Updated Public Notice Regarding the Links at Coyote Wash Utilities

In April, the Links at Coyote Wash Utilities (LCW), which is a <u>private company</u>,¹ applied to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) to increase its sewer rates. In response, the Town of Wellton issued <u>a notice</u>² directing LCW customers to the ACC, the State agency responsible for regulating utility rates.

LCW customers registered 196 comments urging the ACC to deny or decrease the proposed increase. Among those are comments from the Mayor, <u>Scott Blitz</u>,³ and <u>the Town</u>,⁴ which is also an LCW customer.

Still, on July 20, ACC staff published a <u>Staff Report</u>⁵ recommending approval of LCW's rate increase. The ACC process is ongoing, and the Commissioners have not yet made a decision about the proposed increase.

It is important to note that the ACC is the <u>regulatory authority</u>⁶ with jurisdiction over utilities such as LCW. The Town investigated whether it has any basis for legal action outside the ACC process and determined that it does not.

Interested residents may contact the ACC's Consumer Services Section at 800-222-7000 or 602-542-4251 with questions or concerns or to request information about becoming an official party in the proceeding. Residents may also explore available resources and assistance programs that may be helpful for residents experiencing financial hardship.⁸

For additional details and explanation, please see the Town's first notice.⁹

¹ https://www.jwwater.net/the-links-at-coyote-wash.

² https://www.welltonaz.gov/home/news/public-notice-regarding-links-coyote-wash-utilities.

³ https://docket.images.azcc.gov/E000028003.pdf?i=1690842666035.

⁴ https://edocket.azcc.gov/search/document-search/item-detail/314843.

⁵ https://edocket.azcc.gov/search/document-search/item-detail/317707.

⁶ https://azcc.gov/utilities/utilities-faqs.

⁷ https://www.azcc.gov/hearing/how-to-intervene-in-a-case.

⁸ https://azcc.gov/utilities/financial-assistance-programs.

⁹ https://www.welltonaz.gov/home/news/public-notice-regarding-links-coyote-wash-utilities.