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Troy Day, Vice President Arizona Operations
EPCOR Water USA, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Day,

The New River/Desert Hills Water (NRDHW) team supports execution of the approved lease between the Anthem Community Council and EPCOR for construction of a water hauling station to support the New River and Desert Hills communities at the designated Desert Hills Drive location. Information and awareness of our efforts to communicate with the community have been covered by local and national news, are posted on our Website: newriverdeserthillswater.org; on our Facebook group page and on Twitter. More recently we issued a “Call to Action,” a copy of which is attached.

Since we first learned in August 2017 that the City of Phoenix issued written notice that it will no longer be granting hydrant meter permits to water haulers effective December 31, 2017, our team has organized and spearheaded a mission to raise community awareness, communicate with government officials, support the proposed EPCOR water hauling station and proceed to work on long-term solutions for our community.

We understand that the neighbors living across from the water station site approved by the Anthem Community Council have concerns over safety and other aspects of the temporary station. We are communicating with those neighbors and are supporting efforts by the New River/Desert Hills Community Association, the Deer Valley Unified School District and the Maricopa County Department of Transportation to mitigate these concerns.

An on-line petition has again been created, and over the past weekend we have manned street corner information tables to ensure our neighbors are aware of EPCOR’s generous efforts to support our communities, share news of recent challenges and to gain written support for EPCOR to move forward with exercise of the option to lease the Anthem Community Council land and construct the facility. In just one week, we have collected over 700 signatures in support of moving the EPCOR temporary solution forward, and we will continue these efforts. NRDHW supports the EPCOR water hauling station as the **ONLY** responsible and viable short-term solution available to our communities.

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In demonstration of the dire situation we face and our appreciation for the efforts being extended by EPCOR and the Anthem Community Council on behalf of New River and Desert Hills, I have attached the signed petitions we have received to date from the original petition drive initiated in October 2017 along with our work over the past week. Together, signatures gained represent some 4,000 concerned or directly impacted individuals. Our work continues, and we will not rest until we secure access to affordable potable water for the residents of this area.

NRDHW believes that a delay in construction of the water facility will adversely impact any cooperation we are seeking from the City of Phoenix to extend the deadline for cutting off water hauler access to City hydrant meters to allow for completion of construction and a smooth transition to EPCOR. Members of our community will be severely impacted if water must be hauled from the City of Peoria or Scottsdale. Like you, the NRDHW team is working hard to be good neighbors to those in our community who will suffer the most if the EPCOR water station fails to move forward.

We thank you for your tireless efforts on behalf of New River and Desert Hills and respectfully request that EPCOR execute the Lease Agreement with the Anthem Community Council, exercise the option and commence construction of the water hauling station as proposed on Desert Hills Drive prior to the end of the 2017 calendar year.

Respectfully,

Julie A. Elliott, President
on behalf of the Team of New River/Desert Hills Water

cc: Anthem Community Council
Councilwoman Thelda Williams, City of Phoenix
Supervisor Bill Gates, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
Commissioner Andy Tobin, Arizona Corporation Commission
New River/Desert Hills Community Association