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Memorandum
From the office of
Chairman Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission
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TO: Docket Control

DATE: July 26, 2016

FROM: Chairman Doug Little's Office

SUBJECT: EPCOR WS-01303a-16-0145

Chairman Little's office received 12 letters referencing, and in opposition of, the above referenced docket number. The letters can be viewed via the Docket link on the website, or in Docket.

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July 22, 2016
Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner Little:

As an EPCOR ratepayer and Sun City / Youngstown 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 \$65 per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40 per month for our district ratepayers.

Our generation has never shield 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 U.S.A. after all.

Please vote against full consolidation.

Yours truly
Thomas J. Gilsdorf Sr.

July 20, 2016

Mr. Doug Little, Commissioner/Chairman
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Mr. Little:

Re: Docket # WS-01303A-16-0145

As a resident in Corte Bella, a community in the Agua Fria wastewater district, I want to urge you to vote for full consolidation of the EPCOR waste water districts. We are being discriminated against and my water bills have become unbearable. I am a single person living on a fixed income and my bill this month has now increased to \$125.00. My previous bills were \$115.00. It is impossible for me to cut down on water usage any more than I already have.

I realize that some consumers may see an increase, but all consumers will be treated the same and none of the consumers in the other districts have seen their bills increase at such an astronomical rate as those of us here in the Agua Fria district. I sincerely hope politics will not play into this decision and I believe we should all be treated the same, with uniformity and fairness.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this extremely important matter.

Sincerely,



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July 16, 2016

Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission,
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2996

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reference to Docket No. WS-01303!-16-0145 in which EPCOR is proposing to burden residents of Sun City with an increase of over \$15 per month to subsidize the likes of Anthem residents, who don't want to pay for their own water usage. Sun City has many residents at the poverty level and this increase will be a severe problem for many who are trying to survive.

Besides, Sun City has managed all these years to take care of their own water usage and should NOT be required to shoulder the other communities' misuse of water.

Please vote NO on this absurd and unfair request of EPCOR to consolidate and thrust the burden onto Sun City!

Thank you, in advance, for your NO vote. Please protect the many Sun City residents, who will have a tough time managing this increase.

Sincerely,



Rebecca T. Peterson

13850 N.109th Avenue
Sun City, Arizona 85351
July 21, 2016

Commissioner Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing, 1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007- 2996

Docket No. WS-01303A-16-0145

Dear Commissioner Little:

As a condominium owner in Sun City, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts. The current rate in Sun City is \$22.11; if given your permission to consolidate, EPCOR will boost our rate to \$41.02. That is a draconian increase of almost double the current amount.

I am a 79 year-old man who lives month-to-month on Social Security and a very small Arizona State Retirement System pension. As you may know, Social Security has not gone up in two years, and only a 2% increase is planned for 2017. ASRS has not made a COLA increase in six years, and has notified its members that once again there will be no increase for 2017. I believe I am justified in saying that my financial story is similar to at least 33% of the residents of Sun City. At the July 18th EPCOR event, a poll was taken to determine if any of the voters in Sun City favored the consolidation scheme. It was unanimous! Of the estimated 250 residents in attendance, every hand in the room went up in opposition.

This increase is for wastewater only. I understand that EPPCOR, a private Canadian corporation, will be before you again next year asking for another increase for fresh water delivery, thus creating another financial burden to our community, under the consolidation scheme.

Sun City is a community of volunteers; we meet our responsibilities and pay our own way. Our policy concerning water has always been to "stand alone." The other communities in the proposal for consolidation also have been paying their own way. We should not be expected to pay for Mohave, Aqua Fria, Anthem, or even SC West. Home owners who bought in these places should have known what the rates were and budgeted to continue accordingly. Anything less amounts to: "**Stealing from the poor to give to the rich.**"

I also have not been able to get an understandable explanation from EPCOR why their present return of .03 cents on the dollar on investment goes to over .10 cents in their proposal. Could the real reason have anything to do with the fact that the Canadian dollar is currently .30 cents more than the US dollar and that this foreign corporation wants to keep their parity?

All Sun City's wastewater goes to the Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant. The revenue from this effluent goes to the city of Tolleson. To me, logic dictates that this money should go back to Sun City, to EPCOR, or to a reserve fund to fix pipes in future need of repair/replacement. The Commission should assume responsibility to cause EPCOR and Tolleson to fix a contract that seems more outdated and in need of immediate repair than any pipe under the streets of Sun City.

Sincerely,


Charles J. Walko

July 19th 2016

Account Number W5-01303A-16-0145

Dear Mr. Little,

As an EPCOR ratepayer and resident of Sun City for 25 years I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full Consolidation of the EPCOR wastewater districts.

EPCOR shows that cost of service for our district is approximately \$25/month and the consolidation rate would be over \$40/month for our district ratepayers.

Our generation has never shied away from our responsibilities to earn our way and pay for costs we incur.

We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts. This is America!

I am asking for your help as many people are on fixed incomes!

Please VOTE Against Full Consolidation of EPCOR's Wastewater districts.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Jefferys

Margaret A. Laakkonen
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July 21, 2016

Andy Tobin, Tom Forese
Doug Little, Bob Stump, Bob Burns
Arizona Corporation Commission
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Docket No. WS-013034-16-
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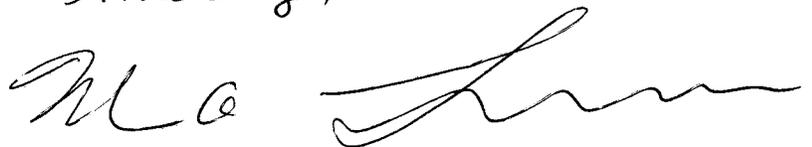
Gentlemen:

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

EPICOR shows their cost of service for our district is approximately \$25.⁰⁰ per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40.⁰⁰ per month for our district rate payers.

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, please "vote against full consolidation!".

Sincerely,



Margaret A. Laakkonen

July 22, 2016

Commissioner Doug Little
Arizona Corporation Commission
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1200 W. Washington Street
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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 especially when most of us are retired and living on the retirement and social security checks we have earned. This does not bring fairness and greater efficiency to the Sun City/Youngtown residents as stated by Shawn Bradford, EPCOR Corporate Services vice president. This is the USA.

PLEASE "vote against full consolidation".

Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,



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July 23, 2016

Arizona Corporation Commission
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Dear Commissioners:

As an EPCOR rate payer and Sun City/ Youngtown owner, I strongly object to EPCOR's recommendation for full consolidation of the EPCOR WASTEWATER DISTRICTS which is Docket No. WS- 01303A-16-0145.

EPCOR shows their cost of service for our district is approximately \$25.00 per month and the consolidated rate would be more than \$40.00 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.

Please "vote against full consolidation!"

Sincerely,

Robert L. Andrea

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ATTN: BOB BURNS, TOM FORESE, DOUG LITTLE,
BOB STUMP, ANDY TOBIN.
NOT ONE WOMAN COMMISSIONER.

DO NOT PERMIT EPCOR FULL CONSOLIDATION
OF WASTEWATER DISTRICTS.

I AM A RESIDENT-HOME OWNER, SUN CITY 85351,
STUCK WITH EPCOR, A CANADIAN COMPANY MINUS
COMPETITION.

Carla A. Wedler
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23rd July 2016

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July 21, 2016

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Attn: Commissioners Andy Tobin; Tom Forese; Doug Little; Bob Stump; Bob Burns

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

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We should not be forced to subsidize the other districts. This quite obviously is a request on their part to simplify their accounting system and increase their profits at the expense of senior citizen ratepayers of Sun City, and the ratepayers in Youngtown, many of whom are senior citizens and others who are in a low income bracket.

We are quite willing to pay our way and pay for the costs we incur, but it is not fair to expect us to subsidize the other districts. PLEASE vote against full consolidation.

Sincerely,


Donald A Laliberte

July 22, 2016

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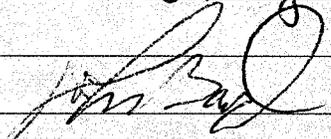


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Mrs. Theda Boyd

No we don't
want to pay
more money
for our water.
As an Epcor rate
payer and Youngtown
resident, I strongly
object to Epcor's
recommendation for
full consolidation of
the Epcor wastewater
districts.

Theda Boyd



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