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Re: Arizona Water Company v. Cornman Tweedy 560 LLC

Dear Commissioners;

As a small water only utility in our community, we are concerned about the potential that a Certificate of Convenience and Need (CC&N) could be revoked to the benefit of a developer or an integrated water/waste water provider who does not want to pay fair market value to purchase a territory that has been legally granted through the CC&N process by the ACC. This smacks of an illegal government taking for the benefit of a private entity.

Our Board has reviewed the case and urge the Commission to reject the argument that water only service is no longer in the public interest, and we urge you to respect the value of our water company and the 200+ water only providers who have incurred costs in permitting and planning to serve an expansion area through the CC&N process. A CC&N has value, much time and money is spent securing a CC&N. The CC&N provides our ability to grow our companies in the future.

We respectfully ask the Commission to reject the claim that stand alone water providers do not have the same incentives to efficiently use groundwater and effluent resources (where available) that an integrated provider has.

A precedent at the Commission that finds that water only utility companies are not in the public interest would be a bad decision for the Arizona water industry and would immediately devalue our company today and into the future.

Sincerely,

Stan Kephart, President

Claude Mattox, Vice President/Treasurer

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Providing the highest quality, sustainable water to our customers.**