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Memorandum

From the office of
Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
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TO: Arizona Corporation Commission, Docket Control

DATE: August 8, 2014

FROM: Office of Chairman Bob Stump

SUBJECT: EPCOR Arizona Water Inc.
SW-01303A-09-0343 and W-01303A-09-0343

ORIGINAL

Chairman Stump has received approximately 150 emails regarding the above captioned docket. The documents can be viewed in Docket Control or online on the eDocket website.

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Beth L. Soliere

From: Betty Jo Sargent <bsargent@aguafria.org>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 10:52 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR waste water & the Verrado Community

August 8, 2014

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

Dear Bob Stump:

I understand you voted yes the last vote. As a resident of Verrado, I am writing each Commissioner regarding the outrageous waste water rates that EPCOR was granted on May 12, 2012. Verrado residents are suffering with each increase of the waste water rates from EPCOR. WE have taken conservation to the limit by having no grass just granite, backyard with pavers and astro turf and a few plants. There is just the two of us and our water bill is \$125.00 to \$150.00 per month. How is a normal family with two or three kids supposed to pay the bills when you are talking \$300.00 to \$600.00 per month? Retirees are having to choose to move because of these drastic price increases. I am sure when we retire we may be forced to move from this wonderful community because of a fixed income.

I hope you will look at all the correspondence and make a fair decision to consolidate all of EPCOR districts with a single rate structure. The decision of the Corporation Commission on 5/12/2012 was not in the best interest of Verrado resident and unfairly raised our waste water rates. Please reconsider to consolidate EPCOR's districts.

Thank you,

Betty Jo & Richard Sargent

4398 N Jackson Ct.

Buckeye, AZ 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Danielle Wiley <daniwiley@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 2:13 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Agua Fria Water/Waste Water Rates

Chairman Stump,

Thank you so much for listening to the concerns of the EPCOR customers in the Agua Fria Water District. We appreciate your time and willingness to help find a solution to our outrageous water/waste water rates.

I am sure that you have received many calls and emails from other EPCOR customers with the argument that homeowners in our district didn't do our due diligence with regard to utilities before we purchased our homes. I can assure you we did! I would just like to reiterate that when we bought our homes our rates were about one quarter what they are right now. We did not purchase without thought to our utility rates. It was the 133% hike in our rates requested by the water company that has caused this problem, not negligence on the part of the consumer. We have no other choice in who we choose for our water (unlike other utilities such as phones, cable, etc.) so it is imperative that we resolve this issue.

There are many customers, especially in areas near the Agua Fria district, such as Sun City and Sun City West who have not had increases in water/waste water rates in 6 or more years while we have incurred one every six months since 2012.

Additionally I would ask that you keep in mind when making your decision that we are paying for a waste water facility that we DO NOT use and is not even close to us. It is no different than the Anthem argument/decision. We are a small water district forced to pay outrageous rates for a facility used by other customers.

Again, I appreciate your attention to this difficult and complicated issue.

Danielle Wiley
11836 W Planada Ct.
Sun City, AZ 85373
623-703-3649

Beth L. Soliere

From: Beth Davis <bettty45@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:49 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor water relief

As a home owner in Verrado we feel our waste water and house water prices are much too expensive. For two senior citizens with no children we believe we should see some relief from such high prices. We are not there for several months at a time and our only water use is for light sprinkling to keep our trees alive still we pay such over the top fees. We see that utility companies give free trees for folks to plant for shade but how do you afford the water to keep them alive? We know folks who leave Verrado due to the exorbitant fees for water and sewer. How sad. Please provide us with relief from these fees. The city continues to allow more building and the new 55 community so there must be enough water and treatment?????

Beth and Dan Davis

Sent from my iPhone

Beth L. Soliere

From: Ralph Fiegelist <fiegelist@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:38 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor's Proposal

Good Morning,

As a resident of Sun City West, I wanted to weigh in on Epcor's proposal to consolidate SCW with other water districts. I vehemently oppose any of these consolidations.

My wife and I moved here from Michigan, where water is plentiful and inexpensive. We worried about affordable water in Arizona. One of the reasons for moving here was the stable, long term water agreements SCW had in place. I urge you to keep existing agreements in place and decline Epcor's proposals.

Sincerely,

Ralph and Kim Fiegelist

Sent from my iPad

Beth L. Soliere

From: Rodney Hennig <rodney.hennig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 5:58 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor consolidation

As Sun City West residents we oppose any plan to consolidate other districts with Sun City West. We already have the highest water rates in the area, except for El Mirage. Our community was developed at a different time than the other communities that want to consolidate with us. Their water/wastewater needs should have been addressed during their development. Regardless, it is unfair for them to want to consolidate with Sun City West, and cause our rates to rise.

The other districts in the proposal should consolidate with each other, but leave Sun City West out of the mix. I don't see any proposal to consolidate with Sun City, or Sun City Grand: we opposed any consolidation with Sun City West.

Rod and Donna Hennig

Beth L. Soliere

From: Sandy Bauer <sandy_bauer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:14 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR consolidation

Bob

I am shocked to hear EPCOR is once again trying to include Sun City West in a larger district and cause our rates to go higher.

When I moved to Sun City West in 2010, one of the deciding factors to live here was the cost of living. I carefully evaluated annual costs with a resident who shared her annual expenses with me before I made the decision to move to Sun City West.

While I expect inflation to cause things to cost more over time, I never expected EPCOR to change district boundaries in order to affect water or waste water costs. I've lived in many states over the years and this is the first time I've ever had anything like this even be discussed, let alone happen.

Please do not support consolidating Sun City West with these other districts.

Thank you.

Sandra Bauer
13615 W Meeker Blvd
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Darris Larsen <darrislarsen@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:52 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water rates

I am a resident of Sun City West. I am totally astounded that your Board would even consider this form of "socialized rate adjustments. The rates vary from District to District for real and measurable reasons. This is nothing more than the newer, smaller Districts, primarily the Corte Bella community, asking to have their utility charges subsidized by the older, larger, residential communities. Buyers in Corte Bella knew, or should have known what their utility cost were when they made the conscious choice to buy into that gated community. They are a gated community for a reason. They want to be separate and exclusive. They have had the chance to become part of Sun City West on several occasions, but they have always "opted out" because they did not want to give up their precious security gates and the separation that it creates. Sounds like a separate utility district to me, except that now they want their surrounding neighbors to subsidize their exclusivity.

Further, those districts that are not asking for Rate Review, i.e. Sun City and Sun City West, should not have to pay for any portion of the estimated \$350,000 to \$700,000 price tag for EPCOR doing a Rate Review. We will never support "Rate Communism", so why should we be expected to pay for a rate review study.

If a rate review study is approved, the cost should borne by those who are pushing for it and who are seeking benefits to be placed on the backs of others.

Would it not be more honorable to put it to a vote of the various Districts. The people of each District should be allowed to vote either DISTRICT INCLUDED or DISTRICT NOT INCLUDED in this rate scheme and all related costs.

Simply stated, I want a new car, but the cost is too high. Therefore, Corte Bella residents need to subsidize a large portion of my pending expense. Darris and Dani Larsen

Beth L. Soliere

From: Owner <jackieandmoe@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:32 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: waste water rates

PORA has kept us informed as to the intent to raise rates. We purchased in Sun City West so we could retire there on a limited budget and such a huge rate increase for us to carry other districts is not what we signed up for. We do not understand why Sun City West is even being considered in this rate change. One rate increase now but what later? Please count us among those people not in favor of this. George and Jacqueline Moline of 14627 W. Trading Post, Sun City West, Arizona

Beth L. Soliere

From: Rehman John <jrehman2@neo.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:58 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: WASTE WATER RATES

Dear Chairman Stump,

As a resident/property owner in Sun City West, I whole heartedly and vigorously urge your opposition to EPCOR's proposed consolidation of waste water rates among the five (5) waste water districts.

As a senior citizen in a community of retirees (Sun City West), we did not seek to be involved in this rate case and find no rational basis for EPCOR's proposed assessment increase.

It is obvious when examining the variable factors among the five (5) waste water districts to include age of system, costs at the time of origin, geographical spread, and number of customers to share fixed costs, EPCOR's proposed dramatic increase is unwarranted.

John Rehman

Beth L. Soliere

From: Samuel Randall <srllaw@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: SW-01303A-09-0343

Commissioner Stump,

My and my neighbor's water bills have gotten out of control ever since the Commission's ill-fated decision to de-consolidate the Anthem/Agua Fria Wastewater District into two districts. I urge the Commission to reconsider this decision and support Epcor's recommendation to the Commission to move to a consolidated district with a single rate structure.

Last time around you supported de-consolidation. I also voted for you in the last election. Make no mistake I (and many of the nearly 8 thousand who now call Verrado home) will surely be paying attention to your vote on this issue and it will influence my vote come election day.

Thank you,

Samuel Randall, Esq.
20822 W Prospector Way
Buckeye, AZ 85369

Beth L. Soliere

From: Thomas Michael - SHERIFFX <T_Michael@MCSO.maricopa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Reconsolidation of EPCOR

I along with my family would like to request you to consider and approve the full consolidation of EPCOR water, i.e. bringing Anthem and Agua Fria together as one district.

Thank you,

Thomas Michael & Family

Verrado residents, Buckeye, AZ

Beth L. Soliere

From: Lourdes B. Kotsobeis <lourdesk@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:07 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado Resident Water Cost Protest

I strongly urge you to vote for a move back to fully consolidated water districts. The deconsolidation of Anthem and Agua Fria districts had had disastrous effects on the community of Verrado and its residents such as my husband and myself. Just because we have a smaller (though rapidly growing) population than Anthem, why should we pay much higher wastewater rates? Different water districts should not be pitted against each other in this way! Fully consolidated districts with a single rate structure reflect what consumers experience in most municipal districts. These out of control wastewater rates have the potential to destroy our livelihood and way of life in Verrado, in all the Agua Fria district; inability to sell homes, to rent out homes, severe financial hardship for residents, especially young families and those on fixed incomes. At the Epcor meeting in Verrado, neighbors shared that they are down to taking one shower a week, letting plants they have cared over for years wither and die. I am nearing retirement and my husband is of retirement age and if these water costs don't decrease, we will be forced to leave the state when we retire. We will be closely monitoring your decision and are considering outreach options to local and state media. Thank you.

Lourdes B. Kotsobeis

The Abacus Companies

20478 W. Daniel Place
Buckeye, AZ 85396
(623) 594-8461 Tel. No.
(623) 215-6903 Fax No.

Beth L. Soliere

From: E Johnson <esmec.johnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:55 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado Water Rates

Mr. Stump,

It has been brought to my attention that you are a person we can reach out to regarding the outrageous rates we are paying for waste water in the Verrado Community in Buckeye, AZ. We have lived in Verrado for 18 months, in a 2000 square foot home. We are a family of two people, yet our water bill is consistently over \$150 per month. In the month of July we were gone for 3 weeks, yet our water bill remained the same. We have minimal vegetation and fake turf in our backyard, yet our bill is triple compared to those on city water. Epcor is uncertain why our bill remains the same, seemingly regardless of use. Our wastewater rates are inexplicable and are placing an undue financial burden on our household. In addition, when purchasing our home, our builder never disclosed that we would be forced to use a private company that would gouge us at every turn. The added expense without a proper solution to measured waste can no longer be endured by our household. If the water solution cannot be brought to a satisfying conclusion, we will be forced to sell our home and move elsewhere. I truly hope you get involved and save our community, we have exhausted all other avenues.

Sincerely,

Esme Johnson

Beth L. Soliere

From: Sam Nijmeh <snijmeh@cox.net>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 12:42 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado water rates

Mr. Stump

I would like to support Epcor's recommendation to move to a consolidated district with a single rate structure. A lot of us are paying 3 times as much as we use to pay for water since 2010 with Arizona American.

There are a lot residents who are upset and can't afford their water bill, we are stuck between a rock and hard place; if we don't water our plant the HOA will fine us. Please help us to consolidate all the districts together.

Thanks, Isam Nijmeh
21040 W Prospector Way
Verrado AZ
623-238-1511 cell

Beth L. Soliere

From: Quintana, Pablo <pquintana@eprod.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 7:35 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado Water Rates

Mr. Stump,

I would like to thank you for the work that you do for AZ. I just want to make sure you are aware of our water situation here at Verrado (Buckeye). My wife and I purchased this home 3 years ago but I had 2 years to work before retirement, therefore we did not move into our house until May of last year. My water bill at Verado, to maintain only the front yard, while not even living in the house, was from \$200 to \$230 per month. This is quite excessive, please help us out and implement a water distribution plan that is fair to all of the people in the area regardless of what district the reside in.

Thank You,
Paul & Lori Quintana

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Beth L. Soliere

From: Jim Durand <james_durand@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 5:24 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado Water rates

July 20, 2014

Chairman Bob Stump
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington, 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Re: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343

Chairman Stump,

I am sending this letter to urge you to vote YES on the Arizona Corporation Commission staff's recommendation that the Commission adopt, in its ordering paragraphs, all of staff recommendations discussed herein concerning EPCOR's response and the setting of a procedural conference, to address the processing of these matters. This recommendation is detailed in Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343.

As you know, water and sewer rates in the community of Verrado have increased dramatically over the last three years due to decisions made at the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding deconsolidation. The adoption of the staff recommendations will be a first step in achieving more reasonable, affordable rates for the water and sewer customers in the community of Verrado.

We feel that ultimately the best case for all customers involved is the full consolidation of all districts which would provide for a larger base to spread the cost of service.

Sincerely,

Donna Durand
Concerned Citizen, Verrado Resident

Beth L. Soliere

From: Mike Neu <mdneu2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:12 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Rate relief

Please give us in a Verrado some rate relief. The commission and Epcor are killing us.
Our water bills are through the roof.
Please help

Docket number SW-01303A-09-0343

Mike Neu
3623 N Springfield St
Buckeye, AZ. 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Ernesto Gardea-Fernandez <roda1270@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:05 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: The wastewater reference docket/case # is: SW-01303A-09-0343

I want to share my support on the re-opening of the Epcor Water Arizona Inc. wastewater rate case to consider whether and how to provide Agua Fria Wastewater District residents with rate relief. I do not agree and support the reasons why our rate should be any different than other areas. I strongly support a fare flat rate for all communities and hope you will support it too.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Rich Katz <oncoursemedia@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:04 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water in Verrado

Bob,

I am writing on behalf of I believe every homeowner and renter in the community of Verrado regarding the water situation we currently face as a result of deregulation. All any homeowner or renter asks is for fairness for what is best for the districts that make up our region of the valley.

Prior to moving to Arizona 10 months ago, my wife and I were longtime residents of the City of Simi Valley in Ventura County, CA. While most expenses in California are higher than here in Arizona, water is not one of those expenses. Our average monthly water bill in Simi was about \$30.00 and the city spread their infrastructure, sewage and other expenses among all residents of the Valley even though it was very obvious that the upscale Wood Ranch area utilized much more water due to a golf course present and a multitude of larger homes with expansive grassy areas.

This decision upcoming by the Arizona Corporation Commission should not be one made from upsetting the residents of Anthem. When my homeowners insurance thru Farmers rose dramatically to cover costs (some in-state and some out of state) from those affected by Hurricane Katrina or the California Earthquakes, I expected that we'd all share in the cost of helping the stricken customers, and we all did. Water should be looked at the same way. It's like a homeowners association. I may not be particularly responsible for something happening that causes our association money but we all share in the expense. That's the only equitable and fair way to conduct business.

Put your prejudices aside. It's not about where you live or who your friends are. As an elected or appointed representative of the state, it's your duty to make the right choice. You are the one who has to live with your decision if that decision is made because of greed or personal gain.

I am putting my trust in you that you will make the right choice when the upcoming vote comes your way.

Sincerely,

Richard & Regina Katz
2887 North Heritage Street
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Larry Creekmore <lcreekm107@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 3:19 PM
To: Pierce-Web
Cc: Burns-Web
Subject: Epcor Water Wastewater Rate Case; Agua Fria District Rate Relief

Dear Commissioner,

The purpose of this note is to respectfully request that you approve the consolidation of the districts to move to a single rate structure. As a retiree on a fixed income, the provision of this basic utility must be as affordable as possible and a single rate structure for everyone seems to be the fairest approach.

Your strong consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Larry Creekmore

Beth L. Soliere

From: Wilson Judy <wwilson15@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Consolidation

Dear Mr. Stump,

I want to oppose Option #2 and #3 to EPCOR'S proposal to consolidate all five water districts.

When my husband and I chose Sun City West we did so because of the utility fees, property taxes and recreational fees. I understand that rates do go up with time but to raise our water rates so drastically that will happen if we consolidate is just not right for Sun City West residents. We are a community of older people and many are on fixed incomes. This would be a dramatic impact on their living situations if this goes into effect.

I plead with you not to let this happen to Sun City West.

Sincerely,

Judy Wilson
13812 W. Terra Vista Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Gail Liming <gailliming@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 7:43 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado Waste Water Rates

Mr. Stump I am asking you to vote for Consolidation to help Verrado with its very high Waste Water rates. I am a widow living alone and I am trying to use as little water as possible. I have a very small yard and have artificial turf. I take the water out of my bath tub after bathing with a bucket to water my plants yet I still have a big waste water bill. Please vote for Consolidation to help spread the cost.

Thank you.

Alice Gail Liming
Verrado Buckeye, AZ

Beth L. Soliere

From: Ron Wells <wellsind5@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:34 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado waste water rates

Dear mr. Stump:

I attended an Epcor meeting this evening and understand , our current waste water rates are due to a decision made by the ACC allowing Anthem residents to deconsolidate.

What was the reason deconsolidation was voted for by the ACC members. Did any of the members reside in the Anthem area? It would certainly benefit those ACC members to vote in favor of deconsolidation. Wouldn't anyone residing in Anthem be required to recuse themselves as a matter of conflict of interest.

It is my understanding the ACC is to regulate utilities in order to protect AZ consumers.

It is my understanding the Epcor water company is to provide three proposals by August 8, 2014, one proposal is to consolidate all of Epcor's service area. This would result in a more uniform waste water rate for all of Epcor's customers. I urge you to help the whole and vote to consolidate Epcor's waste water areas.

Sincerely,all

Ron and Nancy Wells
Residents of Verrado
20724 West Valley View Drive
Buckeye, AZ 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Sue HANRAHAN <stunsueh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 7:45 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Rates

Please vote to keep our rates down.

Sent from my iPad.
Sue Hanrahan

Beth L. Soliere

From: judith geilenfeldt <judygee1841@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 11:30 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and sw-01111303A-09-0343

Commissioner Stump:

My husband and I are sending this letter to urge you to vote YES on FULL CONSOLIDATION of all the EPCOR water/sewer districts which would provide for a larger base to spread the cost of service. The rates in our district of Verrado are completely out of line with other districts.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Robert and Judith Geilenfeldt
20436 W Hamilton St
Buckeye, Az. 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Zach Hettel <zhettel@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 12:41 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcorp Water Rate Case

Commissioner,

How can you justify allowing a water company to charge a single household that has your normal grass landscape and small pool over \$300 in water a month? This isn't electricity or gas, or something that isn't a necessity. We are talking about water, an absolute need in Arizona or anywhere you live. Our community pays by far the most or very close to the most for water than any other HOA in Arizona. I thought your job was to represent the people and protect them from monopolies like this? The last group of commissioners failed us. I hope you don't do the same.

Sent from my iPhone

Beth L. Soliere

From: Barker Q <barker1506@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:42 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Proposed Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts, submitted by EPCOR

Mr. Bob Stump, Chairman
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Stump,

EPCOR has decided to bring this proposal to the Arizona Corporation Commission by offering rate consolidation as one answer to the wide variance in rates. However, that's precisely one reason why we have commissioners establishing rates, because there are variable factors among the five districts. Age of system is one, costs at the time of origin, geographical spread, number of customers to share fixed costs, and other related differences.

Three major areas of exploration will be pursued at the August meeting by the Commission in regards to the above subject matter:

1. Possible reconsolidation between Agua Fria and Anthem.
2. Consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West.
3. EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

Our reason for contacting you is our opposition to proposals 2 and 3.

Every resident has a variety of reasons for selecting the community of their residence such as property tax, recreational fees in retirement communities, utility costs, and other factors which all play a role in that selection.

These factors played an important choice in our decision to purchase our property in Sun City West and in the decisions other residents in the other 4 districts which they live.

Likewise, there are very legitimate factors which cause utilities fees to differ and every residents should be entitled to make judgments accordingly.

Residents should not be expected to bear cost burdens over that which we have no control.

We respectfully request rejection of the proposed consolidation, options 2 and 3.

Thank you for your service,

Respectfully,

Ricky & Sandra Barker
12423 W. Fieldstone Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Frank DiRenzo <direnzo.frank@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:21 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water Waste Consolidation

I am against any consolidation and especially Corte Bella and SCW

Frank DiRenzo - SCW

Beth L. Soliere

From: Kay Archer <kayelena@cni.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:49 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Dear Mr. Stump:

My husband and I purchased our home in Sun City West based on a careful cost analysis of the benefits of owning a home versus traveling south in our RV every winter. One of the items entering into our decision was the cost of utilities in Sun City West. We were lead to believe that Sun City West had its own water and sewer systems and that our fees would be governed by the needs of our community. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens generated by other communities over which we have no control.

The population of Sun City West drops significantly six months out of the year whereas some of the other areas that are proposed to be linked to Sun City West have a more stable year-round population. Sun City West residents should not have to pay additional fees to assist communities where wastewater facility use is considerably higher.

There are very legitimate factors which cause utilities fees to differ and residents should be entitled to make judgments accordingly. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens over which we have no control. There are variable factors among the five districts. Age of system is one, costs at the time of origin, geographical spread, number of customers to share fixed costs, and other related differences.

Sun City West did not seek to be involved in this rate case. There is no basis for assessment of EPCOR Account Review charges to Sun City West.

I respectfully request that you remove Sun City West from all consideration in the rate consolidation efforts by EPCOR.

Sincerely,

Kay Archer
21035 N 124th Ave.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
360-414-9419

Beth L. Soliere

From: Karl Pannkuk <arizkwp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:58 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water issue proposals

I am against all three proposals.

I am on Social Security and at the end of the month I have \$15.02 left to live on.

You do the math.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Becky Smith <peke_smith@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:21 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor water rates in Verrado

Water rates in Verrado are outrageous! I support consolidation! Epcor should be billing for actual water and sewer usage not round up per thousand gallons as is the current practice by Epcor.

Becky Smith
Verrado Resident

Beth L. Soliere

From: paul meintel <paul_meintel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:27 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: VERRADO- Epcor water rates

Commissioner Stump,

This letter is in regards to the upcoming Arizona Corporation Commissions vote reference Epcor Water Arizona Inc. waste water rate case and how to provide Agua Fria Waste water District residents with rate relief.

I support the recommendation to move to a consolidated district with a single rate structure. I hope you feel the same way and vote to help all of the epcor residents as a whole and not as a few. Currently the good people of Verrado and the Agua Fria district have been and continue to be taken advantage of, being charged different and much higher rates then other epcor customers which is very wrong and in my opinion border line criminal.

We the residents of the Agua Fria district need your help.

Thank You,
7 year resident of Verrado- Paul Meintel

Beth L. Soliere

From: Jo-Anne Jones <jobobaz@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water Consolidation Proposal -- EPCOR

Dear Commissioner Stump:

I wish to make you aware of my opposition to the consolidation plan proposed by EPCOR Water which could drastically increase my water bill.

I have lived in Sun City West for 20 years through three different water providers. This subject has come up before and been rejected by the ACC before. In the communities/water districts involved there are different ages to the water systems, different costs that were involved in the building of the infrastructures, a difference in the number of customers to share the costs, etc. **Those districts who are spearheading the petitions for rate consolidation are trying to spread THEIR previously established costs to others. I believe this is absolutely unfair.** I am definitely opposed to Sun City West's being involved in any proposed consolidation.

Jo-Anne A. Jones
22725 N. Dusty Trail Boulevard
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Thomas Varallo <tommyterp71@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 4:31 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Water Districts

Commissioner Stump,

My name is Thomas Varallo. I am a resident of Corte Bella, residing in EPCOR's Agua Fria District. Re: the water rate issue pending before the Corporation Commission, EPCOR has informed the residents of Corte Bella in a Town Hall meeting that the waste water treatment facility used by Corte Bella is the Sun City West facility. Since Corte Bella is already included in the Sun City West facility, it would seem that adding Corte Bella to the Sun City West District for billing purposes would not have an adverse impact on the current Sun City West residents but would greatly improve the rate structure for the Corte Bella residents.

I trust that you will vote for the most fair and equitable solution for all concerned.

Respectfully,

Thomas Varallo
tommyterp71@aol.com

Beth L. Soliere

From: Deb Bevilacqua <deb.bevilacqua@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 12:17 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Proposed Wastewater Rate Consolidation

We are in receipt of the letter from EPCOR explaining their view of the wastewater fee consolidation and more recently PORA has provided us with a clearer view of the proposal and how it might affect the various districts.

I strongly urge you to put this matter to rest quickly as there is no good reason to re-visit this issue since it was resolved two years ago. Corte Bella has nothing to do with Sun City West and vice versa. Furthermore, the two communities are completely different as evidenced by our decision to purchase property in Sun City West and not Corte Bella.

Our decision to purchase a home in Sun City West was based largely on the lower property taxes here, the lower cost of the recreation fees, the abundance of desert landscaping which translated into lower costs to maintain (low water use and minimal upkeep), and being able to leave the property unattended for long periods of time during the summer season.

Additionally, our retirement income planning does not provide for unreasonable and substantial increases in fixed costs such as wastewater fees that could occur if the five districts were combined into one or if the Sun City West district was combined with Corte Bella.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing your view of this proposal.

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Debra Bevilacqua
21603 N 148 Dr
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623 975-7041

Beth L. Soliere

From: randy hayes <randyariz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 1:37 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: "OPPOSITION" to Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Bob Stump, Chairman

I am adamantly opposed to any waste water rate consolidation involving SUN CITY WEST. The five districts are very different in age, original construction costs, geographical spreads, number of customer and, fixed costs. Therefore, rates should be determined separately for each district.

Randy Hayes
Sun City West

Beth L. Soliere

From: robert sailer <sailerrd@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:40 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Wastewater Rates - Verrado

Please support the consolidation of all 5 districts for EPCOR that will be proposed at the August 8th Arizona Corporation Commission hearing.

Our wastewater rates are outrageously high.

Thank you
Bob and Debbie Sailer

Warm Welcome Smiles

Debbie Sailer
Warm Welcome Co-leader
sailerrd@outlook.com
623-977-4080

Beth L. Soliere

From: Nicole Gittens <nikkinthedesert@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:07 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Aqua Fria Water Arizona Inc,

Let it be known the high impact that the decision to remove Anthem from the Aqua Fria District has had on the remaining district. It has increased both my water as well as my waste water treatment charges approximately 2 1/2 times. My last bill was \$435.34 for water and \$106.43 for waste water treatment; with taxes and fees the total was \$592.93. That's outrageous ! I have had Epcor out to check and was advised there is no water movement shown. My irrigation system and inside low flow shower heads and toilets have also been checked. For a family of 2 adults and 2 small children, I find it inconceivable that we could use that much. I would like you to consider that Epcor be restructured and implement full consolidation with a single rate structure.

Regards,

Levene E. Bridges

benlee68@msn.com

Beth L. Soliere

From: Sam and Mary <wupatki1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:08 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water and Waste Water Rate

Please consider our objections to any increase in water, and/or waste water, rates that might be proposed by Epcor.

Raising rates or the consolidation of service areas that would result in higher rates could result in additional hardships on many residents of Sun City West (SCW). Some residents are already unfairly charged for waste water when none is generated. Seasonal residents who leave during the summer still pay for waste water when the homes are vacant. SCW is a retirement community where many people live on Social Security or pensions. When and if basic increases occur, they consistently fail to keep up with ever increasing costs of living. Never ending increases in our mandatory recreation fees, our utilities, food, medicine, doctor fees, hospital costs, gasoline and other essentials of life continue to erode savings and make it harder and harder to just get by.

Sam and Mary Henderson

Sun City West

Beth L. Soliere

From: Paul Kinnison <luapamron@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:54 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water Consolidation

As a recent retiree that has lived in Sun City West for 11 years, I strongly oppose any measure that would raise water rates in this community. Since Epcor has been the provider in SCW our water bills have increased by 10-20 dollars a month. Further increases in the Sun Cities will cause a great hardship for many residence of our community. Respectfully submitted, Norma Kinnison

4630 W Yosemite DR,
SCW 85375
602-975-3801

Beth L. Soliere

From: mary@lovingcareathome.com
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 3:13 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Consolidation

Dear Sirs,

As a senior living in Sun City West, I am opposed to the consolidation proposal made by Epcor, which will no doubt increase the base wastewater cost per household here. Like others choosing this community for their "golden years" we are on a fixed income. The proposed rate increase is unreasonable for at least three reasons. First, a consolidation penalizes us for our smaller family sizes. A family of five in Anthem would pay significantly less per person for fixed, basic water and waste services than would those of us with only a one-or-two family household. Second, most of our residents are on a fixed incomes and many are over 80 years old. It would be a slap in the face to our World War II greatest generation to continue to raise their water-related rates. Third, we are enduring stepped raises in our water rates already.

Please don't even consider any proposal that will further hike water-related fees for Sun City or Sun City West. It places an unfair burden on those who can least afford it.

Sincerely,

Mary Nielson
(623) 565-8928

Beth L. Soliere

From: Margaret R Gibb <mrgibb8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:54 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Water consolidation

Dear Sir

I'm against consolidation of Sun City West an Corte Bella.

I'm against consolidation of all 5 water districts.

Every resident has a variety of reasons for selecting the community of their residence such as property tax, recreational fees in retirement communities, utility costs, and other factors which all play a role in that selection. Likewise, there are very legitimate factors which cause utilities fees to differ and every residents should be entitled to make judgments accordingly. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens over that which we have no control. We moved to Sun City West to live in a community low in cost for Seniors on a fixed income.

Sun City West waste water fee is high enough, \$30.96. Due to the age demographics very high for people on fixed incomes!! And with only 2 or often 1 person in a home, this fee is more than adequate, considering the probably minimal use per household in Sun City West.

Thank you for your consideration in dealing with this matter.

M. R. Gibb
Sun City West

Jay S. Chaney
14146 W. Yosemite Drive
Sun City West, Az. 85375

August 4, 2014

Dear Sir:

As relatively new homeowners in Sun City West we are disappointed to learn of the possibility of a raise in wastewater rates. It seems unfair to consolidate because there are variable factors among the five districts as they are all very diverse in age, time of original construction, geographical spread and other factors.

We purchased in Sun City West feeling that the cost of living there was affordable for us and additional costs would be a hardship for us and many residents.

As to consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West, we should not be burdened by increasing our costs while minimizing their costs. We should not be bear cost burdens over that which we have no control.

Very truly yours,

Jay S. Chaney

Beth L. Soliere

From: Dan Kedzie <dpk234@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:06 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water

Waste water consolidation is a very bad idea.

Each area has different factors that affect its rates.

Consolidation would be unfair to all.

Please vote NO!

Dr. Dan Kedzie

Beth L. Soliere

From: cvjlblock <cvjlblock@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 8:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: EPCOR Proposal

I do not want to share waste water costs with other districts to offset their rising costs. I see no advantage for Sun City West residents and reject the whole idea. Please reject EPCOR'S proposal.

Sincerely, Jerry Block

Beth L. Soliere

From: kenneyb1@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 6:25 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR rates

Dear Mr Stump:

The people in the five districts knew the rates when they moved in. The commissioners created the various rates according to several variables for each district.

EPCOR knew this when they bought the business. This was an important factor when I bought a home in Sun City West.

The costs of accounting are part of doing business. This cost should not be put back on the customers, but should be taken from their profits.

EPCOR has three proposals.

1. does not involve Sun City West
- 2 & 3 proposals: I am strongly against.

Thank you for your consideration and I will vote in the future based on your representation.

Sincerely,
Brenda Kenney
13926 W Whitewood Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

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Brenda Kenney
Larry Ott Realty
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My goal...to help you achieve yours!

Beth L. Soliere

From: Jeff Lloyd <lloydjbl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 5:56 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Agua Fria Water District Reconsideration

As I understand it, the ACC is re-considering a bad decision made a few years ago on the unfair billing practices that have existed for some time now. In my wildest dreams I cannot figure why this decision was made in the first place to so benefit some and be such a burden to others. It's politics for sure, which almost always means the decisions made are not fair to a large group of people.

I urge all of you to make the right decision and make things fair again, for everyone who lives in Verrado and Anthem (and any other place in the Agua Fria district) are not rich. My water/sewer bill in Verrado is 3 TIMES what it was when I lived in another district. It's just not fair.

Please do the right thing.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Walter <walterb371@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 4:51 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Consolidation

August 4, 2014

Dear Commissioner Bob Stump,

This is a short letter in opposition of the recent discussion of waste water consolidation. In light of the recent proposal to initiate an accounting review in order to identify the need for consolidation of water waste rates for the communities of Corte Bella and Sun City West, I strongly disagree and encourage you to vote against this issue. I chose to live in Sun City West for many reasons, and utility costs were one of them. It would be an injustice to every home owner within our community to allow this consolidation initiative to occur. We, in Sun City West, certainly do not share the facilities and or the home values within Corta Bella. We have a much lower average of home values and residents with a much lower income base. The average income in Sun City West is \$43,748 compared to 30% of residents living in Corta Bella with an income over \$75,000 and 20% of the residents making over \$50,000.(1)

Commissioners are voted into office for a reason, which is to vote on behalf of the interests of the residents they represent. I strongly disagree with any consideration to move forward with consolidation of this project.

Walt Bisbee, Jr., MS
22310 N. Cochise Lane
Sun City West, AZ

1. Data Provided by American Community Survey

Beth L. Soliere

From: John Falconbridge <john.falconbridge@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:00 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Consolidation

7-31-14

Dear Commissioner,

As a retired resident of Sun City West on a fixed income, I am extremely interested on the outcome of this proposed waste water consolidation. My water bill has more then doubled within the last 2 years and enough is enough. The only thing that has not gone up is my fixed pension.

I'm counting on you to support this large retirement community and not let this additional cost take place.

I shall have a watchful eye on the outcome, particular at election time now and in the future.

Thank you,

John & Dee Falconbridge
623-546-7161
john.falconbridge@cox.net

Beth L. Soliere

From: clay shope <clay@shopefamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

Clay Shope
20819 N Stonegate Dr
Sun City West, Az 85375

Bob Stump, Commissioner

Jim McKee a VP of Epcor water sent me a letter dated July 10, 2014 indicating that Epcor was bringing forward a proposal to consolidate water and wastewater services among several districts.

Epcor favors full consolidation. As a resident of Sun City West I would like to voice my **strong opposition** to this proposal.

Epcor's actions are designed to allow them to raise the water rates in Sun City West. This would put an unjust burden on myself and many of the other residents who live on a fixed income in this community.

Regards,
Clay Shope

Beth L. Soliere

From: cox.net <dbarry04@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:42 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

As a full time resident of Sun City West I object to the wastewater rate consolidation proposals. The EPCOR acquisition of the Sun City West water system has been little more than a relentless pursuit to create additional income thru increased rates. At first it was claimed that the Sun City West water infrastructure required extensive repairs; therefor, rates must be adjusted. Of course there have been little work accomplished. Not one major project that would even partially justify any rate increase. Now the waste water rate consolidation ploy to create additional income on the backs of legacy residents. Enough is enough.

Sent from my iPad

Beth L. Soliere

From: judith geilenfeldt <judygee1841@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Nos. W-01303A-09-0343, and SW-01303A-09-0343

Chairman Stump,

My husband and I are writing this letter to strongly urge you to vote YES on the FULL CONSOLIDATION of all the EPCOR water/sewer districts. This would provide for a larger base to spread the escalating cost of service. Our rates in Verrado are completely out of line with the other districts.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

Robert and Judith Geilenfeldt
20436 W Hamilton St
Buckeye, Az. 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: Johnson, Dustin R <dustin_johnson@uhc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 1:01 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Verrado EPCOR RATES

Mr. Stump,

It has been brought to my attention that you are a person we can reach out to regarding the outrageous rates we are paying for waste water in Verrado. I have been in Verrado for a year and half. My wife and I live in a modest 2000 square foot home. I have a three quarter inch meter and we are consistently paying 200.00 dollars a month. In the month of July, we were gone for three weeks and our usage stayed the same. I even had fake turf put in our backyard. Epcor has no answers as to why our rates stayed the same. We call EPCOR at least once a month and seldom is there an explanation for why the bill is so high. At this point, we will be forced to move from our home. The added expense without a proper solution to measured waste can no longer be endured by our household. I truly hope you get involved and save our community, we have exhausted all other avenues.

Sincerely,

Dustin R. Johnson

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Beth L. Soliere

From: lance <lance.little@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 11:57 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor water

Good afternoon Mr. Stump,

I understand you voted for deconsolidation of the Epcor water districts last time this issue came up. I wanted to know how you plan on voting this time around. Our rates here in Verrado are ridiculously high. They are going higher again in January. If I don't use any water at all my bill will be approximately \$100 a month. Anthems rates are just about exactly half of ours in Verrado. Please do what is fair and right and give us a fair rate. I've never experienced anything like this for water before in my life. Please do what is fair.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Lance Little

Sent from my iPhone

Beth L. Soliere

From: dDAVID MELBY <melbygolf@cloudnet.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 8:36 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor Water

We are very upset that Epcor is considering consolidating our community with any other community which would help them out, but be a added financial burden to our residents. Every resident has a variety of reasons for selecting the community of their residence such as property tax, recreational fees in retirement communities, utility costs, and other factors which all play a role in that selection. Likewise, there are very legitimate factors which cause utilities fees to differ and every residents should be entitled to make judgments accordingly. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens over that which we have no control. Please vote against such a proposal. Thank you.

Gloria and David Melby
15106 W. Huron Dr.
Sun City West,

Beth L. Soliere

From: Jessica Eastman <scarlette_80@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: SW-01303A-09-0343 Epcor Water Arizona Inc. Wastewater Rate Case

Dear Commissioner Stump,

I am writing in support of Epcor's recommendation to the ACC to move to a consolidated district with a single rate structure. The current rate is unreasonable and the upcoming increase would be detrimental to many Verrado residents.

Thank You,
Jessica Eastman
21014 W. Ridge Road
Buckeye, Arizona 85396

Beth L. Soliere

From: circuitmary@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:35 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Hike

We moved to Sun City West not Corta Bella because of the low taxes and fees. please leave our fees alone. Mary Lawson

Sent from my iPad

Beth L. Soliere

From: Don & Helen Schneider <dandh02@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:02 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor proposed consolidation

We are year round residents of Sun City West and strongly oppose the consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West as well as the Epcor proposal to consolidate all five water districts into one.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schneider

Beth L. Soliere

From: Judy Klimek <judyklimek39@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 8:51 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Docket Number SW-01303A-09-0343 EPCOR consolidation

Commissioner Stump,

I am in favor of the consolidation plan that EPCOR is recommending that would affect the residence of Verrado. We are paying way to much for our water compared to many other communities in the Phoenix area. Our rates are so high that people are actually moving out of the area, this is not good for growth in the City of Buckeye. An EPCOR representative said in a town meeting last week that the waster water is used to water the Verrado golf course.... why don't we get a break on the money that Verrado is saving by using the our waste water? The rates that EPCOR is charging the Verrado residence is obscene. We can't continue to pay these rates that we have now only to see future increases. Please help us.

Judy Klimek

Beth L. Soliere

From: Willie Barraza <whbarraza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 7:21 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: VERRADO WATER/SEWER RATES

PLEASE vote to consolidate ALL EPCOR customers (including Anthem).

Beth L. Soliere

From: Willie Barraza <whbarraza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 2:47 PM
To: Stump-Web
Cc: mywater@epcor.com
Subject: VERRADO WATER/SEWER RATES

We are residents of the Verrado community. Our life savings went into our little 2 bedroom retirement home. We, as many of our neighbors, are on a very fixed income. For the past 15 months my rates have risen higher and higher. We have even talked about selling our home and moving to another neighborhood. We don't want to do this, however, if something is not done, we will have to. I personally plan to picket in front of the Victory section being built...this is for 55+. I know many of the people will be on fixed incomes as we are. They need to be warned about the water/sewer rates before signing a contract. We moved here from Georgia and who would have known the water/sewer rates would exceed the electric bill!!!

PLEASE vote to consolidate. Place all EPCOR customers (including Anthem) into one group and then come up with a fair rate across the board. Why should we pay more? Why would Anthem be de-consolidated?

Respectfully,
Willie & Henry Barraza

Beth L. Soliere

From: Shylah Crampton <shylahcrampton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:50 PM
To: Stump-Web

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

APS has once again attempted to eliminate competition by proposing to get rid of the solar requirement in the Renewable Energy Standards. The solar industry has brought jobs and investment to Arizona, and saves our citizens money. Eliminating this requirement would weaken the solar industry in the long-term, and ensure APS loses its status as a top solar state.

Please vote no to eliminating the solar distributed generation carve out.

Thank you,

Shylah Crampton

Beth L. Soliere

From: Willie Barraza <whbarraza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 8:56 AM
To: Stump-Web

Something must be done for the residents of Verrado. Our water/sewer rates are out of control. Why in the world did you de-consolidate Anthem?? That only made the burden greater for the rest of us.

VOTE TO CONSOLIDATE!!

Respectfully,
Henry G. Barraza, Jr.

Beth L. Soliere

From: barb shirley <shirleybarb@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:05 AM
To: Stump-Web

SINCE WE ARE A NEWER COMMUNITY WITHOUT AGING INFRASTRUCTURE,
WE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO BE PART OF SUN CITY WEST.

BARB SHIRLEY
CB RESIDENT

Beth L. Soliere

From: Cheryl Simmons <cherylsimmons@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 3:13 PM

I am emailing you as an Arizona Corporation Commissioner to express my concerns regarding the waste water consolidation of five districts. We are homeowners in Sun City West and have read the agenda for the August meeting to review EPCOR's accounting findings and the three major areas that will be pursued at that meeting.

We are opposed to the consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West. We are also opposed to the consolidation of all five waste water districts into one. All of the five districts except Sun City is a much higher rate than that of Sun City West.

We chose to purchase a home in Sun City West because it is a retirement community. The property taxes, recreational fees with what is offered, and utility costs have remained affordable for us. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens over much more expensive districts of which we have no control. In our particular situation we are out of state during the summer months but still have to pay the waste water fee even though it is not used.

We urge you not to consider the consolidation of either Corte Bella and Sun City West or consolidation of all five districts.

Thank You

Ronald & Cheryl Simmons

cherylsimmons@sbcglobal.net

Beth L. Soliere

From: joe nuccio <joenuch111@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:59 PM
To: Stump-Web

We strongly oppose any water rate increase. we moved to SCW from Ill. to escape the high utility rates. A utility is something we cannot live without. why do we allow them to keep raising the rates? they should not be a private ,lucrative business.

Thank you
Joe & Nancy Nuccio

Sent from my iPad

Beth L. Soliere

From: Will No <wil33no@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:30 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Dear Commissioner;

I am opposed to any change to the Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts which includes Sun City West. We should not be expected to bear cost burdens over which we have no control. We paid for the costs at the time of construction of Sun City West and we should not bear the cost of additional constructions outside of our area. Why shouldn't the cost of EPCOR's review be deducted from their profits. I cannot see why water waste rates are that high. Nowhere in the country are water waste rates that high. Is there miss management in that Company? Sun City West did not seek to be involved in this rate case and we find no basis for their assessment of these charges. I vehemently oppose the consolidation of Corte Bella into Sun City West or the consolidation of all the districts into one. On another question, a few years ago the water company imposed a \$7.00 charge to our water bill to upgrade equipment for arsenic . When the equipment was paid for the charge was to come off the bill. It stayed as a separate item for a few years and then they merged the charge with the bill.

Sincerely,

Lauren L. Begin
13805 W Via Manana
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Bill Gumpenberger <bgumpenberger@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:29 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Re-Consolidation of EPCOR

I support Re-consolidation of the Aqua Fria, Anthem and Sun City water and waste water districts as recommended by EPCOR, a single rate structure. This is the same single rate structure as Gas and Electric utilities use for a municipal area.

William Gumpenberger
20397 W. Shadow ST
Buckeye, AZ 85396
623.215.2386
bgumpenberger@Hotmail.com

Beth L. Soliere

From: James Hays <jm.hays@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 8:14 AM
Cc: jm.hays@comcast.net
Subject: Consolidation of Five Waste Water Districts

When considering the water waste issue please look at the demographics of the individuals that live in these areas. I purchased in Sun City West because of the lower cost of living. Being on a fixed income an increase in the cost of waste water management will have an influence on our lives. I am sure that the consolidation of the waste water districts will have a negative effect on all Sun City West residents. We should not be expected to bear the cost burdens over which we have no control.

Of the three options that are on the table I am opposed to options 2) Consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West, and 3) EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

Beth L. Soliere

From: tommie62ir@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 2:54 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Consolidation

I do not believe that Sun City West needs to be involved with a rate consolidation with Corte Bella. The wide difference in date constructed and cost to build does nothing but result in Sun City West subsidizing Corte Bella. I can't afford to live in Corte Bella yet I would be subsidizing their sewer rates? Come on.

Tom Ireland
Sun City West

Beth L. Soliere

From: Gene <catept@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:05 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: FW: Consolidation

From: catept@hotmail.com
To: stump-web@azcc.gov
Subject: Consolidation
Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2014 16:00:44 -0700

Dear Commissioner Stump,

As residents of Sun City West water district we are vigorously opposed to the Consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West and to EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

There were several reasons why we selected Sun City West for our residence and not the least of these was utility costs. We consider consolidation to be a contrived and inequitable proposal. There are very legitimate reasons for utilities fees to differ from district to district and every resident should be entitled to make judgments accordingly. We do not expect to bear cost burdens over matters which we have no control.

We ask you to oppose the consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West and EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gene and Carol Taylor
13238 West Pomegranate Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375
(623) 377-1145
catept@hotmail.com

Beth L. Soliere

From: Mary Knight <mknight43@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 6:03 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR's Rate Increase

Dear Commissioner,

It has come to our attention that EPCOR has asked for, what they call a "smoothing" of, waste water rates. This could result in sizable rate increases for the residents of Sun City West. We are on a fixed retirement income, and a large rate increase would indeed be a hardship. Please vote against any plan such as; consolidation of Sun City West and Corte Bella, or EPCOR'S plan to consolidate all 5 waste water districts into one, or any plan which would greatly increase our monthly waste water rates.

Thank you for taking time to read this email and acting to protect our interests in Sun City West.

Sincerely,

John & Mary Knight
13010 W. Meeker Blvd.
Sun City West, Az 85375

623-251-5482

Beth L. Soliere

From: ellinkm@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 5:33 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Rate Increase in Sun City West

Commissioner Stump: Add us to you list of extremely opposed to any rate increase for Sun City West. We chose this Village because we felt it answered all of our requests for an economical, well run, community, already well planned. Lets keep it that way. James and Ellin Moore

Beth L. Soliere

From: bholmes40@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts

Dear Commissioner Stump:

I am writing to express to you my views on proposals that you and other ACC officials will be considering on July 22, 1014. These proposals concern Waste Water Rates of five Districts.

A rate review by EPCOR, costing \$350,000 to \$700,000 is totally a waste of my money as they want to pass these costs along to me and not take the cost from their operating profits. My wife and I are residence of Sun City West. EPCOR took over the water service here not long ago and now want to propose changes that are very upsetting to this whole community (town).

I play golf on Sun City West Golf Courses with several Gentlemen, who live in Corte Bella, . Asked why they all play on our Golf Courses, rather than Corte Bella Golf Course, they reply that the golf rates at Corte Bella are too high and most have dropped their County Club Membership due to the rates.

Why should Sun City West consolidate with Corte Bella? Their residents chose to purchase a home there. They surely love the two very large water fountains as they enter their gated community on their South Entrance (water wasters, for sure) and their private Club House, golf course, houses and streets, water lines and sewer system. They chose that life style by purchasing a home there. Let them pay for their own utilities and leave me and other Sun City West residences out of their water and sewer bills.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this matter.

Bill & Marie Holmes
13916 Vis Tercero
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623.243.5477

Beth L. Soliere

From: John Falconbridge <john.falconbridge@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:00 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Consolidation

7-31-14

Dear Commissioner,

As a retired resident of Sun City West on a fixed income, I am extremely interested on the outcome of this proposed waste water consolidation. My water bill has more then doubled within the last 2 years and enough is enough. The only thing that has not gone up is my fixed pension.

I'm counting on you to support this large retirement community and not let this additional cost take place.

I shall have a watchful eye on the outcome, particular at election time now and in the future.

Thank you,

John & Dee Falconbridge
623-546-7161
john.falconbridge@cox.net

Beth L. Soliere

From: clay shope <clay@shopefamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:04 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

Clay Shope
20819 N Stonegate Dr
Sun City West, Az 85375

Bob Stump, Commissioner

Jim McKee a VP of Epcor water sent me a letter dated July 10, 2014 indicating that Epcor was bringing forward a proposal to consolidate water and wastewater services among several districts.

Epcor favors full consolidation. As a resident of Sun City West I would like to voice my **strong opposition** to this proposal.

Epcor's actions are designed to allow them to raise the water rates in Sun City West. This would put an unjust burden on myself and many of the other residents who live on a fixed income in this community.

Regards,
Clay Shope

Beth L. Soliere

From: cox.net <dbarry04@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:42 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

As a full time resident of Sun City West I object to the wastewater rate consolidation proposals. The EPCOR acquisition of the Sun City West water system has been little more than a relentless pursuit to create additional income thru increased rates. At first it was claimed that the Sun City West water infrastructure required extensive repairs; therefor, rates must be adjusted. Of course there have been little work accomplished. Not one major project that would even partially justify any rate increase. Now the waste water rate consolidation ploy to create additional income on the backs of legacy residents. Enough is enough.

Sent from my iPad

Beth L. Soliere

From: barbmarcey@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 9:31 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor

August 3 2014

Good Morning:

I am contacting you to share my concern about the Epcor Water issue/proposal. I retired in 2001 and moved to Sun City in 2003. As a single retired individual, I live on a fixed income. My water usage, on average, is approximately three, (3) T gallons per month, with the cost averaging around \$32.00. Per the letter from Epcor, they seem to be leaning towards consolidating Sun City with other districts. I find it very unfair to have the residents of Sun City be forced into helping other districts offset their water/wastewater costs. An increase of that kind would easily skyrocket the cost for the people of Sun City.

Your consideration in helping to keep the status quo for Sun City would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Barbara K. Marcey
9621 W Calico Dr.
Sun City, AZ 85373

Beth L. Soliere

From: Dale Hornyman <dalehornyman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Dear Commissioner,

We live in Sun City West & are writing to express our dismay with EPCOR's request for the residents of Sun City West to bear the cost of the rate review that we did not seek to be involved. None of the water districts should be expected to bear the cost burden of this assessment as EPCOR should be paying for the assessment from the company's profits.

We urge you to oppose consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West as well as EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one. We have no opinion regarding re-consolidation between Agua Fria & Anthem.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ken Toftoy & Dale Hornyman-Toftoy 21618 Yellowstone Circle

Anthony Hornyman 19054 Camino del Sol

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Beth L. Soliere

From: jhhjher@oh.rr.com
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:21 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Dear Chairman Stump,

I vigorously oppose the consolidation of the waste water rates by EPCOR. One of the reasons I choose Sun City West was the water and waste water rates. Had the consolidation taken place, I would have looked at other locations in the Phoenix area.

I am in favor of re-consolidation between Agua Fria and Anthem districts as one possible solution.

I hope I can count on you to oppose the consolidation of the waste water rates by EPCOR.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Herrmann
12406 W. Sonnet Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Lynette Waldenberger <lynettewald@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:31 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Commissioner Stump,

As a resident of Sun City West, I would like to express my thoughts on the EPCOR waste water consolidation proposals for the August meeting.

Three major areas of exploration will be pursued at the August meeting:

1. Possible re-consolidation between Agua Fria and Anthem.
2. Consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West.
3. EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

There is a 4th option that should be considered, maintain the status quo.

Option 1 would have no impact on Sun City West residents.

Option 2 would most likely impact Sun City West with a rate increase. Many more people (Sun City West) would be impacted negatively and fewer people (Corte Bella) positively.

Option 3 would cost between \$350,000 - \$700,000 which EPCOR would pass on to all customers although that seems to be "the cost of doing business" and should not be passed on to their customers. EPCOR's accounting process would be simplified and in the end save EPCOR money. This would have a negative impact on all residents in all 5 water districts.

I would endorse my 4th option of maintaining the status quo or option 1 which would not impact Sun City West residents.

Sincerely,

Lynn & Lynette Waldenberger

Beth L. Soliere

From: Dorothy Harris <cathidot@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 1:17 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

July 31, 2014

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St., Room 1
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Commissioner Stump,

We are writing to object to any consolidation of water districts by EPCOR which would include Sun City West. We are residents of Sun City West and know this would increase our rates. We chose this community over more expensive communities such as Corte Bella because of financial considerations and our ages. We should not be held responsible for other communities service costs.

Sincerely,

Dorothy E. Harris

Cathi L. Costa

12930 W. Blue Bonnet Dr.

Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: George ZOSKE <gzoske@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 6:24 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Dear MR. STUMP,

As a resident of Sun City West for the past seventeen years I want to inform you that I am **very much apposed** to any rate increase from EPCOR. I'm sure you have to be aware that the residents of a retirement community are living on a fixed income. (You too will be at the point someday) I do understand that costs of almost everything are on the rise. Much of which is the result of poor management and direction from our federal government. However, the rate at which so many of our services are rising is beyond one's understanding. I understand and am not opposed to a business making a profit. **BUT**, things are getting out of hand and it seems the only people who understand this is the consumer. When my wife and I moved to Sun City West seventeen years ago we were living comfortably, not "high on the hog", but able to cover our expenses and have a little left for a special event of an emergency. Not anymore! We now are at a point that we need to be very careful with spending so we are able to pay all of our bills and not have an over-draft with our bank account. **I URGE YOU TO STAND WITH US AND VOTE AGAINST ANY INCREASE IN RATES FROM EPCOR.**

Sincerely

George Zoske
22508 N Sonora Lane
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: Rodney Hennig <rodney.hennig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 6:08 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor

As Sun City West residents we oppose any plan to consolidate other districts with Sun City West. We already have the highest water rates in the area, except for El Mirage. Our community was developed at a different time than the other communities that want to consolidate with us. Their water/wastewater needs should have been addressed during their development. Regardless, it is unfair for them to want to consolidate with Sun City West, and cause our rates to rise.

The other districts in the proposal should consolidate with each other, but leave Sun City West out of the mix. I don't see any proposal to consolidate with Sun City, or Sun City Grand: we opposed any consolidation with Sun City West.

Rod and Donna Hennig

Beth L. Soliere

From: Donna Peasley <dpea85374@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:39 PM
To: Donna Peasley
Subject: Epcor

July 30, 2014

I have the latest effort by Epcor to consolidate waste water rates for us.

I am asking you to solidly defeat this consolidation. We should not be consolidated with other districts just because we have a lower rate.

There are many seniors in my area that are barely existing on their income. We do not need to have an increase in waste water.
On top of that we just had a large increase in just our water bills - it is getting harder and harder to choose whether to eat or keep on paying these increases.

Please vote no -

Very truly yours,

Donna R Peasley
17203 North Erin Lane
Surprise, Arizona 85374

Beth L. Soliere

From: Beverly Bormann <bbormann1@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:36 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Please vote for reconsolidation between Anthem and Aqua Fria in fairness to all concerned. The Sun Cities contain so many very senior citizens who live on tight incomes; the monthly water bills have become more and more burdensome.

Beverly Bormann, Sun City West
Resident for 27 years, widow for 17 years

Beth L. Soliere

From: Phyllis Grebson <grebson@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:41 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

We should not be expected to bear cost burdens for inequities in other geographical areas. I am on a fixed income with no future increases in my pension. I am barely able to afford current debts. Find another solution to the Water Rate Problem with Epcor that does not involve innocent bystanders.

Phyllis Grebson
Resident of Sun City West

Beth L. Soliere

From: Liz Nelson <lnelson114@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2014 8:40 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

This proposed rate hike is outrageous! We have never lived anywhere where the sewer charges were this high. Most residents in this area are retired and on a fixed income. This is excessive.

Elizabeth Nelson/Fort Mohave, AZ

Beth L. Soliere

From: Pauline <lynhaven@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 09, 2014 8:38 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

PLEASE do not allow the increase to EPCOR for sewer charges in the Fort Mohave, AZ area. \$56.67 is already a huge amount to pay each month for only sewer service.

Thank you,
Pauline Lindaas

Beth L. Soliere

From: Willie Barraza <whbarraza@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 9:04 AM
To: Stump-Web

VOTE TO CONSOLIDATE. The water/sewer rates in Verrado are outrageous!!!

Beth L. Soliere

From: jhhjher@oh.rr.com
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:21 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Dear Chairman Stump,

I vigorously oppose the consolidation of the waste water rates by EPCOR. One of the reasons I choose Sun City West was the water and waste water rates. Had the consolidation taken place, I would have looked at other locations in the Phoenix area.

I am in favor of re-consolidation between Agua Fria and Anthem districts as one possible solution.

I hope I can count on you to oppose the consolidation of the waste water rates by EPCOR.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Herrmann
12406 W. Sonnet Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Beth L. Soliere

From: eileen soltis <egs_az_fl@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Current consideration for water price changes

I am a retired person living in Sun City West. I live on a small limited income. I chose to live here because it "fit" my budget. I wholeheartedly disagree with changing our water rate. The majority of persons here are very elderly and live on limited budgets as I do.

Residents of Anthem and Corte Bella are in a significantly high income bracket than people in Sun City West (I do not have direct knowledge of income status in the other areas). They knew when they bought their homes in their areas what the water rates were. They decided it was worth it to them to live in those upgraded communities. They need to live by those decisions.

Sincerely,
Eileen Soltis

Date: July 31, 2014

To: The Arizona Corporation Commission:

Bob Stump, Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Susan Bitter Smith & Bob Burns

From 2003 to the present, my wife and I reside in Sun City West, Arizona. We purchased a home knowing the costs for utilities and recreational fees. Over these same eleven years, we have seen our utilities and recreational rates double. Social Security benefits remain our only source of income. All residents of Sun City West, Arizona, especially those living on Social Security, know that these benefits have not kept up with the percentage increase rates/fees over the same eleven year period.

We are appalled that the Arizona Corporation Commission is not looking out for the best interest of the common citizen. The same mentality of the Federal Government requiring more and more spending, more and more taxes, more and more wealth sharing, wasting more and more on unregulated systems and projects. This kind of Federal thinking has filtered down to State and local communities, hurting the common man with the same approach. When will the common man be heard? When will the Corporation Commission listen to the common man? When will the Corporation Commission fight for the common man? Consider the following:

1. As we understand, we have no skin in the game for possible re-consolidation between Agua Fria and Anthem.
2. However, we do **NOT** want the Corporation Commission to have a "YES" vote for a consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West.
3. We do **NOT** want the Corporation Commission to have a "YES" vote for EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five waste water districts into one.

Here are some additional facts to be considered:

- Residents of Corte Bella new that their gated community was an upscale community and subject to higher water and waste water rates.
- Residents of Corte Bella and Anthem new the cost of water and waste water when they purchased their homes.
- Residents of Corte Bella and Anthem new that their water and waste water rates were higher than Sun City West.

Conclusion:

It's time to stand up and be counted. It may not be political correct, or socially correct, or financially correct, but it is time to stand with courage, to stand with firmness, to stand with common sense for the common man. I am asking that each of you reply with your response and comments.

Respectfully,

Dennis & Carole Ford
12922 W. Flagstone Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375
623-544-0323

Beth L. Soliere

From: Tom & Jude Hogaboam <hogaboams@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 12:37 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Sun City West waste water proposal

I am receiving mail from EPCOR that contain almost no real information but assures me that EPCOR is doing its best to look out for my interest. I am also receiving much more informative mail from PORA telling me that there is a move underway to "consolidate" EPCOR rating areas. The main purpose of this seems to be so that my monthly bill will go up in order have other folks bills go down.

I have three requests:

- 1) Please ask EPCOR to provide HONEST and COMPLETE information in their mailings regarding this issue. Is this too much to ask??
- 2) I oppose any consolidation moves that increase my bill. I recently purchased a home in Sun City West in part because the water bills were manageable. I will do all that I can to make sure this happens. Please do everything you can.
- 3) As a snow bird, I have noticed that my EPCOR bills do not go down in the months I am absent and using no water. Upon inquiry, I was informed that your board had decided to effectively subsidise the year-round residents by establishing a high lower bound on monthly bills. My water bills, therefore, are not usage sensitive. Please explain to me why it is fair for me to pay as much for water when I am not actually using any.

Expecting a response to item (3),

Thomas Hogaboam
22311 N. Las Brisas
Sun City West, AZ 85375

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Tom & Jude Hogaboam
hogaboams@gmail.com

Beth L. Soliere

From: Zamora, Elizabeth <ezamora@topamail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 8:19 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor water rates

As a resident in Buckeye's subdivision, Verraddo, we desperately need to you consolidate our water rates. The cost of our family's water bill is exorbitant even though we conserve wisely. It is unrealistic for young families and seniors on fixed incomes to have water bills this high, even higher than electric bills. Please provide the support we gravely need!

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Mrs. Zamora

Individuals & Societies 4

Beth L. Soliere

From: James West <jwest823@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:18 PM
Subject: EPCOR Wastewater Consolidation

The Developer of Anthem didn't pay for the wastewater facility and put the burden on Anthem homeowners to pay the bill. EPCOR wants towns on the other side of the county to pay Anthems bills.
That's called consolidation and is not fair.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Damon Weems <damonweems@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:01 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Epcor Wastewater Consolidation

Opposed
Damon Weems
20213 N Sonnet
Sun City West

Beth L. Soliere

From: Andy Neynaber <neynaber@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 8:08 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: EPCOR Wastewater Rate Consolidation (Case for full consolidation)

8/7/2014

ACC, Commissioners Wing,
1200 West Washington,
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Good Day,

As an resident of Verrado Community, a EPCOR wastewater district customer and as an active voter interested in growth and development in the West Valley, I would like to respectfully request that you fully consolidate all of EPCOR wastewater customers into one rate structure.

There are several reasons that full consolidation makes the most sense from both a short and long term perspective. Please consider:

- A) The West Valley is poised to be the fastest growth area of the Valley of the Sun and will eventually be an economic engine driving revenue growth for the entire Phoenix metro area and indeed, all of Arizona. Water rates are an increasingly significant factor that can either attract or repel such growth. Consolidation would lead to predictable an stable rates and signal that we are serious about attracting business and residential growth. This is increasingly true in light of California's water challenges that are causing California business to look elsewhere for opportunities to avoid high taxes and sky rocketing utility costs.
- B) There is the issue of fair and equitable payment for infrastructure between all stakeholders in the EPCOR customer base. While Anthem residents gained a state of the art wastewater treatment plant at a time when EPCOR customers were consolidated, those in the Agua Fria district that participated in early payment for the Anthem treatment facility are now left to carry the entire economic burden of the wastewater treatment facility built to service the Agua Fria area.
- C) The deconsolidation of the water districts is short sighted on the part of those who would seek the short term gain of moderately lower rates at the expense of their Valley neighbors. Over time, it is probable that the Agua Fria district will experience more rapid growth and eventually experience lower per capita rates then the Anthem district. Consolidating the rate structure now will avoid a turning of tables later on. It is in the best interest of Anthem residents long term to consolidate now.

For these reasons, I would urge you to vote for full consolidation, bringing all the EPCOR wastewater customers together as one district.

With all due respect,

Sincerely,



Andrew Neynaber
(602) 418-0501
20072 W. Valley View Drive

Beth L. Soliere

From: jraschke@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 6:23 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: waste water rates

Dear Chairman Stump, We chose to retire in Sun City West because of lower tax and utility rates. It is not an elite community like Corte Bella or Anthem. If people can afford to live in an elite community they should expect to pay the utility rates and not expect others to help them. Please help people living on social security keep their homes. Thank You
James Raschke Sun City West az.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Patricia Launi <plauni2921@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:48 PM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: wastewater in Verrado

The wastewater rates being charged by Epcor are way out of line in comparison to other cities in the valley.

I am unfortunate homeowner in that I have a 1"meter as compared to others in my community who have a 3/4"meter. I pay about two and a half times the rate as anybody else.

In buying a home, I as a consumer make choices about what type of home I buy. If I buy a home with four air conditioners I KNOW I will pay more for my AC. If I buy a home with one air conditioner I KNOW I will pay less for my AC. I have the knowledge to make a decision. However, it was NEVER disclosed to me that I had a 1"meter and would be paying two and a half times more for my wastewater.

This is something I had no knowledge of until the huge rate increase happened. I DID NOT make this choice. My husband and I are retired and on a fixed income. This has become a huge lifestyle issue for us. I no longer have my beautiful flowers that I enjoy on my patio. I HAVE TO keep my lawn and outdoor plantings green or I will then get a fine from my association. I do not waste water so please do not tell me this is a conservation matter. It does not matter the diameter of the meter as to how water is delivered (no more, no less). It is simple math and physics! Please see what you can do to make things more equitable. I am being penalized for something I had no knowledge of or control over.

Beth L. Soliere

From: Lee Watkins <leeway14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 8:48 AM
To: Stump-Web
Subject: Waste Water Consolidation Proposal

Dear Commissioner
Stump,

Please let me begin by saying that I am very strongly opposed to consolidation. When we moved to Sun City West, we chose this location for our retirement based upon several factors: 1) we live on a fixed income, 2) we like the active life style that the facilities in this community allow, 3) we want access to medical and consumer facilities, etc. Having chosen Sun City West, expected the cost of living here to remain stable. People who chose to live in the other four areas also knew the cost of living there. Now, the residents of three of the areas want the residents of the Sun Cities to pay their bills. The cost of consolidation for my husband and me will make living on our fixed income even more difficult than it already is.

There are a variety of reasons for the differences in rates between these areas including the age of the system, the original cost of installing the system, the number of customers in the area and the geographical spread within the area. To say that these areas are homogenous is ridiculous. This is just a small example of saying that all of the county or state waste water districts should be consolidated. I'm fairly certain that nobody would consider that option. Yet, on a smaller scale that is what is being

considered here.

I'm certain that EPCOR would prefer consolidation for accounting and billing reasons. News reports say that EPCOR is lobbying for consolidation. Personally, I don't believe that EPCOR should have a say in the decision since the commission is supposed to operate independently.

Lastly, I would never vote for a commissioner who is in favor of consolidation. Thank you for considering my point of view.

Sincerely,
Lee Watkins
Sun City West
623.302.7152