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n Equity – Fabricated Upon the Backs of Sun City Retirees

There is no way that the Commission over the course of a few minutes can grasp the full impact of such amendments on the ratepayer: Usually, as was the case here, it goes bad for the ratepayer," Pozefsky (continued).

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RE: EMPOWERMENT OF EPCOR – APPLICATION FOR A REHEARING

--DAILY NEWS-SUN—OCTOBER 28, 2015—JEFF GRANT—AGENCY FIGHTS TO LOWER 18% MONTHLY WATER-RATE HIKE

Commissioners:

The role of Government Agencies and Regulators is to serve the people, not to create an all-powerful Corporate entity by eliminating its (smaller) competitors at the behest of the very same Government officials entrusted to protect the best interests of the citizenry at large.

Greg Eisert, Chairman, Sun City Home Owners Association (SCHOA) correctly testified that, currently, the Commissioners appear to be “empowering the biggest water utilities (EPCOR) to get them to a financially strong position so they can purchase small, under-performing wastewater and water companies.”

Eisert continued: “There are a whole host of issues before under-performing companies should be addressed. It’s potentially causing Sun City residents a lot of heartache and costs.” In addition, Eisert stated: “These cases are extremely complicated and the ratepayers depend on the *duty* of both the Commission and RUCO to be the *protectors* of the ratepayer.”

The reason we, long-serving, hard-working taxpayers no longer *trust* our elected government officials is born out by betrayals to throw-in with Crony Corporatists to feed off retirees, the very same retirees that have paid their dues to society over many decades.

If fairness and transparency were the guidelines (which the Commissioners) used to govern, not rule, this penchant to serve the special Corporate Interests upon the backs of fixed-income retirees would vanish, never again to act the advocate of “enabling” the likes of EPCOR to: offset losses for equipment depreciation advantages; overcompensation ploys for customers in Tubac and Mohave water districts, and increased revenues beyond the judge’s *Recommend Order and Opinion*—purposefully to imperil Sun City retirees by an increase of \$1,800,000.00 in rates, all the while paying for \$632,851.00 in rate reductions for Tubac and Mohave resident customers.

Bully behavior comes to mind when assessing the current actions of the Corporation Commissioners.

Do the Commissioners believe retirees are to just rollover and “take it?” If so, it is time to reassess your actions. The Commissioners have the authority to reopen hearings by their own motion to do so.

Maybe, just maybe it is time to honor those of us that have worked and served our fellow citizens over many years rather than to serve up injustice.

Sincerely,

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