

Exhibit C

Bargain Land Sale

In 1954, the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board (PSB) used eminent domain to purchase 1,041 acres of land for around \$33,000.¹ In 2009, the land was worth \$10 Million² but local business leaders (REDCO) persuaded PSB to sell it for \$168,000² in order to promote economic development.

The PSB is not responsible for economic development. They have a fiduciary duty to bond holders and water customers to secure the water supply. Water customers paid for the land. Therefore the profit should be used to secure the water supply, but water customers had no voice or choice in the matter. Citizens are forced to go along with REDCO or PSB will shut off their water.

PSB also contributes \$100,000 per year to REDCO to promote economic development³. The City of El Paso has an economic development office that is funded with taxes. Can PSB shut off a family's water because they can't afford to pay for economic development. The president of PSB serves on the board of REDCO.

1. http://www.elpasotimes.com/ci_13049586?IADID=Search-www.elpasotimes.com-www.elpasotimes.com

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