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Re: Docket Nos. WS-01025A-17-0361, E-01025A-17-0362, WS-01025A-17-0363

Arizona Corporations Commissioner Bob Burns:

On Tuesday, October 23, we attended the public comment session here in Ajo regarding the proposed rate increase by Ajo Improvement Company. I hope you will read the transcript of this meeting because many people spoke clearly of how such a rate increase would affect their lives and the lives of others.

By the way, on Thursday, October 24, 2018 we experienced another power outage. After a flicker of outage earlier in the evening, the power at our home finally went out just after 9:00 PM. It was out for five hours. No storm. No wind. No power? At the public comment meeting, people referenced the frequent power outages. As a point of note: It is easy to state that "the power was out." It is not so easy to state the inconvenience and in some cases, the danger that people experience during these outages.

Now, here is our big concern: Ajo Improvement Company had to know what the effect would be on this community when they requested such large increases. So why did they do it? We fear that they did it *because* they knew what the effect would be on the community. In other words, they *wanted* to deplete the population, the energy and desirability of Ajo. Could this be the case? We surely hope not, but it is hard to make any other sense of their request.

When making your decision please carefully consider all of the public comment you have received along with pertinent precedent setting and historical documents. In so doing, we believe you will clearly conclude that this over-the-top rate request should be denied.

Sincerely,


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