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## Arizona State Senate

Dear Chairman Little and Commissioners:

I write to the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding Docket Number W-20919A-16-0068, which is the application of the Arizona Windsong Water Company (Windsong) located in Sanders, Arizona to transfer its water system to the Navajo Tribal Utilities Authority (NTUA).

Windsong has provided water to Sanders for nearly 50 years. Over time, many groups have contributed to help Windsong improve its infrastructure and provide safe and reliable water service to the community, including NTUA, Arizonans for Responsible Water Policy, and Arizona Public Service Company. Despite this tremendous assistance, Windsong's system has been unable to overcome the uranium pollution that has plagued the Navajo Nation for decades.

Just last year, residents of Sanders learned that their local water actually contained more than twice the legal limit of uranium and were advised not to drink, bathe, cook, or clean with it. But Sanders has no alternative water source. Residents are forced to use the irradiated water or, like the Sanders Unified School District, spend a considerable amount of money on bottled water. There has been help from organizations like St. Mary's Foodbank, which has sent many cases of clean bottled water to Sanders.

A long-term solution, however, is desperately needed for the people of Sanders. This is where the Commission can help. An application to transfer Windsong's water system to NTUA is pending before the Commission. Both parties agree that this needs to happen, and NTUA is in the position to immediately provide clean, fresh water to the people of Sanders upon approval of the Commission.

I urge the Arizona Corporation Commission to process, consider, and approve this application as expeditiously as possible. The people of Sanders are counting on you.

Sincerely,

CARLYLE W. BEGAY  
State Senator – Legislative District 7

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