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**Memorandum**  
From the office of  
**Chairman Doug Little**  
**Arizona Corporation Commission**  
1200 W. WASHINGTON  
PHOENIX, ARIZONA  
(602) 542-0745

TO: Docket Control

DATE: July 22, 2016

FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT: EPCOR WS-01303A-16-0145

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Chairman Little's office received 10 emails referencing, and in opposition of, the above referenced docket number. The emails can be viewed via the Docket link on the website, or in Docket.

Arizona Corporation Commission

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## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** JudyTim Higgins <judytimhiggins@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 10:20 AM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** EPCOR Rate Increase - Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

As an EPCOR ratepayer and Sun City resident, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. EPCOR shows their cost for our district is approximately \$25 per month and the consolidation rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district ratepayers.

Our generation has never shied away from our responsibility to earn our way and pay for the costs we incur. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts. We moved here from Minnesota 11 years ago. We lived in Rochester (53 years), and Bigfork (5 years). Rochester had a population near 100,000 and Bigfork a population of 350. Both cities took care of their own population, not surrounding towns. Perhaps their long range planning was more resourceful than we seem to have in Arizona.

Please vote against full consolidation.

Respectfully,

Tim and Judy Higgins

Sent from my iPad

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Jim Murrell <jimmurrell2015@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 12:32 PM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Epcor - docket no. WS-01303A-16-0145

Gentlemen,

I am a Sun City resident, retired and living on a fixed income. I want to let you know that I fully agree with Mr. Greg Elsert's letter to the New Times paper and will quote it as written.

"As an EPCOR ratepayer and Sun City resident, I strongly object to EPCOR'S recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. EPCOR shows their cost of service for our

District is approximately \$25 per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district ratepayers. Our generation has never shied away from our responsibility

to earn our way and pay for the costs we incur. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts. This is the USA after all."

I am a Conservative voting Republican. I vote in all elections and hope the Republicans I vote for will up hold their conservative values and vote against full consolidation.

James F. Murrell

9751 W. Desert Hills Dr.

Sun City, Az 85351

Phone: 480-341-2172

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** ritakrentzel@cox.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:50 AM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Fwd: Docket #WS-01303A-16-0145

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As a Sun City resident of over 15 years, I have witnessed the shameful manipulations by our water and waste water company. I very strongly object to the full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

Our infrastructure has been in place, and paid for, since its inception. EPCOR needs to ensure that developers and builders pay for these needed infrastructures at the time they are put in. Another way is to add the cost to the tax base of each home as it is sold. That way everyone knows what the cost is up front.

Our generation and the ones before us have never been afraid to pay for things that are our responsibilities. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts just because the builders/developers did not do this.

We live in the USA where we work and retire because it is the United States of America, not a 3rd world country where people have no say in what happens to them.

Please vote against full consolidation.

I am urging all our friends in Sun City to write to you regarding this matter.

Marlin Krentzel

Rita Krentzel

140389 N. Palm Ridge Dr.

Sun City, AZ 85351

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** CenturyLink Customer <poohbear76@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:34 AM  
**To:** Forese-Web; Little-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web; Tobin-Web  
**Subject:** EPCOR Consolidation Docket #WS-01303A-16-0145

As an EPCOR ratepayer and a Sun City resident, I strongly object to EPCOR 's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

After attending the EPCOR meeting at Sundial Center last evening, I feel I am more confused than I was going into the meeting. EPCOR says this cost for our service is roughly \$25 per month but they would like to push it to approximately \$40 per month; having the residents of Sun City/Youngtown foot the majority of the bill for consolidation into 5 districts. It is easy to understand why the residents of the other districts think this would be good for them since they will see a decline while we see the huge increase. I understand EPCOR (or any company wanting to make money, but on the backs of senior citizens who already have budgets stretched to the limit, seems like a very unfair way). This would put an even heavier burden on those of us who are retired living on a fixed income (we cannot expect to receive Social Security increases to cover these costs). We are not shirking from paying our fair share but those who can afford to buy/build a \$400,000/\$500,000 home can afford their fair share more than those of us who could only afford \$100,000/\$125,000 homes. We bought within our budgets, not the budgets for the \$400,000/\$500,000 homes. We moved in knowing what we had to pay and so did they...or is this a case of the poor/little person subsidizing the well-to-do AGAIN??

I worked for a water department in a city the size of Sun City prior to my retirement and never did we ever expect the cities around us to subsidize us for anything and never did we subsidize them in water, wastewater, or in any other utility rates we paid. We paid our fair share and they paid theirs. I believe this is the American way.

As for APS seeking their rate increase; in all states where this type of high handedness has been tried, the state legislatures have cut them off at the knees; this makes me wonder if our Commissioners are looking out for their constituents or if there is a kickback (financial or otherwise) in Arizona (which is what we are led to believe). Makes one wonder, RIGHT? Perhaps it's time we (citizens) vote in new Commissioners who put their constituents' interests ahead of companies who want big profits! Also, it's very upsetting to have these meetings for utilities set in the summer when most of the people in Sun City are out of town because they are snowbirds. How can they have a voice in the solution if they aren't aware of the problem?

As for EPCOR hoping for a return equity of 10.65%, please let me know where I can put what little monies I have left where I can get that type of return. I know of nowhere that I can put a dollar and expect returns this high – bonds, savings, investments or checking accounts DO NOT have returns of this kind. In fact, very few have more than 1-2%. I realize all companies want return on their investment (and they are entitled to reasonable return on their investment), but 10.65% is way out of line by the citizens of Sun City and any other normal resident of any municipality in any part of the United States.

This email will probably be seen as someone who wants something for nothing; nothing could be further from the truth, I only want to pay for what I use not for what everyone else uses. We are seniors who have raised our families (and paid the price for the services we received then) and now we have only ourselves (usually 1 or 2 in a household) so why should we paid for someone who still has a larger family? If I think my electric bill will be too high, I postpone laundry or watching TV until another time of the day. With EPCOR's proposal there will be no way for residents to budget their own expenses.

I would hope that you (and the other Commissioners) would try to understand....we do not have a lot of money as senior citizens, but we do have pride and the power of vote.

Beverly Arnold

Sun City Resident

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Barbara Nichols <cme4re@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:38 AM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket #WS-01303A-16-0145

As a Sun City resident of over 15 years, I have witnessed the shameful manipulations by our water and waste water company. I very strongly object to the full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

Our infrastructure has been in place, and paid for, since its inception. EPCOR needs to ensure that developers and builders pay for these needed infrastructures at the time they are put in. Another way is to add the cost to the tax base of each home as it is sold. That way everyone knows what the cost is up front.

Our generation and the ones before us have never been afraid to pay for things that are our responsibilities. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts just because the builders/developers did not do this.

We live in the USA where we work and retire because it is the United States of America, not a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country where people have no say in what happens to them.

**Please vote against full consolidation.**

I am urging all our friends in Sun City to write to you regarding this matter.

Barbara Nichols Manning  
Charles Manning Sr.  
17423 N. Lindgren Ave.  
Sun City, AZ 85373

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Jane Mohn <jamo102@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 10:11 AM  
**To:** tobin-web@acc.gov; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** EPCOR proposed rate hike DOCKET No. WS-01303A-16-0145

From: jamo102@aol.com  
To: AZ Corporation Commissioners  
Date: 07/21/16  
Subject: EPCOR RATE HIKE DOCKET No. WS-01303A

Dear Commissioners, Mr. Greg Eisert asked Sun Citians to express my thoughts in a letter directly to each commissioner. The Independent Newspaper's splendid reportage and Mr. Eisert's information deserves my effort and your earnest consideration. It is so patently evident EPCOR's request is irresponsibly proposed for Sun City by increasing their "fair value rate of \$25.03 for our "long-standing" district" to a \$41.00 consolidation rate!

Can you stand tall and earn my respect and vote NO against FULL CONSOLIDATION? I give you the stone for your slingshot in Sun City's fight of David vs. Giant EPCOR. I pay great attention to vote pro/con on sitting commissioners.

Respectfully yours,

Jane E. Mohn  
10229 W. Tumblewood Dr.  
Sun City, AZ 85351

jamo102@aol.com

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** redhatchats@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 3:39 PM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

Gentlemen:

RE: Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

As EPCOR ratepayers and Sun City residents, my husband and I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

EPCOR shows their cost of service for our district to be approximately \$25 per month. However, the consolidation rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district ratepayers.

We don't mind facing responsibility and paying for the costs WE incur, but we do not believe we should be forced to subsidize other districts with larger homes and larger families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Beverly and Frank Thome  
Sun City AZ

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Carletta Culp <culpca1@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 4:34 PM  
**To:** Tobin-Web; Forese-Web; Little-Web; RBurns-Web; Stump-Web  
**Cc:** Carletta Culp  
**Subject:** Docket No: WS-A-16-0145

Dear Arizona Corporation Commissioners, Andy Tobin, Tom Forese, Doug Little, Bob Burns and Bob Stump,

As an EPCOR rate payer and Sun City/Youngtown resident, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR waster water districts. Let me be very clear, I strongly object!

EPCOR shows their cost of service for our district is approximately \$25 per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district rate payers.

Our generation.....and please understand we are not all rich, comfortable, dual incomes retirees. Many get by on very little income, but have never asked to be treated different, but not be taken advantage of either. We believe that is the case with EPCOR and their request.

Our generation never shied away from our responsibility to earn our way and pay for the costs we incur. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts. This is still the USA after all.

Please "vote against full consolidation" and direct EPCOR to treat the Sun City/Youngtown citizens and tax payers fair, with respect and better than this.

Sincerely,

Carletta Culp  
Sun City AZ resident.

623-249-7886

**Andrea Gaston**

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**From:** Karen <karenegr@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 3:04 PM  
**To:** Tobin-Web  
**Cc:** Little-Web  
**Subject:** EPCOR DOCKET NO. WS-01303A-16-0145

As an Epcor ratepayer and Youngtown resident, I strongly object to Epcor's recommendation for full consolidation of the Epcor wastewater districts. Epcor shows their cost of service for our district is approximately \$25 per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district ratepayers. We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts.

Please "vote against full consolidation!"

Thank you,

Karen Zobler

Youngtown ratepayer

## Andrea Gaston

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**From:** Donna Binger <donnaanrog@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 22, 2016 3:20 PM  
**To:** tobin-web@acc.gov; Forese-Web; Little-Web; stump-web@acc.gov; RBurns-Web  
**Subject:** Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145 EPCOR Wastewater Rates

As an EPCOR rate payer, we are residents of Sun City - Both of us definitely object to EPCOR'S recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. Sun City's cost is \$25.03 and they say it will increase to \$41.00...that is absolutely ridiculous! We should not be "forced" to subsidize the other districts. Please "vote against full consolidations".  
Thank You, Roger J. Binger and Donna M. Binger