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**Arizona House of Representatives**

**Representative David Cook (R-8)**

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## **Representative David Cook Releases Statement on EPCOR's Proposed Purchase of Johnson Utilities**

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative David Cook (R-8) today released the following statement on EPCOR USA reaching an agreement to purchase Johnson Utilities:

**“As one of the elected representatives of one of the fastest-growing areas in the entire country, I understand the critical importance that water and wastewater infrastructure plays in keeping pace with the rapid development of this area, as well as reliably serving the needs of residents and businesses who call the Southeast Valley home.**

**“Legislative District 8 is home to Globe, Superior, Coolidge, Florence, Casa Grande, San Tan Valley and areas south of Queen Creek, along with other fast-growing communities of Pinal County. In some cases, responsible growth in this region has been stymied due to a lack of investment in the water and wastewater systems.**

**“The proposed sale of Johnson Utilities to EPCOR Water would be the end of a very difficult chapter in Pinal County and the beginning of a positive one for many utility customers in the area. As the largest private, regulated water utility in Arizona, EPCOR has demonstrated two years of management excellence of the Johnson Utilities system and is well-financed and well-prepared to bring it into the 21st Century. I fully support the sale of Johnson Utilities to EPCOR (a willing seller and willing buyer).”**

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