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Mr. Troy Day
Vice President, Arizona Operations
EPCOR Water USA, Inc.
2355 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd.
Phoenix, AZ 85027
via email

RE: New River / Desert Hills Water Issue

Dear Mr. Day,

As I stated during my testimony to the Arizona Corporation Commission on November 7th, New River & Desert Hills are in an emergency situation. Beginning January 1, 2018, the approximately 1500 residences in our community that rely on hauled water will no longer have an affordable water source. We appreciate EPCOR's willingness to propose a solution with a standpipe.

Since the Arizona Corporation Commission meeting and the subsequent Anthem Community Council meeting on November 15th, I have worked with Maricopa County Transportation, Planning and Development, and the Sheriff's Office to determine the most appropriate location for the proposed standpipe that has the least impact on the members of the Desert Hills community. The site put forth by EPCOR at the Anthem Community Council meeting is the best location.

I have heard concerns of the immediate neighbors of this location. It was with those concerns in mind that I started meeting with the county departments referenced above. I have relied on the experts in these areas throughout the process.

Water is vital to life and the safety of a community. It is not an option for 1500 homes in our community to be without access to a dependable supply of safe and affordable water.

EPCOR's proposed standpipe location is the only realistic option for the community at the moment. It is, by far, the most cost-effective proposal and can be completed in an expedited fashion. There are no alternative locations for the standpipe that are affordable or feasible.

My office will continue to request the city of Phoenix provide an extension to the private water haulers until the EPCOR standpipe is complete and operational.

On behalf of New River & Desert Hills, we thank you, and the Anthem Community Council, for stepping up to find a solution to an issue of great concern to our community.

Please contact me if you have questions or would like to discuss further.

Thank you,



Supervisor Bill Gates
Maricopa County, District 3

cc: Anthem Community Council
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New River/Desert Hills Community Association
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