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RE: E-01575A-09-0453 SSVEC Moratorium

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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

SSVEC has stated that the growth in the Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia areas are causing the V-7 feeder to max out. What they have neglected to mention is that the Whetstone area is also on the V-7 feeder and that the growth in this area is far greater than the growth in our area.

The current plan is to cut the V-7 feeder (approximately 23 miles long) before Elgin and use it to service the Whetstone and Rain Valley areas. The new 69 kV line will service the Sonoita, Elgin and Patagonia areas coming from the Kartchner substation in Sierra Vista to Sonoita. This new 69 kV line will be approximately 30 miles long (7 miles longer than the current line) in remote and extremely hard to maintain areas (i.e. as in no access roads). As I understand there are as many meters in Whetstone as there are in our whole area.

It seems it would make much more sense for SSVEC to remove the Whetstone area from the V-7 feeder by running a new line from the Kartchner substation in Sierra Vista to Whetstone, (or whatever they need to do there, it may be even simpler than that?) this distance is only about 10 miles.

- This will:
1. Remove a large part of the load on the V-7 feeder allowing it to cover any future growth in the Sonoita, Elgin, Patagonia and Rain Valley areas, and
  2. There are poles and easements already in existence from the Kartchner substation to Whetstone.

This will remove any need for a moratorium, provide for future growth in all areas and save members money! Add this to the renewable energy provided by the 750kw facility SSVEC will be installing in Sonoita, as well as the other Renewable Energy that is about to come online, and you have no need for a new utility corridor through the Babocomari Ranch!

This is why I support your decision to conduct a Feasibility Study before SSVEC spends \$13.5million dollars on a new Power Line Corridor through our community, when a simpler, faster, easier way to bolster our reliability is thoroughly researched.

Also, we have had few black outs and never had a brown out until the day after the ACC decision. It almost seems like they are giving us blips, just to prove we need the line. The last two years have been virtually blip free, especially since they upgraded the line to Patagonia and installed lightening arresters.

I feel that just upgrading the line to Sonoita might help considerably in our reliability.

300 more acres have been saved from development in Rain Valley with a conservation easement. The Arizona Land & Water Trust sees the grasslands of our area as a high priority to save from development. The area that SSVEC wants to put this line through is just as if not more valuable for wildlife corridors and scenic

vistas. As I understand the Ranch is actively seeking conservation easements as well. This would be a travesty to allow a line to be put in, if a better alternative that costs less money is out there. We need to protect our economy from being eroded by this proposed line, it will have very damaging effects on tourism, property values, and wildlife habitat. I am confident there is a better solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

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