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**From:** David Putt [dputt@puttsurveying.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2009 5:16 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Proposed SSVEC power line in the Sonoita / Elgin area

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Dear Mr. Newman:

I am writing as a concerned property owner in the Sonoita / Elgin area. My brother and I own two ten acre parcels, Parcel # 106-60-005A and Parcel # 106-60-005B.

It is my understanding that there is an application by SSVEC for a moratorium on all future power hookups in the Sonoita / Elgin area due to a recent vote by the Corporation Commission against a new power transmission line that was proposed by SSVEC. It is also my understanding that the current transmission line is inadequate and that there are frequent "brown-outs" and other power outages.

I am in favor of the new transmission line and believe that it will benefit current and future residents of the area. I am writing to let you know that I would like you to consider **voting to approve** the proposed transmission line.

Please re-consider this issue and **vote to approve the proposed transmission line**. Please consider **all** of the current and future land owner's interests and safety.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
DOS HERMANOS GUAPOS, LLC

David L. Putt

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**From:** List, Alan F. [Alan.List@moffitt.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2009 6:00 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Potential Power Moratorium

Dear Mr. Newman,

As a land –owner in Elgin for nearly five years, I am concerned about the recent vote against the much needed transmission line. Perhaps you could share details as o the rationale behind the negative vote. I understand that SSVEC has filed an application for a moratorium on all future power hook-ups in the area from Whetstone to Patagonia and to Canelo. My wife and I are from AZ and planned on building ion our property in the next year, and clearly a moratorium would not only stop this but also lowers the value of our investment. Requiring Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative (SSVEC) to do additional studies which could take years to accomplish would push back any plans for us to build and means that the brown outs that many in the area have experienced will continue. Please realize that we rely on you representing our property rights as do all landowners in this area.

I am interested in hearing more about this and certainly want to see that the needs of all of the landowners are met. .

I thank you for your time and supporting all of our interests.

Alan List, MD



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**From:** RORY S GEORGE [rory-george@q.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2009 11:19 AM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** power

Dear Mr Newman, I'm writing you today because it has come to my attention that Sulfur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative is planning on issuing a moratorium on new power hook ups in Santa Cruz County. My family and I are land owners in Sonoita and Patagonia AZ and our future depends on us being able to sell some of our land off in the next year. We can't wait 4-5 years for new power hook ups. Our community depends on the future tax revenues that new residents will bring in as well. If land sales stop because of no power our community, especially our children, will suffer. Thank you for taking all this into consideration. Sincerely Rory and Lesia George

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**From:** Thomas Daniel [tomd@danieltechnology.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 17, 2009 7:36 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** SSVEC V-7 Feeder

Dear Mr. Newman,

Please reconsider the Commission's position regarding the V-7 feeder upgrade. This power improvement is vital for both existing customers with very low quality service and all future growth in the area. Many people have invested substantial money in the area and the inability to get needed power will have a major detrimental impact on those investments.

It is inappropriate for a small vocal group of NIMBYs to undermine both the finances and quality of life for a large number of citizens.

Therefore, I insist that the only fair thing to do is for the Commission to revisit and reverse its previous ruling and allow SSVEC to proceed with the upgrade expeditiously.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Daniel  
Patagonia landowner

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**From:** Richard Diefenderfer [rdiefenderfer@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2009 1:35 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** Sonoita, Elgin Power Moratorium

Dear Mr. Newman,

I strongly urge and request that you to do not vote for a power moratorium or delay of the new transmission lines due for the Sonoita area. I am shocked that this is even considered and taken fully by surprise. As a landowner (parcel 109-67-031c) I am dismayed that I have not been officially notified of this potential action and had to find out second hand.

I understand a small group have organized to delay the new power lines to the area and suspect it is really to fuel their overall "no growth agenda" and "NIMBC" sentiment. To my knowledge the planned power line upgrade was to go where the current easement is in effect. This is where it should go. How can people complain against that?

I purchased my property two years ago and paid a premium as it was developed with power to the parcel. Justifiably, I was and am under full expectations that power is available. I am confident that any court will also find this as well. If any of the ACC actions negatively affect my property value I will be forced to vigorously pursue suit to compensate for damages and expect significant adjustments to assessed property values by Santa Cruz county. Voting for the moratorium or delay of new power lines will unfortunately set off a wave of negative actions by myself and many others in similar circumstances. I do hope this will not come to fruition.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** Jim Davis [Jim@Sonoitaland.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2009 2:59 PM  
**To:** Newman-Web  
**Subject:** The Silent Voices Concerning the SSVEC Power Issue

Dear Commissioner Newman:

We are co-owners of Wildhorse Realty here in Sonoita and have been local residents for over 25 years. We were saddened to hear that you voted against the proposed power line upgrade. It may appear that there is nothing but opposition for the power line; in actuality, you voted against the private property rights of over 1,500 area landowners who reside all over the world. They are the silent voices as they were not in attendance nor have they had the opportunity to write letters since they are not aware of the situation. In our 16 years of being in the real estate business in this valley we have represented over 800 sellers and buyers of vacant land parcels. Many of these are planning to build in the near future and all plan on having electrical service available when they decide to build. Here are some facts that should be considered when the Corporation Commission re-votes on this issue:

1. We have sold a number of parcels of land that are going to go into wine grape vineyards and wineries in the next year or two. As you know, Elgin is considered the Wine Capital of Arizona. They must rely upon electricity for the pumping of the water as no existing alternate energy system will pump the volume of water necessary for their drip systems. Without power they will be forced to use generators. Years ago many of the vineyards used diesel generators and have now switched to electric pumps due to the pressure of neighbors that could not stand the noise or the smell of the diesel fumes.
2. There are over 450 developed lots in the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia V7 service area with power lines to the lot lines, but no service yet. In addition to these there are a large number of lots not in subdivisions that currently have power lines to the lot line, but no service. If the moratorium is approved it could be years before anyone could build on these lots and if the power upgrade is permanently denied they may never have electrical service.
3. Currently there are two developments working on their Public Reports; these are 36-acre or larger lot sizes. At this time there are approximately 50 lots planned in these two developments. It is my understanding that there will not be power available for these two developments if the moratorium and delay of upgrade occurs.
4. The United States Department of Homeland Security (Border Patrol) has expressed interest in purchasing 50 acres in the Sonoita/Elgin area for a 250-bed detainee holding facility. They will require a cafeteria, exercise area, and security lighting. There is no way that the current power situation can provide enough power for this facility.

I applaud the 40 or so vocal opponents to the power upgrade as they are well-prepared and well-advised; however we know personally many of these opponents and assure you that the primary reason they are so vocal is that the current proposed route runs through existing easements near their properties. Unfortunately this "not in my backyard" mentality is a hard one because 40 or so property owners would be affected but many thousands will benefit from the line.

We are all, including SSVEC, in favor of alternate energy assists; however going all-alternate is not feasible or practical. Mortgage money for all-solar houses is virtually non-existent and there are no proven systems that will work 100% without electrical backup.

In conclusion, we hope that you will consider the wishes and personal property rights of "the silent voices" of the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia Valley property owners.

Best regards,  
Jim Davis, Designated Broker, Wildhorse Realty  
Karen Howard, Associate Broker, Wildhorse Realty