility rates for consumers across the state.

It has come to our attention that the ACC is considering whether to allow the recovery in rates of personal income taxes of shareholders of utilities organized as S corporations and limited liability corporations (LLC) in the rate case for Pima Utility. Currently, utilities that are organized as S corporations or LLCs do not recover income taxes from their ratepayers in Arizona.

In ratemaking, the amount of income taxes included in rates should be adjusted to ensure that ratepayers do not pay the taxes of individuals who are structurally separate from the entity providing the regulated service. Because the sub-S owners' income and deductions from the utility operations would be combined with income and deductions from activities unrelated to the utility operations, the imputed income tax recovery the utility is attempting to build into utility rates may bear little if any relationship to actual tax liabilities incurred by the owners. That's why including such taxes in rates is sometimes referred to as "phantom taxes" because the rates include so-called "taxes" that at the end of the day never make their way to the Federal Government.

AARP believes that consumers should pay fair utility rates, and not one penny more. However, Pima's proposal would cause its customers to pay more than a fair amount for operation of the utility. Further, the imputed taxes represent a significant rate increase for Pima customers. According to the brief filed by the Residential Utility Consumer Office (RUCO), this tax issue accounts for over 50% of the requested wastewater rate hike and 30% of the proposed water rate increase.

The Pima utility serves Sun Lakes, which is an age restricted community. That means that retirees and other seniors will be asked to pay higher rates under this unfair policy. Nobody likes to pay more than their fair share of utility rates, or taxes. AARP urges the Commission to continue the current policy and reject Pima's tax proposal which is unfair to its customers.

Sincerely,

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From: Antonio Gill on behalf of Pierce-Web
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2012 2:08 PM
To: 'ddkreglo@juno.com'
Subject: RE: Pima Utility Rate increase
Attachments: 7-10-12sompc.pdf

Good Afternoon,

It would seem that whichever entity left you a message did not inform you correctly. The meeting began at 10:00 am and ended when all public commenters present had finished. The Commission does not leave telephone messages regarding open meeting notices. Commission open meetings always begin at a set time and finish when the business is concluded. The Commissioners were never scheduled to stay until 5:00 pm.

When the Commission takes this item up in a regular open meeting there will again be an opportunity for public comment.

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To: Pierce-Web
Subject: Fw: Pima Utility Rate increase

Commissioner Pierce:

My Phone message indicated you and other Commissioners would meet with Robson Community residents July 10th from 10 to 5 for discussion and input on this issue.

I am very disgusted that I took time out of a busy schedule, in this extreme heat, expecting members of the Arizona Corporation Commission to take input for the rate increase only to be advised that the meeting called for discussion (from 10 to 5) concluded at 1100. I and approximately 200 other irate residents of Robson Estates were unable to provide input as anticipated.

As I understand the total increase in this proposal, over 60% in fees, is unacceptable and should be denied. It is a crime to charge the fee for water and again a fee to get rid of the water (sewer fee) and then include costs to support investor returns is a typical Pipe Dream. Pima has a cash cow and they know it.

I am not willing to pay for the taxes and interests of the Pima Corporation investors. Let them finance the cost of operations completely instead of passing these burdens on to trusted customers for many years. Perhaps there is an alternative water source in this area.

I suggest the Commissioners become available with input and proposals regarding this important issue rather than the "TYPICAL POLITICAL FAUXPAU" this one was.

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