

ORIGINAL



0000101807

E-01575A-08-0328

OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Board of Supervisors

Santa Cruz County

RECEIVED

August 20, 2009

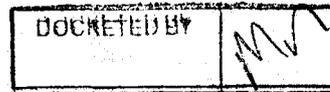
2009 AUG 21 10 04 AM
JOHN MAYNARD
SUPERVISOR, District 3

ALB DERP COMMISSION
DOCKET CONTROL

Ms. Kristin Mayes, Chairwoman
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 West Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arizona Corporation Commission
DOCKETED

AUG 21 2009



Dear Chairwoman Mayes:

I want to personally thank you and the other Commissioners for your efforts to find a solution to a difficult energy issue affecting many residents in Santa Cruz County. The ongoing saga between Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Coop (SSVEC) and the residents of eastern Santa Cruz County has finally come close to resolution, thanks to the wisdom of the Commission.

I have felt for over a year that an "independent" feasibility study is necessary to resolve the difference of opinions related to the best alternative for reliable energy service in the Sonoita / Patagonia area. What may have started out as a "not in my back yard" NIMBY, very rapidly escalated into a community's desire to embrace the technology our nation must begin to build today if we ever stand a chance of achieving energy independence.

My concern at this juncture focuses on the "independence" of the feasibility study. How can this best be achieved? I am hopeful the Commission's staff, community members and SSVEC staff will participate cooperatively in the selection of the firm chosen for this task. I am writing you today to not only thank you for your efforts in representing the desires of the general public but also to encourage you to use whatever means available to the Commission to assure the residents of eastern Santa Cruz County that this feasibility study will be truly independent.

Most respectfully submitted,

John Maynard, Chairman
Santa Cruz County
Board of Supervisors

CC: Commissioners Kennedy, Newman, Pierce, Stump