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Mr. and Mrs. Getzwiller
Mr. Steve Mann
Ms. Sue Downing
Mr. Rob Horsmann

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Thank you for attending SSVEC's Board meeting on February 25th. We appreciate and support your comments on renewable energy. We have had our renewable energy program in place since 2005 and look forward to more member participation in the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia area. We are proud of our solar program and our school solar shade project which installed solar panels in Elgin and Patagonia and other areas in our service territory. Our goal still remains to have the infrastructure in place to support our member load in the area and the needed infrastructure to support renewable energy.

We are also supportive of your comments on the impact of rate increases on our members and for every project we support the least cost approach to minimize the future rate impact of our members. Rob we are in receipt of the letter you left requesting cost information on the various options and the previous letter from Jeanne Horsmann. We are working on updating the various cost options and will send them out to in a general membership letter once completed.

The Sonoita Reliability Project was envisioned 1982 when SSVEC saw the need for increased infrastructure in Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia due to load growth and increasing population in the area. Your group is the perfect example of what has caused this need, as the Getzwiller's moved next to our 1982 easement in 2000, Sue Downing purchased property with our recorded sub-transmission easement on it in 1997, and the Horsmann's moved to the area in 2003. This increased load is the very reason the Sonoita Reliability Project needs to move forward.

We look forward to your attendance at our March Board meeting in Patagonia and to hear your specific proposals on renewable projects, including capacity, location, and your funding sources and estimated dates for operation of the projects you are considering. Please contact and coordinate any renewable issues with Jack Blair. Jack is in charge of our REST Plan.

Sincerely

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CEO, SSVEC

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