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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 8:50 AM
To: 'Bill MacKinnon'
Subject: RE: The TEP rate proposal and the hearing last night.....

Mr. MacKinnon , thank you for your note. You must not have heard the multiple explanations of how we are required to hold public comment sessions. Because the Commission acts in a judicial fashion we are not allowed to either question individuals who provide public comment or to provide comment. Chairman Stump mentioned that many times in the process. Your testimony is indeed part of the record and was recorded by the court reporter. You may remember she stopped you to slow down so she could get your name and all of your comments recorded correctly. So, rest assured that your thoughts will be communicated through this process to the Commission staff and will be a part of our consideration when we sit at an open meeting to discuss the case. Hope this helps. Susan

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From: Bill MacKinnon [mailto:wtrmgys1@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 7:52 AM
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Cc: Bill MacKinnon
Subject: FW: The TEP rate proposal and the hearing last night.....

Commissioner Bitter Smith,

In am forwarding this to you because I had typed in your email address incorrectly in the original email.

Best regards,

Bill MacKinnon

From: Bill MacKinnon [mailto:wtrmgys1@cox.net]
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Subject: The TEP rate proposal and the hearing last night.....

Dear Commissioners,

Upon watching, listening, participating in and reflecting on the so-called "public hearing" last night in Tucson, my bottom-line conclusion is that it does not appear to me that any of you are doing your job as provided by your being an elected official supposedly representing the public interest.

It was obvious to me and others during the "public hearing" that:

- 1) TEP had made arrangements with several speakers (United Way, ICS, Habitat for Humanity, the home builder, etc.) to attend the meeting to "lobby" for how much TEP gives back to the community. The purpose of a public utility is to provide utility service NOT MAKE charitable contributions.
- 2) Not one of you EVER ASKED a single question of any of the speakers and you, Mr. Stump, came across on more than one occasion as being abrupt and rude. On a side note Mr. Stump, you might want to lose the bow-tie.
- 3) Not one of you had a SINGLE word to say regarding the actual facts surrounding TEP's requested increase during the input from the public. Was that because you really don't know what the facts are and, therefore, weren't prepared to talk intelligently?
- 4) There were no ACC "accountants" or "engineers" present or available for questioning. These are the individuals that the public and you supposedly rely on for information yet they weren't there or even available for questioning.
- 5) And what is up with the 3-minute time limit. That is hardly enough time to get real input from any real speaker. It is noted that you Mr. Stump, had no problem taking 6-7 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to read prepared material. In my opinion, the ecologist deserved to be fully heard and it bothers me that any such individual who has made a person commitment in helping generate his own power is being penalized by seeing his TEP bill increase.
- 6) That this hearing was nothing more than a "sham" so the Commission could say they had held a "public hearing."

If TEP is hurting for money and actually needs a rate increase:

- 1) How could they have afforded the money to build a new multi-million dollar building on Broadway a few blocks east of where the meeting was being held last night?
- 2) And how could TEP afford to make donations to United Way, ICS, Habitat for Humanity and other such entities? That is not their purpose and IMHO it is only being done by TEP as a public relations maneuver to make them look good in the public eye. The public rate payers should not be funding TEP's charitable donations.

IMO none of you as Commissioners are truly doing your job as supposedly a "public" servant.

Best regards,

Bill MacKinnon