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From: Teresa Tenbrink on behalf of BitterSmith-Web
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 8:34 AM
To: 'Howard D. Baumgart'
Subject: RE: PIMA UTILITY REQUEST

ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Baumgart,

I am the executive assistant to Commissioner Susan Bitter Smith. I am responding to you at the direction of Commissioner Bitter Smith. We received the email you sent, and take your concerns very seriously. Your email regarding the Pima Utilities will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") to be made part of the record. The Commission will consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Pima Utilities application.

The concerns raised in letters received from customers will assist the Commission in the investigation and review of the application. The Commission's independent analysis of the utility and its application attempts to balance the interest of the utility and its customers.

Commission Staff are very sensitive to the burden that high utility rates can place on the consumer, and though constitutionally required to allow a fair return to the utility, does everything within its authority to protect the consumer.

You can track the case's activity and progress by visiting the Commissions' e-Docket website, <http://edocket.azcc.gov/edocket/>, and entering the docket numbers W-02199A-11-0329 and SW-02199A-11-0330. They are consolidated numbers. We appreciate your comments and the interest taken on the proposed application.

Sincerely,

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From: Howard D. Baumgart [<mailto:howdybaum@wbhsi.net>]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 6:06 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: PIMA UTILITY REQUEST

Please see the attached letter.

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DATE: April 19, 2013
TO: Bob Burns – AZCC
FROM: Howard & Loree Baumgart
Subject: Request for tax relief

Dear Commissioner:

We are elderly residents of Sun Lakes and customers of Pima Utility. Recently we experienced a significant increase in our water and sewer rates. In addition, we find we are paying monthly fees of 33¢ for water and another 33¢ for sewer to cover Pima's cost of filing for the water and sewer rate increases. Now we understand you expect us to pay the personal income taxes of the Pima Utility shareholder(s) investments! Legal or not, it is incredulous that we should be expected to bear this additional burden!

Personal income taxes should not be a utility expense, but the responsibility of the individual shareholders. Ed Robson and any other investors should be financially able to pay their own taxes. Nobody pays my taxes. Many Sun Lakes residents live on fixed incomes. In fact, politicians are exploring a cut in our Social Security income and a grand increase in Medicare costs to the consumer.

We applaud Commissioner Brenda Burns for her pragmatic view of this pass-through personal income tax and her dissenting voice in the AZCC body of commissioners. We strongly encourage you and the other three commissioners to rethink your stance on this matter and follow her lead! Vote against passing these personal taxes to we customers!

Cordially,

Howard and Loree Baumgart