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**Memorandum**  
From the office of  
**Chairman Doug Little**  
**Arizona Corporation Commission**  
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Arizona Corporation Commission

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TO: Docket Control  
DATE: June 8, 2016  
FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office  
SUBJECT: EPCOR- Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

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Chairman Little's office received 10 emails referencing, and in opposition of, the above docket number. These documents can be viewed with the above Docket Number either on the website via the eDocket link, or in Docket.

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** onedey@netzero.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 7:30 AM  
**To:** Doug Little  
**Subject:** Epcor

Dear Commissioner Little:

I strongly oppose the proposed consolidation of the Sun City district with others. (docket WS-01303A-16-0145)

Thank you for your consideration,

Robert DeYoung

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Susan Klawitter <s\_klawitter@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 31, 2016 1:20 PM  
**To:** S\_klawitter  
**Subject:** DOCKET - WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to urge you to deny EPCOR Water their petition to consolidate their wastewater districts. As a resident of Sun City I should not be charged to help other communities pay their bills. Our system was bought and paid for by the citizens at the time it was developed. The communities who want the consolidation are simply paying their fair share since they were not charged at the time they purchased their homes.

I understand that our infrastructure is aging and needs repair. I am more than willing to pay my share to fix our system, not to help those who bought homes in an expensive area with more pools and people using their home water.

Many of us in Sun City are on very small fixed incomes and this would be a severe burden to help our more affluent neighbors.

Please vote no on this matter.

Susan Klawitter  
18826 N. Welk Dr  
Sun City

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Rita Tillery <r.tillery2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 10:07 AM  
**To:** Bob Burns; Bob Stump; Doug Little; Tom Forese; Andy Tobin  
**Subject:** DOCKET - WS-01303A-16-0145

**TO: All AZ Corporation Commissioners**

**RE: Docket – WS-01303A-16-0145**

I am addressing all the Commissioners, once again, requesting each of you to deliberate, very seriously, regarding the hardships you will be placing on many Seniors in Sun City if you move forward with consolidating our water and wastewater with other districts. Many of us live on Social Security and are considered below poverty level. Increasing our water costs would only make this situation worse. I know of a number of Sun City seniors already making choices between groceries and medication necessary for their survival.

Please take the time to realize the seriousness and in many cases the cruel and devastating result of consolidation. We live in the desert and must have water, there is no choice. Please vote against consolidation.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Rita Tillery  
13629 N. 110<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Sun City, AZ 85351*

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Barry <retired64@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 01, 2016 3:46 PM  
**To:** Doug Little  
**Subject:** Epcor Consolidation Docket-WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner Little,

Year after year the residents of Sun City have to write, phone and worry how they are going to have to convince you and your fellow Commissioners that Sun City is not only opposed to this increase but are very tired of having to go through these gyrations. Why can't the Commission tell Epcor, once and for all, that we are against their flawed consolidation plan.

We do not want to pay for other water districts problems. Epcor should have known or investigated their costs before they bought all the systems. Furthermore, our system was fully paid for by Del Webb when Sun City was built and included in the price of our homes.

We know that our system will have to be replaced but if the life span is 80-100 years old and we are only 56 years old, there is enough time to plan for its replacement. Paying for other districts is not part of our plan.

Sincerely,

Barry Spinka  
Sun City, AZ

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Nan Anders <nan5619@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:12 PM  
**To:** Bob Burns  
**Cc:** Bob Stump; Doug Little; Tom Forese; Andy Tobin; nan5619@cox.net  
**Subject:** DOCKET-WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner,

As a taxpayer for twenty-six years in Sun City, I'd like to ask you to exclude the Sun City district in the consolidation plans of EPCOR. There are some people here who have money but most of us rely on Social Security and/or small pensions. We've already paid once. Isn't that enough?

Thank you for your time.

Mary Jane Anders  
12411 N. Augusta Drive  
Sun City AZ 85351  
623-977-6871

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** freckles7@cox.net  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 8:51 AM  
**To:** Bob Burns; Doug Little; Tom Forese; Andy Tobin; Bob Stump  
**Subject:** DOCKET-ws-01303a-16-0145

Dear Commissioners:

We ask, as Sun City residents, that you do not allow EPCOR to consolidate Sun City with other EPCOR districts.

Sincerely,

Don and Dette Norstrom

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Judy Alliss <golfersrus@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 03, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** rbunrns@azcc.gov; Bob Stump; Doug Little; tforses@azcc.gov  
**Subject:** Water -16-0145

As a Sun City resident I disagree with the consolidation of the Sun City district with other EPCOR water districts and want your assurance that you agree with the desires of Sun City community.

C. Alliss  
9551 W Country Club Dr.  
Sun City, Arizona

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Bella Romain <bellaromain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 04, 2016 12:08 PM  
**To:** Doug Little  
**Subject:** Docket # WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner Little:

As you know, the most important source of revenue for water and wastewater systems is the utility customers. The income customers provide is critical to ensuring that systems are operated properly and efficiently today, and that they will be able to continue providing high-quality service tomorrow. EPCOR, by charging its customers for the actual cost of service, guarantees not only a stable source of funds sufficient to cover its costs of operation (including treatment, storage and distribution costs), but also funds for infrastructure investments.

Thus the newest proposal to <sup>3</sup>consolidate<sup>2</sup> EPCOR's five districts is preposterous, as it diverts from these basic <sup>3</sup>cost causer<sup>2</sup> principles.

Consolidation, as currently defined, would require the Sun City district ratepayers to absorb an approximate \$16 per month increase to fund the program. That equates to exporting (subsidizing) other EPCOR districts to the tune of \$5 million per year. It is important to remember that **the Sun Cities and Youngtown have water and sewer infrastructures that were fully paid for** by the developer and was included in the price of the homes when purchased. Ratepayers of the other three districts, for the most part, do not have paid-for systems, but rather have large debt services against those systems, which they want Sun City, Youngtown and Sun City West ratepayers to help pay for.

EPCOR officials state that there are approximately 70 miles of system pipe in Sun City, phase I, which will need to be repaired in the not-too-distant future. Given the normal lifespan of the in-ground pipe is 80-100 years and most of the pipe was installed in the 1960s, Sun City has about 25 years left before all fails. That computes to about three miles per year. Using in-ground re-lining technologies EPCOR should be able to repair this pipe for approximately \$650,000 per mile at a cost of \$2 million per year.

Do the math. Full consolidation is **not** in the best interests of the Sun City district ratepayers.

The right way to proceed is to continue with what has been the precedent for the past 50-plus years and stick to the <sup>3</sup>cost causer<sup>2</sup> principle of rate making, strike down the consolidation effort, and charge the appropriate <sup>3</sup>cost caused<sup>2</sup> rates. It only makes sense that the Corporation Commission acknowledge and honor the overwhelming demand of its resident ratepayers to do so.

Please vote **NO** on Docket # WS-01303A-16-0145

Sincerely,

Bella Romain  
15489 N Ridgeview Rd  
Sun City, AZ 85351

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Thomas Bacon <thomasjbacon@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 04, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** Doug Little  
**Subject:** DOCKET-WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Doug  
Please stop the consolidating of Sub City with other EPCOR districts .  
DOCKET-WS-01303A-16-0145

Tom & Margo Bacon  
Sun City Az

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Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners

RE: Docket—WS-01303A-16-0145

From Bill and Hedy Vann

Dear Commissioners,

Most of the residents in Sun City are retired and living on near fixed or limited income. Rate increases are not sustainable for our tight budgets. Any Consolidation would increase our waste water rates by \$16.00. This is a huge percentage increase.

EPCORE tries to scare people by saying the infrastructure is old and will have to be replaced, that is true, but it can and should be replaced on an annual basis using in-ground re-lining technology for no more than \$2 million per year.

This current Consolidation attempt reminds me of the consolidation attempt by the Previous Sun City Water Utility, Arizona-American-Water Co. The scare back then was that all our wells and water infrastructure was old and have to be replaced right away and that the Sun City District would greatly benefit by spreading this huge cost to the other Districts. That proposal was not approved and new wells and other infrastructure have been replaced on a timely annual basis paid by only small rate increases within the Sun City District.

We are willing and able to fund our needs within our own District.

Please keep our rates "cost caused" and reject this Consolidation request affecting any part of our Sun City District.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill and Hedy Vann

17030 N Joshua Tree Ct  
Sun City, AZ 85373

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