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Quartzsite Water Lease to Central Arizona Project

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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the proposed lease of the Quartzsite water entitlement to the Central Arizona Project.

Quartzsite is a small community composed of primarily elderly citizens on social security, young families and, during the winter months hundreds of winter visitors, all of which depend on our water supply. Currently we have only one functioning well. Last summer the pump in that well was down for a number of days. I believe our Town maintenance staff is diligent about maintenance and works hard to ensure we have a sufficient flow of water. It is impossible to keep pumps and other equipment running 24/7 without interruption.

We desperately need a secondary backup well in our community to protect the safety and ensure the well being of our diverse community. Tourism is the major industry of our Town. Without a secondary well we are in danger of losing that industry. If our primary well fails during the winter season and we are unable to supply water, our winter visitors will be forced to go elsewhere. Such an event would cause an adverse economic impact on our community from which we would never be able to recover.

We believe the Town of Quartzsite is grateful and respectful of the water entitlement we have been granted. Much time and effort has been made to come up with the best alternative to satisfy our needs. To that end we believe the terms of the lease between the Town of Quartzsite and Central Arizona Project provides several critical attributes:

1. The Town of Quartzsite benefit immediately from the funds provided so we can construct our much needed secondary well;
2. Central Arizona Project will have use of the water to service their customers;
3. The terms of the lease allow both the Town of Quartzsite and Central Arizona Project to review the lease in 25 years to confirm the provisions of the lease are still beneficial to all parties.
4. The Town of Quartzsite is preserving our water entitlement and fulfilling the beneficial use requirement of that entitlement.

We are aware of and understand the larger communities concern about the precedent being set by this lease. However, any future leases must still be reviewed and approved by the State of Arizona so there is protection from the ability to lease water getting out of hand. These

larger towns are tasked with providing water and other services to their constituents just as the Town of Quartzsite must provide water and other services to ours.

It is our sincere hope that the decision makers realize this lease is our best opportunity to provide a year-round consistent flow of water, protect the safety of our community and allow the Town of Quartzsite to grow and prosper.

Ed and Loretta Warner

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