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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ORDER
INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON NEW
CONNECTIONS TO THE V-7 FEEDER LINE
SERVING THE WHETSTONE, RAIN VALLEY,
ELGIN, CANELO, SONOITA, AND PATAGONIA,
ARIZONA AREAS.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-09-0453

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On September 18, 2009, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an Application to implement a moratorium on new and expanded service connections that would be serviced by the existing V-7 Feeder Line within the areas of Whetstone Ranch, Rain Valley, Elgin, Canelo, Sonoita and Patagonia ("Affected Areas").

On November 4, 2009, the Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") filed a Staff Report that concludes that the V-7 25 kV distribution feeder presently serving the Affected Areas will not perform at a satisfactory level of reliability until the overloading on the V-7 feeder is mitigated; that the performance of the feeder will deteriorate further if more customer loads are added to it; and that a moratorium on future customer connections in the Affected Areas will help preserve SSVEC's present level of system reliability until overloading of the V-7 feeder can be resolved.

By letter docketed November 5, 2009, Intervenor Sue Downing opposes SSVEC's application for a moratorium without a hearing. She states that she has propounded discovery and requests that discovery continue until December 2, 2009. She proposes a schedule for the filing of testimony in December and a hearing in late December or early January.

On November 6, 2009, SSVEC filed Comments in Support of the Staff Report and Response

1 to Ms Downing. SSVEC opposes the request for hearing and states it has objections to the
2 propounded discovery.

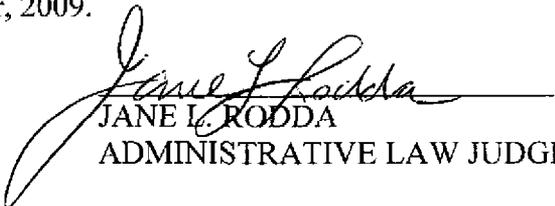
3 SSVEC's request for a moratorium seeks to address what it considers potentially serious
4 reliability issues. A Procedural Conference is necessary for the purpose of determining the
5 appropriate procedures in this matter, including whether circumstances warrant implementing the
6 moratorium on new hook-ups as an interim measure pending a hearing on the application,¹ as well as
7 addressing discovery disputes and a possible schedule.

8 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a **Procedural Conference** for the purpose stated herein
9 shall commence on **November 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Commission's Tucson office, Room
10 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **SSVEC shall file any objections to the Data Request Set**
12 **One** attached to Ms. Downing's November 5, 2009 filing **by November 20, 2009.**

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive
14 any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

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16 DATED this 12th day of November, 2009.


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ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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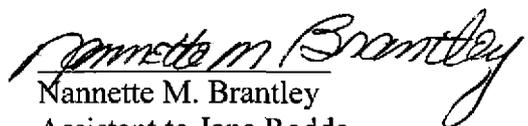
¹ One way to make this determination would be for Staff to incorporate its recommendations contained in its November 4, 2009 Staff Report in a Staff-prepared Recommended Order for Commission determination.

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