

# Arizona Alliance for Retired Americans

## ACC Fact Sheet



### What is the Arizona Corporation Commission?

Among the ACC's key responsibilities is setting the rates that monopoly utilities can charge you. The ACC regulates monopoly utility companies, Arizona Public Service (APS), Tucson Electric Power (TEP), and Southwest Gas (SWG). The ACC is responsible for setting rates for these monopoly utilities and for guiding Arizona's overall energy policy: decisions that directly impact what you pay, regulate energy, and set the profit levels that these companies can earn.

#### Process of a Rate Case

- Utility company seeks rate increase and files at the ACC
- ACC gathers public comments (letters, emails, or in-person/telephonic)
- A formal hearing takes place where parties present witnesses and offer evidence to support their positions
- After the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge reviews the record and issues a recommendation
- ACC will vote on the recommendation after processing public comments and the hearing

### How Can I Engage?

#### Public Comment Sessions!

The ACC holds multiple public comment sessions per each hearing for both in-person and telephonic participation. You can also submit a written comment online at any time up until the hearing for the rate case ends.

#### How to participate:

- You'll need the **Docket Number**
- Go to: <https://edocket.azcc.gov/search/docket-search>
- You can find information for in-person, telephonic, and online comment participation by searching the docket number



**Your voice can directly influence ACC decisions that affect your utility bills, clean energy investments, and community health.**