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Hello Paul and Alan,

We received a copy of the Judges opinion to the ACC, and as I interpret it - she is recommending that SSVEC get its rate hike and put in 69kV line.

"To the extent residents in the area and the Cooperative believe it would

be helpful, the Commission can make its Staff available to moderate discussions on how renewable generation can successfully be integrated into its system. It is not in the public interest, however, to order SSVEC to delay the planned upgrade." page 39 of order....

The community is rallying around the idea of alternatives for us, and this decision is not actually a shot in the arm. Even though the ACC does not have purview over the line - we did propose some fiscally responsible alternatives that are just not being considered.

We met with SSVEC Staff on Monday this week and they were not very receptive to our recommendations. One recommendation that they could not refute was the upgrade of the existing line - by reconductoring the line to increase the delivered power level for a much lower cost than the 69kV. The staff told me that this upgrade would provide additional electricity that would prolong the life of the existing line. With this upgrade we could then move forward with other alternatives for our power demands. Also, Patagonia is planning for renewables for power generation in their area.

This upgrade would cost less than \$3.5 million and could be less than \$2.5 Million.

We would rather save the Co-op \$10,000,000 than not. Also SSVEC is applying for a grant for one megawatt of solar power in Sonoita. That with all of the solar and wind energy coming in - we can work toward our energy independence as technology advances in this area. I just read an article that said home battery storage would be available to home owners in 2011 - that is not far away, and that is just the beginning.

We don't want the scar on our landscape when we are planning for a renewable and clean energy future.

I will look forward to hearing from you.
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