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INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER INTERVENTION RE



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UTILITY NAME: Ajo Improvement Company

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My name, address, telephone number, and email address are provided above. Please serve documents filed in this case on me using that contact information. I will be representing myself.

I request to intervene in the above-referenced case because I am a residential customer of Ajo Improvement Company.

I will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of the case because
See attached.

Arizona Corporation Commission

My intervention would not unduly broaden the issues in the case because
See attached.

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[Signature]

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A copy of the service list is attached to this Request.

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Arizona Corporation Commission
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I will be directly and substantially affected by the outcome of this case because:

I live on a fixed income (sustainable, but far from lavish). This rate request will have a ruinous effect on my life. For me it will be a choice between water and power. I must keep the lights on and the fans moving. No matter how careful I am with water, I won't be able to irrigate the garden and the fruit trees. So not only will I have to pay 3X for water and power, I will also have to buy the 15% of my diet I used to grow.

This crisis is shared by $\approx 25\%$ of Ajo's households. In many cases ($\approx 15\%$), this represents an assault on their survival. For another 30% - it will hurt badly. We have elderly citizens who, as an 83-year old friend of mine said, "I guess I'll have to choose between running the AC or buying medicine." For our community - from school to church to fraternal organization to park to sheriff - it will be devastating. When you damage my town, you damage me.

My intervention would not unduly broaden the issues in the case because:

I can't answer this question. What is meant by "unduly?" Is it similar to "reasonable?" The word unduly has no inherent limit. Any issue brought by "outsiders," *i.e.*, those who are not part of Ajo Improvement Company (AIC), broadens the discussion. Unduly broaden is used at the sole discretion of this Commission. It will decide the scope of this hearing based on the definition it chooses.

Is this a tiny utility whose capacity is limited by the narrowest of strictures? Or, is AIC a shadow construct, totally subsumed by a massive multi-national corporation? Does it have connections and resources other than direct revenue? Do these key questions "unduly" broaden the substance of this hearing?

How much of that labeled as AIC liabilities actually benefit the parent corporation? How much of its corporate direction is focused not on serving its customers in Ajo but rather helping to maintain a strategic position for reopening the pit? What other benefits does the parent receive that are paid for by AIC customers?

This company is labeled "captive" as if it has no resource for electrical generation. This is true only because they refuse to exploit their extraordinary capacity for solar power generation. Seizing this opportunity - which has been mandated by this Commission - would serve not only its customers; it would reap literally millions in profit. One can only wonder why this corporation - which should be run for the benefit of its shareholders - refuses to "Make money while the sun shines."

Unduly is at the heart of this case so again, what does unduly mean?