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Commissioner Bob Burns
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TO: Docket Control

DATE: August 12, 2014

FROM: Commissioner Bob Burns' Office

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

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Commissioner Bob Burns has received over 80 emails in opposition to the consolidation proposal corresponding to the docket mentioned above. The documents can be viewed in Docket Control or online on the eDocket website.

Jessica D. Perry

From: clay shope <clay@shopefamily.org>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:08 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

Categories: Printed

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

Bob Burns, 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

Jessica D. Perry

From: slcoak@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:20 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Increase

I am a resident of Sun City West. If,the,increase,goes thru, I will not be able pay it. What,will happen to me?
Sent from my iPad

Jessica D. Perry

From: Karen Kosmoski <bygrace348@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:37 PM
To: Karen Kosmoski
Subject: Wastewater Rate Consolidation

Dear Commissioner,

This e-mail will express my strong opposition to the proposed wastewater rate consolidation that will include Sun City West. In our small community of retirees most of us are on fixed incomes and it would be a burden to bear the financial implications of the drastic rate increase this consolidation would cause SCW residents. Since Epcor has taken over, my water bill had almost doubled and another major increase would be hard to manage.

Please do not approve this consolidation; we seniors need commissioners who are responsive to the plight of seniors and the ever increasing utility rate increases.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Kosmoski
12411 W Keystone Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

623-217-4493 (Mobile)

Jessica D. Perry

From: ddonohue3@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:33 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rates

I am writing re EPCOR's proposal to consolidate waste water rates among the five districts.

Somehow I can't reconcile this proposal. We have no control over a new communities, start ups etc. And we are expected to pay for a costly review of \$350,000 to \$700,000?????????

High rates are unfortunate. However, those communities were aware of rates when they bought their properties. In turn so were the residents of Sun City West, with no reason to expect other than normal increases.

I urge you not to accept EPCOR's proposal.

Delaine R. Donohue
22606 N Vega Dr
Sun City West, Az

Jessica D. Perry

From: John Falconbridge <john.falconbridge@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 11:58 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Rate 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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Dorothy Harris <cathidot@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 1:20 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR

July 31, 2014

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

Dear Commissioner Burns,

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Laura Ehas <lehas@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:00 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Epcor waste water Rate Consolidation

Dear Commissioner Burns:

We are SHOCKED and HORRIFIED by Epcor's proposal regarding Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts which would drastically increase our water rates. Currently we are averaging a \$62.00 monthly water bill in Sun City West and this is while we are practicing conservation of our water usage as much as possible. Also we are not home 100% of the time and cannot understand why our current water usage costs us that much. To raise our rates as indicated to \$121.91 next January would terrible increase our burden to meet our monthly bills. We are senior citizens living on a fixed income. We already find it difficult to meet our Water, Utility and Real Estate Tax Bills. Our real estate taxes are higher than other areas of Sun City West because we are in the Dysart School District and the School has yearly increased their need for funds, which raise our real estate taxes by more than 50%.

Consequently we vehemently object to Epcor's proposals to consolidate all five waste water districts into one and also object to Epcor's proposal to the consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West.

We pray you will help us.

Sincerely,

James L. Ehas and Laura L. Ehas

14314 West Las Brisas Lane, Sun City West, AZ

Jessica D. Perry

From: eileen soltis <egs_az_fla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 3:40 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Changing water prices

Today at 3:32 PM

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: randy hayes <randyariz@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 1:40 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: "OPPOSITION" to Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Bob Burns, Commissioner

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Sam and Mary <wupatki1@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:07 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water and Waste Water Rates

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: DaveOwens100 <daveowens100@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 8:06 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Vote No on EPCOR's Consolidation!

Dear Sir:

Please support your constituents with regard to EPCOR'S proposal to consolidate Sun City West's water district by telling them NO!

We are retired and are living on a fixed income. We selected Sun City West over Corte Bella, for our year around home, because it fit within our income.

EPCOR decided to bring their agenda item 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. The Arizona Corporation Commission should not allow EPCOR to pass on the cost of their poor management to their customers.

David and Karen Owens
Sun City West Arizon

Jessica D. Perry

From: dAVID MELBY <melbygolf@cloudnet.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 8:37 AM
To: RBurns-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,

Jessica D. Perry

From: DAVE kONECHNE <arizona13432@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 9:40 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate

We live at 13432 W. Caraway Dr in SCW. We do not want SCW to consolidate with any other district and would participate with a vote taken on the matter.

Dave & Elaine Konechne

Jessica D. Perry

From: Carolyn & Jim <cjbooy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 7:52 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water rates controversy

Bob Burns,

RE: In response to the recent letter with a proposal to consolidate waste water rates to the five districts--

We would like to express our dissatisfaction to your recommendation. As 18-year residents of Sun City West, we do not think we should have to have our rates adjusted because of dissatisfaction in other areas. We chose to live in Sun City West because of the amenities, as well as utility costs. We are on a fixed income and to adjust our rates to accommodate other communities is not fair.

As a member of the AZ Corporation Commission, we recommend you do not incorporate Sun City West with Agua Fria, Anthem and Corte Bella.

Also we would recommend that EPCOR take their costs from their profits and not raise rates as they are proposing to do.

Thank you for your consideration to this imporant issue.

Mr. & Mrs. James Booy

cjbooy@gmail.com

Jessica D. Perry

From: J Boyd <jdb24000@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 8:05 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Burns-Web; Stump-Web; BitterSmith-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Potential EPCOR Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Bob Stump, Chairman
Susan Bitter Smith, Commissioner
Bob Burns, Commissioner
Brenda Burns, Commissioner
Gary Pierce, Commissioner

I am writing to voice disapproval of items 2 and 3 described by PORA in their letter to Sun City West members:

2. Consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West; and
3. EPCOR's proposal to consolidate all five wastewater districts into one.

One purpose of the commissioners establishing rates is to prevent one district from subsidizing another. Age of system, cost at origin, and geographical spread should be maintained. It is fair for districts to pay different rates if based on circumstances and/or economics: I don't pay for hurricane insurance and Floridians don't insure against dust storms. Also, in SCW my water bill is over \$50 monthly. I recently moved from North Texas, a similar community with similar weather, and my bill was much lower. I would like to know why our bills in Arizona are so high.

I am also concerned about EPCOR's apparent assertion that rate review is rare and that the cost should not be deducted from operations. As a retired Chief Financial Officer I am concerned. Rate review is foreseeable, repetitive and ordinary expense. It is the CFO's job to anticipate such ordinary and recurring review and to collect the data necessary. While I am not familiar with EPCOR's accounting, I urge the Commissioners to ask why that data was not routinely collected, since they knew, or should have known, that such a review would be required. If they "missed it," the cost should not fall to the ratepayers.

Please respect the nature of SCW, SC and surrounding retirement communities. Most of us are on fixed income and should not be asked to subsidize others nor pay for EPCOR's failure to collect accounting data.

Sincerely,

John D. Boyd
jdb24000@yahoo.com
14330 W. Domingo Lane
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Ed Howell <ed.howell1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 5:58 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR Consolidation of 5 waste water districts

Commissioner Burns,

As a property owner in Sun City West, I object to any and all of the proposals put forth by EPCOR in consolidating waste water rates among the five districts served by EPCOR or by consolidating Sun City West and Corte Bella waste water districts.

Costs at the time of origin of each of the five districts system, age of each system, geographical spread and the number of customers in each system to share the fixed costs are the major differences that should be considered. Raising my rates to reduce others rates long after waste water districts have been set up and disparate communities have been developed and sold does not sound like a fair proposal. Corte Bella may be next to Sun City West but it was designed as a high end luxury retirement community with a private gated entry. Homes and lots are much larger than the average in Sun City West and I'm sure water usage is much higher per resident than that of Sun City West. If EPCOR wishes to lower Corte Bella residents waste water rates to match Sun City West then I would have no issue but to raise my rates to lower Corte Bella rates is uncalled for.

The EPCOR accounting review costs, to be passed on to rate payers, is substantial and was not requested by residences of Sun City West. If EPCOR wants to proceed with such an endeavor they should be required to pay for it out of EPCOR profits rather than allocating it to waste water district customers who did not ask for it.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Ed Howell
18615 N. 136th Dr
Sun City West, Arizona 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Joan Sheppard <joanlsheppard@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 10:45 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Fwd: Waste WaterRate Consolidation

August 2, 2014

My name is Joan L. Sheppard, and I am a year-round resident of Sun City West.

I am informed that the August agenda of the Arizona Corporation Commissioner's meeting is to include exploration of (1) the possible re-consolidation of Aqua Fria and the Anthem Districts; (2) consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West; and (3) consolidation of all five districts into one.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you Commissioner Burns, that while I have no interest in item (1), and that I am a citizen of the Sun City West District, I strongly oppose the possible consolidation of Sun City West with either Corte Bella or the other three districts.

To include Sun City West in such consolidations offers nothing more for my community than higher fees with no benefit. I believe that smaller government is better government and to suggest consolidation with other districts is to suggest "bigger is better."

Please do nothing by way of consolidation to our district.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan L. Sheppard
15241 Robertson Ct.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: E. D. <gmlady05@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 1:48 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water

Hello. I am against the consolidation of Corte Bella and Sun City West. Elaine Derman 13804 W Via Montoya-Sun City West Az. 85375--6235466189. Thank you.

Jessica D. Perry

From: Jo-Anne Jones <jobobaz@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 4:29 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Consolidation Proposal - EPCOR

Dear Commissioner Burns:

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Deb Bevilacqua <deb.bevilacqua@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 12:15 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Jim Dodson <jim.dodson34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 5:57 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Fw: consolidation,deconsolidation and your wastewater

On , Jim Dodson <jim.dodson34@yahoo.com> wrote:

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On Sunday, August 3, 2014 5:48 PM, Jim Dodson <jim.dodson34@yahoo.com> wrote:

To Whom It May Concern,

I am emailing you in response to your letter that you sent me concerning consolidation, deconsolidation and your waste water. My wife and I live in Sun City West, Az. and are retired on fixed incomes living on fixed incomes and some small interest from some investments. Your proposal of consolidation of Sun City West and Corta Bella or your proposal to consolidate the five waste water districts into one, would raise our rate from \$30.96 monthly to \$121.91 monthly an increase of \$90.95 per month and \$1091.40 more per year. We understand our expenses will raise from time to time for various reason, however we feel this a unjust and absorbent amount of increase. My wife and I strongly oppose the two proposals I mentioned above and urge you to seriously consider and act on the proposal of reconsolidation between Aqua Fria and Anthem.

James E. & Connie E. Dodson

Jessica D. Perry

From: Mary Knight <mknight43@cox.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 03, 2014 6:02 PM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Tom Roesner <tommyroesner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 7:18 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR Water Rate Increase

We purchased our retirement home in Sun City West a year ago, in part, because of reasonable water rates, lower taxes and no schools. We live at 15002 W. Aloha Drive and our water rates are reasonable. We looked for a home in this neighborhood for a year before we found and purchased it. We also believe a rate review is part of EPCOR's regular cost of doing business and the cost should not be passed on to customers.

Please work to keep our water rates low.

Thank you,
Tom Roesner

Jessica D. Perry

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.

Jessica D. Perry

From: Cynthia Lebreck <clebreck@centurylink.net>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 9:48 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Wastewater issue as it affects Sun City West

We have a home in Sun City West, AZ. We are retired people.

We received a letter from EpcorWater dated July 10, 2014 indicating you (commissioners) are taking a look at one of the following: full consolidation; full deconsolidation; a third option of bringing wastewater services for Anthem and Agua Fria back together.

Please let the record show, we, as home owners in Sun City West, OPPOSE all 3 options as stated above. Our rationale behind our opposition is - WHY would we want to take on additional cost for something we have had NO responsibility for in the past! To make our point clearer we do not want HIGHER rates!

Changes of this nature, as proposed, will cause an economic impact on people who live on limited/fixed incomes and will have an effect on those retirement communities as well as property values. Many people will be forced to sell their homes as a result of YOUR decisions.

PLEASE take a very SERIOUS look as you consider any decision (YOU) make. Keep in mind YOUR decision will affect thousands of people living on fixed and/or limited budgets. YOUR decision will have a serious affect on living conditions and life style of thousands of people!

Feel free to contact us via email. Thank you.

Jessica D. Perry

From: Will No <wil33no@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 10:33 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: TIM CLAUDIA FLAKE <timclaudia3@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 8:06 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Re: Consolidation.

Did you see the
PORA news letter?

Sent from my iPad

> On Aug 2, 2014, at 8:05 AM, "TIM CLAUDIA FLAKE" <timclaudia3@msn.com> wrote:

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> Vote No. Why should SCW subsidize Corta Bella high rollers when they did not want to join and be part of SCW.

>

> Sent from my iPad

Jessica D. Perry

From: TIM CLAUDIA FLAKE <timclaudia3@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 02, 2014 8:05 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Consolidation.

Vote No. Why should SCW subsidize Corta Bella high rollers when they did not want to join and be part of SCW.

Sent from my iPad

Jessica D. Perry

From: Kay Archer <kayelena@cni.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 4:52 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Dear Mr. Burns:

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Dale Hornyan <dalehornyan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2014 2:51 PM
To: RBurns-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 Hornyan-Toftoy 21618 Yellowstone Circle

Anthony Hornyan 19054 Camino del Sol

Jessica D. Perry

From: Sue HANRAHAN <stunsueh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 7:46 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Rates

Please vote to keep our rates down.

Sent from my iPad.
Sue Hanrahan

Jessica D. Perry

From: kenneyb1@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 6:28 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR rates

Categories: Printed

Dear Commissioner Burns:

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: cvjlblock <cvjlblock@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 8:39 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

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Paul Kinnison <luapamron@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 7:54 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: nbrey7@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, August 06, 2014 8:59 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: water

I am pleading with you to say no to consolidating Sun City West with Corda Bella==they have far more money than we do== why should we pay for the high rent district's water
I am begging you to say no thank you

Jessica D. Perry

From: circuitmary@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 05, 2014 9:41 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Lee Watkins <leeway14@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 8:52 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Consolidation Proposal

Dear Commissioner
Burns,

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: jraschke@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 6:57 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: waste water rate

Dear Commissioner Burns, 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 pay them. Please help people living on social security keep their homes. Thank You, James Raschke sun city west az.

Jessica D. Perry

From: ronswaz@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:32 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: (no subject)

Dear RBurns If Epcor raises its water rates they will be out of reach for people in Sun City West—they should all be in line with what is realistic

Jessica D. Perry

From: JKropp3222@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 4:32 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Fwd: Epcor water rate changes

Dear R Burns

As one of the persons who helped you win an election to make decision on water rates,etc, I am asking you to vote "NO" on Epcor's request for rate changes.

The present rates were requested by Epcor and approved by you therefore they should be left alone.

As a retiree, who has not seen a pension increase since 1999 and do not receive COLA's, I am making the above request.

Thank you for your assistance,

**Jacob Kropp
19810 Stardust Blvd
Sun City West, Az. 85375-5784**

Jessica D. Perry

From: Ralph Fiegelist <fiegelist@live.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:38 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: tommie62ir@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2014 2:55 AM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Wilson Judy <wwilson15@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:54 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR Consolidation

Dear Mr. Burns,

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: ngkraft@cox.net
Sent: Sunday, August 10, 2014 4:26 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR's waste water district consolidation

Categories: Printed

Dear Commissioner Burns:

My wife and I moved to Sun City West 14 years ago shortly after retiring. We selected our retirement community for many reason which included cost of living because we would be on a fixed income like many of our neighbors are. Water availability and associated costs were one of the primary expenses we researched and one of the reasons we moved here.

Please do not approve EPCOR's proposal to consolidate waste water districts.
This would be an added strain on an already tight budget and shrinking fixed income.

Thank you for your time and consideration.
Norm and Irene Kraft
14403 W Heritage Dr
Sun City West

Jessica D. Perry

From: Shirley Miller <shirleymaemiller@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 7:24 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Cc: Shirley Miller
Subject: Waste Water Rates

Dear Mr. Burns

My husband John and I moved to Sun City West AZ in 2009. We did extensive research on where to retire. We choose here because of Sun City West unique property taxes, recreational fees in the retirement community and utility costs.

We should NOT be expected to bear the cost burdens of other newer communities which we have no control over. Our community is that of a retirement which all residents have fixed incomes. An increased waste water fee would be devastating to many of our residents.

I ask you NOT to consolidate Sun City West with Corta Bella or with any other 5 water districts.

Thank you
Shirley Miller

Jessica D. Perry

From: Tom's Email <t-j-ohl@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:29 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Possible Waste Water Consolidation,

Dear Commissioner Burns,

As new residents of Sun City West, we highly object to consolidation of the waste water districts. Low water rates were a consideration in purchasing our home, and we object to subsidizing other districts with higher rates. Many SCW residents, such as ourselves, are on fixed incomes and would be severely impacted by consolidation and higher rates. Please take these facts into consideration as you review possible consolidation.

Sincerely,

Tom and Janice Ohl
19619 N. 141st Ave.
Sun City West

Sent from my iPad

Sent from my iPad

Jessica D. Perry

From: John Obradovich <johnkg7j@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, August 11, 2014 10:56 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR with its proposal to consolidate waste water rates among the five districts

Dear Commissioner Robert Burns: We received a letter from Epcor with the following subjects:

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.

My wife and I live in Sun City West and we request that you oppose items 2 and 3.

We have paid our water rates for years and the current and previous water companies were making a profit at those rates. However, it would be unfair to consolidate Sun City West into either Corte Bella or into a single consolidation of all five waste water districts.

Here is a list of the monthly rate cost currently assessed for minimum wastewater services by EPCOR by district: AguaFria - \$106.21, going to \$121.91; Anthem \$62.43, dropping to \$56.25; Sun City \$18.11, Sun City West \$30.96, and Mohave \$56.55. All of these districts are quite diverse in age, geographical spread, time of original construction, and other factors.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully, John and Carolyn Obradovich, 14432 W. Futura Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375. Phone: 623 975-1255

Jessica D. Perry

From: Lynette Waldenberger <lynettwald@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 2:35 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Commissioner Burns,

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:

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

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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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Barker Q <barker1506@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:48 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Proposed Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts, submitted by EPCOR

Bob Burns Commissioner,
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

Dear Commissioner Burns,

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
480 826 3514

Jessica D. Perry

From: Frank DiRenzo <direnzo.frank@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 8:25 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Water Waste Consolidation

I am against any consolidation especially Corte Bella and SCW

Frank DiRenzo --SCW

Jessica D. Perry

From: Rehman John <jrehman2@neo.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:00 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: WASTE WATER RATES

Dear Commissioner Burns,

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: John Comford <jcomford@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:46 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Objection to Epcor proposed consolidation of water districts

Categories: Printed

Sun City West, AZ

July 30,2014

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in regards to the proposed changes to Epcor wastewater rates due to consolidation, merger, etc..

I purchased my home in Sun City West based on many factors. Water rates as well as other utilities was a large concern of mine. I am strongly against any changes to Epcor consolidating anyone with Sun City West.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

John Comford
13215 W. Marble Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Gpetefam@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:58 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR Wastewater Consolidation Proposal

Categories: Printed

I would like to go on record of Opposing waste water consolidation of Sun City West with the other communities. We purchased in this community in 2013 based largely on the costs associated with home ownership. As far as I can tell, this effort will only result in adding costs with NO resulting change in service. Since we are snowbirds, we do not use the waste water for six months of the year. Consequently, we should be entitled to suspend waste water charges for the period of time we do not use the process. Newer developments with more expensive homes should pay the costs associated with their home ownership and not expect other older communities to subsidize their costs.

Sincerely,
Gary Petersen

Jessica D. Perry

From: DONALD BRADDOCK <kardonb@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 3:39 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Epcor's attempt to raid Sun City West

Categories: Printed

Dear Commissioner,

We OBJECT to Epcor's attempt to consolidate the waste water district which contains Sun City West with Corte Bella in ANY form!

I recommend you act to reconsolidate Corte Bella's district with Anthem's.

Please LEAVE SUN CITY WEST ALONE!!!!

Thank you,

Donald and Karin Braddock
14322 W. Via Manana
Sun City West, AZ

Jessica D. Perry

From: Wayne Hendrickson <retldo91@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:22 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR WASTE WATER

I am requesting that when the commission meets in August that you DO NOT include Sun City West's present waste water system in any consolidation with any other communities. We purchased our home based on a lot of factors one being the utility infrastructure and knew what we were getting into. As an example we pay the school tax that other parts of SCW do not, but we knew that coming in. Other communities/ owners should have done their homework before purchasing their homes.

Wayne Hendrickson
SCW

Jessica D. Perry

From: Margaret Popp <mpopp7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:50 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Sun City West Water Rate/Re-Consolidation

Hello

We strenuously oppose items 1 and 2 listed below

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.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Rick and Margi Popp
13005 W Broken Arrow Drive
Sun City West, AZ

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If you or someone you know is looking to buy or sell a home, we would appreciate the opportunity help you to achieve your goal? ... We are never to busy for you or your referrals.

*And I'm proud to be an American,
where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died,
who gave that right to me.*

~Lee Greenwood

Jessica D. Perry

From: Clark Watkins <clark.watkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 5:07 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Consolidation of waste water districts

Categories: Printed

Dear commissioner,

I want to begin by saying that I am vehemently opposed to consolidation. We all have a choice about where we live. We base that choice upon several factors: Life style, personal finance, recreation facilities, access to medical and consumer facilities, etc. Having considered all of these factors and being on a fixed income, my wife and I chose Sun City West. Other people decided to live in the other four areas knowing the cost of doing so. Now, the residents of three of the areas want the residents of the Sun Cities to pay their bills.

There are reasons for the differences in rates. Some of these reasons are the age of the system, original cost of installing the system, number of customers in the area and 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 those options. Yet, on a smaller scale that is what is being considered here.

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Lastly, I would never vote for a commissioner who is in favor of consolidation.

Thank you,
Clark Watkins
Sun City West
623.302.7152

Jessica D. Perry

From: Melvin Bauck <mbauck@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 5:35 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: HI

Categories: Printed

I feel we are paying a lot now we are retired and on a Retired income this incress will be hard on us as well as others in sun city west please help us with this matter. Melvin Bauck

Jessica D. Perry

From: Phyllis Grebson <grebson@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:42 PM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Rodney Hennig <rodney.hennig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 6:09 PM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: George ZOSKE <gzoske@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 6:25 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR

Dear MR. BURNS,

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Damon Weems <damonweems@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:02 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Epcor Consolidation

Opposed
Damon Weems
20213 N Sonnet
Sun City West

Jessica D. Perry

From: Sandy Bauer <sandy_bauer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 4:15 PM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Rodney Hennig <rodney.hennig@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 5:59 PM
To: RBurns-Web
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Rod and Donna Hennig

Jessica D. Perry

From: Dawn Ferch <dawn.cortebella@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 7:32 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Wastewater issue

We live in Corte Bella. Our water bill is between \$195 and \$198 per month. We are two elderly people who live with desert landscaping, NO WATER FEATURES, and we try to conserve our water use. This is an outrage!

Roger and Dawn Ferch
22313 N. Pedregosa Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Cando Gumbo <candogumbo@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 10:09 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Dear Commissioner Burns:

When I purchased my home in Sun City West I had no idea that years later I could be subjected to my waste water district being consolidated into others.....a move that could cost me a lot more money than I ever could have anticipated. Not to mention the distinct possibility of the value of my home being reduced by such a move. I feel for the other districts that are experiencing high costs for waste water services, but their problem is NOT Sun City West's.

Cliff Ourso
20415 N 133rd
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Margaret R Gibb <mrgibb8@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:56 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste water consolidation

Categories: Printed

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

Jessica D. Perry

From: cox.net <dbarry04@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 10:43 PM
To: RBurns-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

Jessica D. Perry

From: Dale W. Foss <dwfoss@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:00 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: EPCOR waste water proposal

Categories: Printed

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

Sincerely,
Dale W. Foss
22317 N Cheyenne Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: joe nuccio <joenuch111@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:04 PM
To: RBurns-Web

Categories: Printed

We strongly oppose any water rate increase as we are existing on Soc. Sec. and the reason we moved to SCW from Ill. was the cost of living here in AZ.

Please do not allow the utilities to profit more off our backs.

Thank you

Joe & Nancy Nuccio
19006 N Aloe Ct.
SCW Az

Sent from my iPad

Jessica D. Perry

From: Barker Q <barker1506@q.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 7:48 AM
To: RBurns-Web
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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
480 826 3514

Jessica D. Perry

From: Bob Mitchell <bob.mitchell40@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:44 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Categories: Printed

As a Sun City West homeowners we are opposed to trying to consolidate rates from five districts into one. SCW is self sufficient and large enough to stand on its own. We should not have to pay for lesser populated areas, some with newer infrastructure, just to try to equate rates. Leave SCW rates alone

Bob & Jane Mitchell
Sun City West home owners

From: Bob Mitchell (bob.mitchell40@gmail.com)

Jessica D. Perry

From: Doris Turner <dorjer@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:44 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: WASTE WATER RATE CONSOLIDATION

Please let it be known that we are against consolidating the waste water rate for all local areas. Thank you so much for your attention to this issue.

Most sincerely,
Doris and Gerald Turner
19839 N.. White Rock Drive
Sun City West, Az. 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Paul Ruppert <azruppert@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 1:49 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Consolidation of Waste Water Rates

Dear sir,

I am a long time resident of Sun City West. I strongly oppose the consolidation of waste water rates of my area with other districts. In my opinion there are far too many differences between the areas of interest. I believe part of the water company's responsibility is justification of rates for each area based on that area's unique situation.

My wife and I did a lot of research before purchasing our home in Sun City West. One of the reasons we did not buy a home in Corte Bella was the number of homes and the costs of maintenance. I do not want to be responsible for their waste water responsibilities.

I hope that you will do the right thing for the residents of Sun City West. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Ruppert
14718 W. Black Gold Ct.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: jcvl@cox.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:34 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Fw: No on consolidation!
Categories: Printed

To Bob Burns, Why do we as residence of SCW have to bear the burden of other districts for our water? Please vote No for consolidation! Thank you. Vi & Jose Barez



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Jessica D. Perry

From: Darrell Cottle <sunsea@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2014 2:35 PM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts

Dear Sir:

We at Sun City West intends to vigorously oppose Option #2 and #3, while not participating in Option #1, since it does not impact us directly.

Sincerely
Darrell Cottle
sunsea@cox.net

Jessica D. Perry

From: bholmes40@cox.net
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 10:56 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation of Five Districts

Categories: Printed

Dear Commissioner Burns:

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 then 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
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Sun City West, AZ 85375
623.243.5477

Jessica D. Perry

From: Gary Kilsdonk <gary.kilsdonk@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 10:02 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Waste Water Rate Consolidation

Bob Burns,

Please know that I am opposed to the consolidation Sun City West waste water rates with Corte Bella and the consolidation of all five waste water districts.

I moved to Sun City West because the costs of living there were lower than the other communities in the area. There are many variables between these communities that cause the waste water rates to vary. It is not fair that those who have chosen to live in a low cost community bear the higher cost other communities.

Please do not consolidate SCW with these other communities.

Thank You

Gary Kilsdonk
15310 W Blackgold Ln
SCW, AZ 85375

Jessica D. Perry

From: Robert De Young <onedey2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 12, 2014 11:11 AM
To: RBurns-Web
Subject: Epcor

Dear Commissioner Burns:

As a resident I oppose Epcor's latest move that would raise wastewater rates by 88% in old Sun City. Our properties are modestly priced vs Corte Bella, SCW, Anthem and others in proposal. There are residents here choosing between food or meds.

Could there exist an equitable means of tying wastewater rates to amount of water consumed?

I look forward to your concern for residents of this community.

*Sincerely,
Robert DeYoung*