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Commissioner Andy Tobin  
Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Senator Karen Fann  
Arizona State Senate, District 1  
1700 West Washington Street, Suite S  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Supervisor Bill Gates  
Maricopa County, District 3  
301 West Jefferson Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Commissioner Tobin, Senator Fann and Supervisor Gates:

We are pleased to hear that EPCOR is moving forward with plans to construct a water station on land leased by the Anthem Community Council. The project will proceed even though there was some community opposition to this location, and an alternative site was proposed. EPCOR estimates that it will require approximately three months to complete construction and acceptance-test the project, at which time the project would be ready for full operation.

In addition, the vice-president of the newly formed New River Desert Hills Water LLC has confirmed that water hauling companies would indeed continue to serve the area after their Phoenix permits expire on December 31, 2017. The companies are willing to fill their tankers at water stations in other cities. Although this water may be more expensive, the increased cost may have helped spur the community to work toward a permanent, sustainable solution.



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At this time, and solely because plans are in motion for a permanent water station to be constructed, the City is willing to extend the permits issued to water-haulers through April 30, 2018. The current permits expire on December 31, 2017. The permittees must promptly submit new permit application forms and comply with all associated deadlines and fees. The City has no intention of extending this final deadline.

Ratepayers in Phoenix's water service territory pay for the infrastructure and long-term resources that ensure safe, clean, reliable deliveries at the tap. The City has an important duty - and the Phoenix City Council has a fiduciary responsibility - to protect this precious commodity for residents, who ultimately own the water utility. While Phoenix empathizes with those who reside outside the boundaries of a water utility, it also understands that living outside a city-services area is a choice available to property owners, and we respect their right to make that decision.

Sincerely,

Councilwoman Thelda Williams  
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