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**From:** Steinbergerjd@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 25, 2014 3:48 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** fair tax

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Jean Steinberger

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**From:** BJSUNLAKES@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 26, 2014 6:26 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Pima

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Roger Jenssen  
26417 So Sherbrook Dr  
Sun Lakes, Az, 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** James Barton <jbarton421@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 5:19 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Tax obligation

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Dear Commissioner

I read that you were considering passing on tax obligation of investors to utility users.

I invest in several cooperations and consider it my obligation to pay taxes on my investments.

I am responsible for both sides of my investments, buying and selling, certainly my tax obligation.

Thank You

James Barton  
25549 S Pinewood Drive  
Chandler

Sent from my iPad barton

## Jessica D. Perry

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**From:** Huffman, Tony <tony.g.huffman@medtronic.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 6:27 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Corporation Commission decision

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Greetings Mr. Burns,

I would like to take this time to contact you and provide my feedback on the matter of AARP asking for a reconsideration of the Corporation Commission's decision permitting private utility companies to pass the costs of investors personal tax obligation on their company dividends along to their customers. I am sure you would agree that you and I both would like to pass our tax obligations to someone else but that is just not possible with the laws we have in place and in my opinion that should not be allowed for the private utility companies. This is plan and simply just wrong and should not be allowed. I am reaching out to you in hopes you could rule against this when it comes before you in the first week of February. The economy does not appear to be getting any better and pushing costs like this off onto consumers could only make matters worse. What good could possibly come of a decision in favor? The answer to that question is clear. Please reconsider your decision when this passes before you in the weeks to come.

Best regards

***Tony G. Huffman***

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## Jessica D. Perry

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**From:** Helen Root-Daley <her12@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 9:12 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Personal Tax Obligation

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When I found out the residents of Sun Lakes would have to pay for the tax obligation of Pima Utilities, my thought was, "This is the Corporation Commission looking out for the people? What a ridiculous decision." Please explain to me exactly the thinking (or lack thereof) behind your vote.

Helen Daley  
10918 E. Michigan Avenue  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Barry Mostovoy <barrymstv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 12:08 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Pima

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Please help us on fixed income

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Sally Haynes <slhaynes@wbhsi.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 1:04 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** tax issue

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It is absolutely unreasonable to allow private utility companies to pass along to the customers the costs of investors' personal tax obligations on their company dividends. In addition to being counter-logical, this is yet one more example of providing for the transfer of more wealth to the wealthy.

I hope you will lead the way in rescinding this rule.

Sarah Haynes  
26033 S. Foxglenn Dr  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Sandra Givens <sgivens85248@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 28, 2014 3:29 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web; Stump-Web  
**Subject:** Tax Question

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In what crazy world is it right for private utility companies, such as Pima to pass along the costs of the "investors" personal tax obligations to consumers. As you know, Pima Utilities supplies water to Sun Lakes communities; communities which are made up of seniors, many of whom are on a fixed income.

Taxes are some of the things "investors" should pay. I'm sure they wouldn't want to share any gain with the consumers, so why should we pay their taxes!

Sincerely,

Sandra Givens  
Sun Lakes

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** richard Jensen <slsnwbrd@wbhsi.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2014 5:37 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Investors Taxes

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I Wish someone would pay my Taxes. There has to be a better way to attract investors than taking from the poor and giving to the rich.

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** rich wiley <azwiley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2014 6:16 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Passing it on to the consumer!!!

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Shame, shame, on you!!!

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Judi Brown <iduj@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 31, 2014 8:02 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Tax / customer costs

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I believe it is unfair to make consumers pay for a company's tax responsibilities.  
If I as a individual made enough income to be taxed, I am expected to pay taxes.  
R and J Brown

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Art Barrett <dudeinthedesert@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 01, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** reconsider passing costs

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Corporation Commission Bob Burns

I would hope you would reconsider your vote and rescind the ruling that passed costs to customers of Utility companies investors.

I don't feel I should be responsible for paying tax obligations for investors in these companies. No one helps me pay my taxes.

Thank you for your support,

Art Barrett  
Sun Lakes Resident

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Robert Frederickson <bobctampa@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 9:49 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Please let private utilities and their investors pay their own tax obligations. Let them be responsible citizens like the rest of us. I can't afford their taxes.

Thank you,  
Robert Frederickson  
Sun Lakes

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Patti Payne <ppayne40@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 1:22 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Utility Company Income Taxes

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Commissioner Burns,

I am in total disagreement with your recent vote regarding utility companies being allowed to pass along their income taxes to consumers with no oversight. How can you in good conscience agree that they be allowed to use an undisclosed CPA to verify the amount of the taxes paid without the commission being allow to see the figures paid.

I do not think utilities should be allowed to pass along their income taxes to consumers in the first place. Their taxes should come out of their profits, not directly out of the consumers pocketbook. But even if the commission decides to allow utilities to pass along the taxes, it should not be done without full disclosure. Using an unknown CPA and unverified figures is Ludicrous.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Sincerely,

Patricia Payne  
Sun City, AZ

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** DAVID LIVINGSTON <banddlivingston@rogers.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, February 02, 2014 11:08 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Increase in our rates planned

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Your passing on the extra charges to your customers is very unfair and we as seniors need to let you know how wrong it is of your company to do so. I read it in the paper and was appalled to think how sneaky it is of you to try to let this ruling slip under the door without letting the customers know what is in the works. How many of us are not alerted because the news is printed in an obscure spot and often goes unnoticed. I am a snowbird and pay enough in utilities and now find out that my bill might be increased. What next?

Bonnie and Dave Livingston

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** WVNeiman@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, February 03, 2014 9:24 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Pima Utility pass thru on taxes

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Greetings Commissioner Burns

Let me try an "11th hour" plea to ask that you deny the S Corp tax pass through requested by Pima Utility Company.

I have written to you on regarding the Pima filing several months ago and addressed the S Corp issue. I attended the hearing at the Commission on May 29, 2103 and spoke to this issue, among others. I also spoke to this issue, again along with other topics, at the public input session held at Sun Lakes Country Club on July 10, 2013.

You have, I feel, a fiduciary responsibility to the customers of the private utility companies throughout Arizona, not the owners of these companies. Yes, we expect the companies to remain profitable and stay in business and we expect to pay a fair and equitable amount for their services and products.. However this tax break has far reaching implications to all customers of private utility companies throughout Arizona.

One more time - I urge you to deny this request as you consider the Pima Utility Company request.

Sincerely

Woody Neiman  
26013 S. New Town Dr.  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Pat Murrish <pmurrish@wbhsi.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 04, 2014 11:29 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Fwd: Utility investor personal income tax

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Pat Murrish <pmurrish@wbhsi.net>  
**Date:** February 4, 2014 at 9:53:15 AM MST  
**To:** "[RBurnes-web@azcc.gov](mailto:RBurnes-web@azcc.gov)" <[RBurnes-web@azcc.gov](mailto:RBurnes-web@azcc.gov)>, [Stump-web@azcc.gov](mailto:Stump-web@azcc.gov)  
**Subject:** **Utility investor personal income tax**

Why should I as a Pima customer be paying the investors personal income taxes. It is WRONG and this unfair ruling should be rescinded. When are you up for re-election, because I vote and I do remember who supports corporations over customers.

Patricia Murrish  
Sun Lakes, AZ

Sent from my iPad

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Derwin Dugger <duggeraz@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 9:59 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Pima Utilities rate increase

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Mr. Bob Burns

Once again those of us that are receiving service from Pima Utilities have to ask for your support to not approve a request for an increase. But this time this increase is being requested to pay the income tax bill for the owners on their profit from the last rate increase. This appears to be the start of vicious circle.

Personally I own stock in various utility companies and have done so for numerous years. I am quite confident that SEC would certainly not approve a request from principals and or stock holders if we requested a dividend increase to pay for the capital gain on our stock. So it is difficult for me to understand how a private company can request such and increase to pay for their tax obligation.

Please do not approve this rate increase.

Derwin Dugger  
11136 E. Flintlock Drive  
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[duggeraz@centurylink.net](mailto:duggeraz@centurylink.net)

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**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** William Wright <wmwright1@wbhsi.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 07, 2014 11:12 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Proposed Pima Water Rate Increase

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I ask that you vote no on Pima Water's request to increase taxes on water used to pay personal taxes owners owe for water sold. I find this concept wrong and will only make the riche, richer at the expense of many of use on fixed incomes.

Thank you for you consideration.

William Wright  
Sun Lakes Resident

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Olga Ineson <olga.ineson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 08, 2014 6:04 AM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Water Rates

Dear Mr. Burns,

Just wanted to write and ask you to please don't allow the water rates to go up. It's not fair to raise water rates to pay owners' income taxes.

Sincerely,  
Olga Ineson

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** DJBros@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 08, 2014 2:01 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** STOP PIMA OWNERS FROM DUMPING THEIR TAXES ON US

**Commissioner Burns,**

If you allow PIMA to pass along to us consumers the taxes of the utility OWNERS...then you will soon find that everywhere and everyone (**yourselves included**) **will be paying the taxes for every utility owner**

**BE FAIR....LET THE PIMA OWNERS PAY THEIR OWN TAXES...YOU DO AND I DO...WHY SHOULDN'T THEY ALSO PAY THEIR OWN TAXES !**

**Benjamin Pace  
11131 E. Starflower Ct  
Sun Lakes  
AZ 85248**

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** joe bibler <Biblers2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 08, 2014 2:10 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Increase in water rates in Sun Lakes

Dear Mr. Burns, We hope you will see fit to decline the request to increase Pima Utility water rates by the amount that offsets the owners' income taxes. It is grossly unfair. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Joseph W. Bibler, 26613 S. Boxwood Dr, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Kay Wilke <kaywilke@eplus.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:03 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Radical request

Dear Mr. Burns:

Please recognize the injustice of owners of a service or produce asking users of that service and product to pay the owners' personal income tax.

Do not approve this callous request. of the Pima Water Supply Co.

Phyllis Kay Wilke  
8830 E Fairway Blvd.  
Sun Lakes AZ 85248

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Ednowe@aol.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 08, 2014 7:35 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Water Rate Increase PIMA

We are strongly opposed a raise in customer water rates to pay the owners of PIMA personal income tax for the sale of water to their customers..

Ed & Rae Nowe  
25817 S Hollygreen Dr.  
Sun Lakes, AZ 85248  
Phone: 480-280-2322  
PRC 141, LEG 17

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** floydcotton <f.cotton@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2014 1:58 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Pima Utility Company and Johnson Utilities Rate Cases

Mr. Burns,

I am writing to encourage you to vote NO on these rate cases. It is hard to understand why the vote went 4-1 the first time around. Just the idea that these companies will be able to have their customers pay their income taxes is outrageous. Also, once something like this gets approved, it will be almost impossible to stop all of the other requests that will come in for similar treatment. It is not fair to the ratepayers. No one likes to pay their taxes, but this is actually very unfair. Why is it so different now than in the past? Is it that people are becoming more greedy? I urge you to reconsider these proposals.

Linda Cotton

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Shirley Marshall <smarshall1934@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014 12:49 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Water tax increase

Dear Mr. Burns,

I feel it is totally unfair and even unconstitutional to expect the public to pay for income tax charged to stockholders of the company.

Please vote NO on this increase.

Sincerely

Shirley Marshall

**Jessica D. Perry**

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**From:** Don solberg <dontrunorsk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 12, 2014 4:21 PM  
**To:** RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Puma Utility Company, Inc.

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We request that you vote no on the proposal to raise the price of Pima Utility Company Water Bills to Sun Lakes and it's residents. Mr & Mrs Donald P. Solberg - 11136 East Sunnyvale Court, Sun Lakes, Az. 85248

-- Sent from my HP TouchPad