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To: ACC Commissioner Bob Burns

From: John Baker

Re: Acc/AIC Utility Rate Hike

Dear Commissioner Burns:

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I have read your mission statement several times. The ACC has ultimate responsibility on rate adjustments...that is an awesome responsibility, especially in a state like Arizona, where the poor outnumber the rich...and speaking of rich...didn't ya' ll get a salary hike recently? A big salary hike?

That salary hike should give you an opportunity to take a road trip down to Ajo...the subject of the 300+% rate hike by the Ajo Improvement Company! You could get a glimpse of the devastation caused by the mine closure and the fact that Ajo has not recovered substantially.

Phelps/Dodge closed the Ajo mining operation in 1985, leaving the gigantic pit and enough rusty junk to last a lifetime or more. What they did not leave behind were jobs...gainful employment. Today a \$10-\$15 hourly wage is about it. Rarely is work full time. Can a family live on that...especially when their utilities would be going out at \$300.00 a month.

The Commission is asking for an astronomical rate hike to make up for poor oversight, failed wildcat investing, and careless bookkeeping! Please be accountable to the people of your state! They vote you into office and can easily vote you out.

The people watch your decisions and see the prejudice with which you call your shots Arizona.

Clean up your act and **VOTE NO on the AIC rate hike**. You have the LIFE of Ajo in your hands.

Sincerely,

*John Baker*

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