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# MEMORANDUM

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Date: June 6, 2014

To: The Honorable Chair and Members  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry  
County Administrator 

Re: **Tax Notice**

Periodically, the County receives complaints regarding the levying of a "County Sales Tax." Often, the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) half-cent sales tax is listed as a County tax because it is a countywide tax. However, since it is not levied by the Board of Supervisors, it is not a County tax.

The attached June 2, 2014 letter from the President of Tucson Electric Power (TEP) indicates they will be changing the reference line on TEP bills to more appropriately describe the tax as the RTA tax. We appreciate TEP's clarification of this matter, as it saves us explaining the County has no sales tax, and the tax being assessed is for the RTA.

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Attachment



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June 2, 2014

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Dear Mr. Huckelberry:

I am writing in response to your May 8 letter to Paul Bonavia regarding our use of the term "County Sales Tax" on bills sent to Tucson Electric Power customers. This line item does indeed refer to the Regional Transportation Authority's half-cent sales tax, and I agree with your suggestion that we should describe it as such. Accordingly, we have updated our systems to describe this assessment as the "Regional Transportation Authority Tax" in bills distributed after today.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please feel free to contact me directly with any future concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Hutchens", is written over a horizontal line.

David G. Hutchens