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Gentlemen:

Please see attached letter concerning the anticipated rate increase for Tucson in 2017 and my thoughts.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincere regards,

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Gentlemen:

I understand that Tucson Electric Power has submitted a proposal for a rate increase, effective in 2017. As a retired business man I can certainly understand the need for rate, or price, increases from time to time based on material costs, labor increases, transportation costs, etc. An ill funded or poorly operated utility serves no one in the community. And TEP certainly has a super reputation and experience when it comes to reliable service and affective customer service. Believe me, coming here from the Midwest, I speak from experience.

I have volunteered with the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona now for almost 4 years. I work in the Pantry on a weekly basis and serve as an ambassador at community functions such as Stuff the Bus, Stuff the Stagecoach and educational opportunities at U of A. It's a wonderful and gratifying experience.

However, it has also shown me sides of poverty and human struggles that I could not have imagined. From friends and public figures alike I hear the worn out phrases about people "sponging off of society", living the good life on Welfare and food stamps and living off of the government instead of working. At the Pantry we distribute food packages on a monthly basis to poor families, young children and struggling seniors. It is very clear, to me at least, that the great majority of these people would rather not come to the Food Bank, and do indeed work or have worked. Where they work, where they live or their educational background provide neither the resources nor opportunities to move forward out of a cycle of "living poor".

I understand that TEP has to have adequate income to continue to provide the services it does. However, I hope that exceptions can be made for those unable to pay electric bills on a timely basis and I hope that reconnection fees can be lowered or waived to keep people in a livable residence. I had the great fortune to ride with sheriff deputies last year at Christmas time as they were handing out money from a local donor. In more than one instance I heard people scream "now we can get the electricity turned back on" or "the water reconnected".

Perhaps a community function could help; similar to the current Hope Fest, or the annual Stuff the Bus food collection. Maybe a Charge the Battery of Hope campaign to ask Tucsonans for help for those unable to pay their entire bill. Tucson has shown itself

to be a very generous community in helping those less fortunate in our city and county. Helping other is always the best way to help ourselves.

I, for one, would be willing to contribute to such a program. The appreciation might not be as personal as the thanks and hugs I receive at the Food Bank Pantry, but knowing that people can continue to live their life in somewhat comfort is thanks enough.

Thank you very much for your time and attention. Your help in, and consideration of, these matters are both important and appreciated.

Sincere regards,

Bill Kinney