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Attn: Docket Control Re: AEPCO01773A-04-0528 and SWTCO E-04100A-04-0527
1200 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
E-04100A-04-0527
E-01773A-04-0528

Dear Commissioners:

The Cochise County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its opposition to a rate increase for AEPCO that will substantially increase the cost to produce power and transmit it to the local electric utility, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC), who will then be required to pass this increase on to consumers. As we understand it, ACC staff and AEPCO have agreed on a generation and transmission rate increase of 12.44% in 2005, and another 1.5% in each of 2006 and 2007, which will amount to an increase of over \$5.4 million to SSVEC members.

These are substantial increases, and they will have a significant impact on the economy of this area. While we believe that Cochise County is poised for growth, we are deeply concerned that that this will have a chilling effect on businesses and industries that may otherwise wish to locate in Cochise County. While the rest of the State has experienced significant growth over the last decade, growth in this County has been very modest. We urge you to carefully consider actions by the ACC that can have a negative impact on the communities within Cochise County.

Sincerely,

Patrick Call
Chairman

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