

Briefs: TEP customers will see bill credits

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Tucson Electric Power customers will see small bill credits over the next several years as part of its acquisition by Canadian-owned Fortis.

The Arizona Corporation Commission on Tuesday approved the deal that sees Fortis acquiring UNS Energy Corporation and its subsidiary, TEP. The deal includes \$30 million in bill credits for customers over the next five years: \$10 million in the first year and \$5 million annually over the next four years.

The credits will be issued on bills from October through March, saving the average residential customer \$1.07 per month. The largest commercial and industrial customers could see savings of \$200. According to TEP, additional credits will be applied through temporary reductions in usage-based charges from October 2014 through March 2015.

Sahuarita Road construction update

Crews should be about finished with paint touch-up on westbound Sahuarita Bridge, as well as sidewalk and decorative rock installation along the realigned Nogales Highway.

On Sahuarita Road, all traffic has been shifted to the new eastbound lanes between the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and Delgado Road. The move allows for construction of future westbound lanes. Ongoing work continues an inlet extension on the existing box culvert west of Delgado, new sidewalks on the eastbound side, and hauling/placing of fill material for westbound lanes.

\$500 charged to bank account

A woman reported to Pima County Sheriff's that more than \$500 had been fraudulently charged to her bank account.

The woman reported on Tuesday that someone had opened up a DirectTV account in June and charged her account, which she noticed when she received notice that her checking account had insufficient funds. There were also fraudulent charges from Apple Bank Web. DirectTV provided her the first name on the account, which she did not recognize.

Sahuarita looks at hiring new chief

The resignation of Sahuarita Police Chief John Harris is prompting possible changes in the town's hiring process, and will involve a national search for his replacement.

Harris, who's been with the department for eight years and in law enforcement for 40, announced Tuesday he is retiring Sept. 12. He'd planned to leave possibly next spring but hastened his

departure after learning he'd been drawn for several hunting tags in a lottery-style system, including one he's wanted for 25 years.

Town Manager Kelly Udall said staff is working on a process by which to find a successor. He expects to have a new chief on board by late October or early November, and an as-yet unnamed interim chief in the meantime.

"The chief retiring offers an opportunity for us to take a look at what changes we might make to existing job descriptions, codes and other things that might make us more streamlined and efficient," Udall said.

Council will address a change in Town Code at its next meeting Aug. 25, for the position of police chief to be hired by the Town Manager with concurrence of Town Council. Current code reads that the chief shall be appointed by council "after hearing the recommendations of the town manager."

"Staff is proposing to change it so that the manager will appoint the chief, much like he does other department directors, with concurrence of council," Udall said.

Model Yacht Club grows, gets website

Green Valley Model Yacht Club is up and running with eight members since it was chartered in June, and has a new website about their activities and how to join.

Sanctioned as American Model Yachting Association's Club 333, GVMYC promotes remote-controlled sailing, racing and social time, and meets every second and fourth Sunday at Sahuarita Lake Park.

The website (www.GVMYC.com) was provided by member Sue Williams-Winters and touches on what type of boats the club sails, events, blogs, boat-building tips, links to other yacht clubs, race photos and contact info.