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To the members of the Arizona Corporation Commission:

I recently read an article in the Arizona Republic that you are considering ~~up rates so that~~ allowing Johnson Utilities and other water companies to hike up rates so that they can have their customers pay their income taxes.

At first I thought to myself, there is NO WAY that any commission would do something so ridiculous, so I checked the article again, and sure enough, apparently there are some on the commission that are willing to do something that ridiculous.

I have been in the San Tan Valley area for over 8 years now. In that time I have seen the following:

1. George Johnson shirk his personal responsibility to provide safe water to our area (wouldn't drink it if you paid me and I'm really tired of brushing my teeth in water that smells like crap....literally)
2. George Johnson shirk his personal responsibility to provide decent customer service (have you ever dealt with those people?)
3. George Johnson shirk his personal responsibility to keep the public informed of issues (HELLO!!!! Fined for his failure to inform)
4. George Johnson shirk his responsibility to provide said water at a decent rate....we pay some pretty steep fees...fees that YOU approved because you said he had to stay solvent (a properly managed company charging what they are charging would be solvent...obviously this company isn't properly managed)

While watching George Johnson and his water company get away with just about anything and everything, we've had to put up with his politics, his propaganda in our monthly bill, and fear of being sued if we dare voice our displeasure. If I could sell my house and move I would, but I can't, so I'm stuck here.

Now, I see that you want to help George Johnson further shirk his PERSONAL duty to pay taxes...you want us to do it for him. Don't you think that is more

than a little unfair? No one pays my taxes for me. No one pays my neighbor's taxes, or my friend's taxes or my family's taxes. In fact, just about everyone I know takes their responsibility seriously and pays their OWN taxes. Why is it that these company owners should be any different?

I appreciate that Ms. Burns has recognized this stupidity for what it is and voted against it. I appreciate her sentiments in the article as well. She is my hero today and I will be sure to remember her name when she is up for re-election.

The rest of you....well, lets just say that I have to wonder if you really care about the people you serve...the people that VOTED you into office and can just as easily kick you out. I've also wondered why you rush to do George Johnson's bidding time after time and the thought has crossed my mind that perhaps there has been some "gift" of goods...monetary or otherwise to help you in making your decisions. He has several politicians in our area in his back pocket...why not a few members of the Corporation Commission as well? I don't like thinking this way, but I am alarmed at the things you CONTINUALLY allow him to get away with and I'm sure that I'm not the only one wondering.

I would like to ask that, FOR ONCE, you do the right thing. Make old George pay his own damn taxes just like the rest of us. Quit allowing him to nickle and dime us to death. The other water companies trying the same thing...same for them. Their customers can't be any happier and it isn't fair to them, just as it isn't fair to us.

Thank you,

Kevin and Jolene Petersen
San Tan Valley