

WASTEWATER RATES, CONSOLIDATION, AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU



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EPCOR is a private, regulated utility, which means the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) decides what rates should be after a long and careful review of the information and costs in a rate case. It can take a year or more before the ACC makes a decision.

WASTEWATER RATES AND CONSOLIDATION

EPCOR was required to file a new rate case for all five wastewater districts – Agua Fria, Anthem, Mohave, Sun City and Sun City West – using fresh financial data from 2015 for three different scenarios:

- Keep the five districts the way they are today (status quo)
- Bring them all together as one district (consolidation)
- Create seven smaller districts based on “treatment facility” (deconsolidation)

The case was filed April 29, 2016, giving the ACC the information it needs to make a decision on the policy of wastewater consolidation.



BEST SOLUTION

We believe consolidation is the best solution for our customers. It's the most efficient and cost-effective way of ensuring safe, reliable and high-quality service. And it will be even more important as the cost of repairing and replacing aging infrastructure continues to go up. The larger the district the more costs can be spread out, now and in the future.

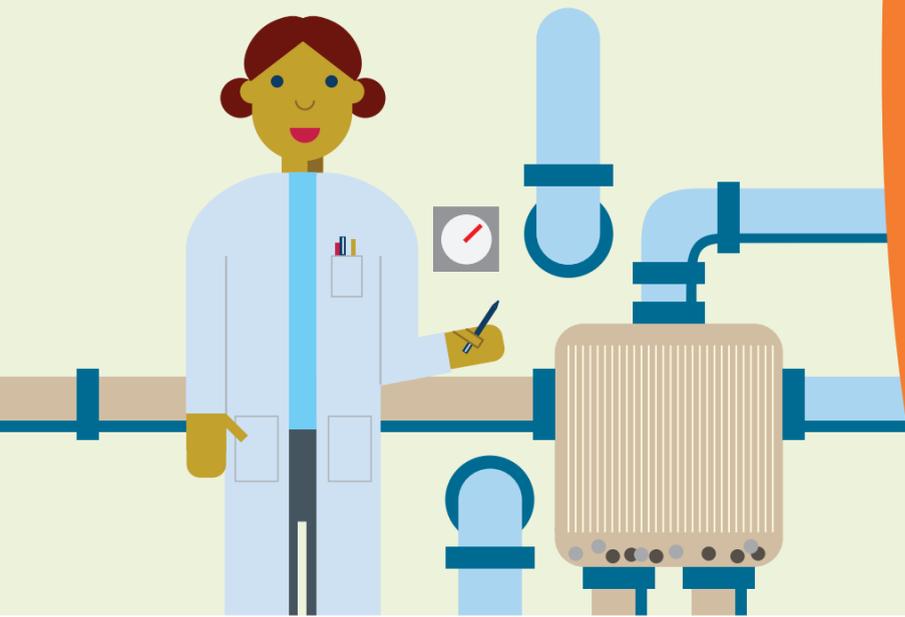
We're proposing that all of our customers pay the same flat rate, gradually introduced over three years. Phasing it in gradually introduces the change for some customers and provides immediate relief for others. Once fully consolidated, we anticipate future rate changes would be smaller and more gradual.

IT'S COMPARABLE

Arizona State University compared the five wastewater districts with other wastewater providers, municipal and private, in the same areas. The average monthly charge for wastewater was \$49.29 – the \$41.02 we're proposing is lower.

IT MAKES SENSE

Consolidation is already the norm – it's what customers expect from their electric, natural gas, telecommunications and municipal utilities.



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You're invited to an open house to learn more about wastewater consolidation and this application:

**Tuesday, July 12 – 1:30 to 3 pm
or 5:30 to 7 pm**
Palm Ridge Recreation Center
13800 W Deer Valley Drive
Sun City West, AZ 85375

You can also visit
epcor.com/wastewaterconsolidation.

RECYCLING MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF WASTEWATER EVERY DAY TAKES WORK – BUT THE REAL MAGIC TAKES PLACE BEHIND THE SCENES.

Wastewater systems are a complex network of pipes, manholes, lift stations and treatment facilities. But just like cars and homes – they need regular care and attention. As they get older and wear out, they need to be fixed and replaced before they fail, protecting against interruptions to customer service, higher costs and potential environmental concerns.

AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

The American Society of Civil Engineers gives Arizona's water and wastewater infrastructure a D grade, requiring almost \$10 billion in repairs and replacements over the next 20 years. EPCOR also needs to invest in its water and wastewater systems – more than \$500 million over the next decade, including more than \$163 million just for wastewater.

