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Sun City Home Owners Association (SCHOA) Board of Directors Resolution Opposing the Proposed APS Rate Increase.

WHEREAS, Since 1963 SCHOA has been a quasi-governmental organization that has represented property owners in the unincorporated area known as Sun City;

WHEREAS, Sun City is a community made up of senior citizen residents. Many residents are living on fixed incomes, including many who rely primarily or solely on Social Security benefits;

WHERAS, A rise in utility rates would impose significant financial hardship on these residents;

WHEREAS, APS was granted an average rate increase in 2023 of approximately 8.5%. The current proposal seeks an approximate additional 14.5%. If approved, APS rates will have risen on average approximately 23% in just two years, far outpacing the ability of many residents who are the consumers to absorb these costs;

WHEREAS, The proposed increase is unreasonable;

WHEREAS, The recent inflation has averaged around 3% per year, but APS is seeking an increase many times greater than that. The proposed hike is outrageous. APS has not demonstrated that it genuinely needs this level of additional revenue, and ratepayers should not be forced to fund spending that appears unnecessary or excessive;

WHEREAS, The formula-based rate mechanism accelerates future increases while reducing transparency and oversight. The formula rate mechanism allows yearly rate increases with less public and governmental oversight. This means fewer opportunities for review, shorter timelines for objections, and reduced ability for consumers and regulators to thoroughly review APS's claims. As a result, rates will rise more frequently and more steeply than they otherwise would; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT, By unanimous action by its Board of Directors on November 25, 2025, SCHOA does formally oppose granting this proposed APS increase as we believe it is unfair, unjustified, and harmful to the nearly 40,000 Sun City residents. SCHOA urges the Arizona Corporation Commission to protect all ratepayers including the vulnerable and reject APS's proposed rate hike.

ADOPTED, November 25, 2025 by the SCHOA Board of Directors.