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Arizona Corporation Commission

Utilities Division

Attn: Chairman Bob Stump,

Commissioners Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Bob Burns and Susan Bitter

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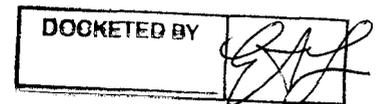
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RE: Docket # W-01303A-09-0343 & SW-01303A-09-0343.



Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

We have a wastewater treatment plant here in Russell Ranch that was built just for our community and the expense was calculated into the development costs of the subdivision. All of the residents contributed to that expense at the time we built our homes. The way I see it, we've already paid for the wastewater treatment facility.

We should have never been in the Agua Fria District as there are no continuous boundaries and we are a much smaller community compared to the other communities in the Agua Fria District such as Sun City Grand in Surprise, the city of Surprise, Corte Bella and part of Anthem.

The Corporation Commission set a precedence when they allowed the deconsolidation of the Anthem out of the District because they had their own plant and they were paying to support the rest of the district. However, the increase in waste water rates as a result of that deconsolidation has had a huge impact on the Russell Ranch community which consists of only a few hundred homes, compared to Anthem which has thousands.

Therefore, since we have our own plant in Russell Ranch and are paying to support the rest of the district, we should be de-consolidated from the Agua Fria District and only be required to pay to maintain the Russell Ranch plant.

Our rates for wastewater/water are some of the highest in the Western United States. This is negatively effecting our property values, as potential buyers don't want to live in a community where they are required to pay these outrageous rates for water and wastewater.

Regards,

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