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**Memorandum**  
From the office of  
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TO: Docket Control

DATE: April 1, 2016

FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT: Docket No. WS-02987A-16-0017

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Chairman Little's office received the attached letter referencing the case with the above Docket Number. This letter and the Chairman's Office reply can be viewed either in Docket, or on the website via the eDocket link.

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Dear Commission Little:

Re: Docket #WS-02987A-16-0017

As a homeowner in Johnson Ranch I am writing to request that you oppose the proposed action of Johnson Utilities to stop provide effluent water to the Golf Club at Johnson Ranch. I believe if the Utility is allowed to replace the effluent water with much higher priced regular water it will have the same effect as an unjustifiable rate increase to all of the owners of homes in Johnson Ranch.

My statement is based on an expected bankruptcy of the Golf Club. The projection is that regular water rather than reclaimed water would cost the JR Golf Club hundreds of thousands of dollars more per year. Having been in business myself I don't see a golf course as being such a lucrative business that it could simply absorb that kind of cost increase. Being an occasional golfer I can tell you that I can play many beautiful courses in the area at rates the same or even less than the Golf Club at Johnson Ranch charges; thus I don't see them being able to cover a cost increase of this magnitude with an increase in what they charge the golfer to play their course.

A bankrupt and unmaintained golf course in the middle of our community will greatly decrease our property values thus having the same effect as if the Utility imposed a much higher rate structure on the water we all buy from them. I don't see how this is justifiable. The big corporation, Johnson Utilities, should not be allowed to dominate the small home owners in this manner. It would be bad for Johnson Ranch homeowners and it would set a terrible precedent for other similar situations. If Johnson Ranch becomes a depressed area it would be negative for all of San Tan Valley where so much public and private investment has been made to increase and accommodate growth.

Please prevent this indefensible action on the part of Johnson Utilities.

Sincerely,



Roger Specht