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Representative Kelly Townsend Releases Statement in Support of EPCOR's Proposed Purchase of Johnson Utilities

STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Representative Kelly Townsend (R-16) yesterday voiced support to members of the Arizona Corporation Commission of the proposed sale of Johnson Utilities to EPCOR USA.

Earlier this year, the Arizona Supreme Court gave the Arizona Corporation Commission authority to install EPCOR as the interim manager of Johnson Utilities. Johnson Utilities currently services nearly 30,000 water and over 40,000 wastewater customers in areas of the Southeast Valley.

“EPCOR has filed a proposal to purchase Johnson Utilities and I strongly support this transaction that would erase any risk of returning to the mismanagement that was endemic under the current owner,” said Representative Townsend. **“EPCOR is a financially strong company with a long track record of solid operations in Arizona and beyond. It is a good fit for Johnson’s 160-square-mile service area and 29,450 water and 40,160 wastewater customers. This sale should go through with all due haste.”**

“This purchase would open a brighter future for the residents of LD16, who under the interim management of EPCOR, haven’t had to worry about having enough water to get through an Arizona summer or the threats of constant sewage spills that were previously a frequent occurrence. We will also see the ability to start work on adding capacity so home building can resume.”

The Arizona Corporation Commission will have until the end of the year to approve the purchase deal, at which point EPCOR can begin implementing fixes to the previous system.

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