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Subject: E-01575A-09-0453 E-01575A-08-0328
Attachments: SSVEC letter to ACC.doc; Chamber support of SSVEC.doc

Mr. Newman, I am submitting two letters - one from the Chamber Board of Directors and a personal letter from me. We are all very supportive of the efforts of SSVEC to build this new line.

Kathy Smith
Executive Director, Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

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Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioner Paul Newman

Commissioner Newman,

I would like to state that I am **very** supportive of the efforts of SSVEC in running the new 69kV transmission line between Mustang Corners and Sonoita.

First, let us identify the year that SSVEC purchased the easements for this line – 1982. How many objections have you received from people who have purchased property along these easements since 1982 knowing full well that SSVEC could, and probably would, consider running new lines in this area sometime in the future? My point is that purchasing property knowing that there may be power lines run (which would, in all probability, include new poles) is like purchasing property along a railroad line and then complaining when the train blows its whistle.

I attended the meeting between the ACC and SSVEC held in Sierra Vista where Chairman, Kris Mayes stated that the ACC did not have jurisdiction over this line – my question is, if the ACC did not/does not have any jurisdiction over this line, why were you allowed to make a motion that an independent third party should conduct a study to be paid for by the Co-op, or more accurately, by the **MEMBERS** of the Co-op?

My concern is not only the fact that the ACC is allowing people to make undocumented accusations against SSVEC that are very damaging to the reputation of this Co-op, but also the exorbitant cost this campaign will have on the residents and area businesses because of this delay and continued harassment of an organization that has always worked to keep the cost of service to its members fair and reasonable. This continued delay is extremely detrimental, not only to SSVEC but to its members as well.

I am asking that you also support the efforts of SSVEC and let them do their job...let them serve the many members who do appreciate the fact that they strive to keep our electric service reasonable to all.

Thank you for your time.

Cordially,

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TO: Arizona Corporation Commissioners Paul Newman; Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Bob Stump and Chairman Kris Mayes

FROM: Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Board of Directors

The Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture is in support of the efforts of SSVEC in running the new 69kV transmission line between Mustang Corners and Sonoita.

SSVEC is a valued Willcox Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture partner. The cooperative has always been one of the first to step up to the plate and help by allowing their employees to attend town meetings or serve on boards.

The City of Willcox has benefited from the support of the Co-op through their support of youth programs, scholarships through the Willcox Unified School system and the sponsorship of community town hall meetings. The businesses of Willcox also benefit by being able to call on the staff of SSVEC to do energy audits at no charge to the business.

There has not been a time that the Chamber has not called on SSVEC for help and has not been afforded that help. This is an organization that listens to the needs of its members and responds to those needs.

We urge you to stop wasting the time and money of SSVEC and its members and move forward to build this line now. A great deal of time has been exhausted already by a minimal few. Where is the consideration for the majority of members who feel the cooperative is a good neighbor, an honest organization that supports our communities and listens to its members?

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From: Jana Gallatin [janamg@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 11:33 AM
To: Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: Mr. Jack Blair

RE: Cases - E-01575A-09-0453 and E-01575A-08-0328

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I live in the area under consideration for the 69kV transmission lines. I was concerned about my views, but understand that we as a cooperative have to provide some kind of infrastructure to provide power to our community when the sun goes down or the wind stops blowing. So, while I don't necessarily like the idea of poles in "my backyard." I am not 100% opposed if it is the best option for the community and the cooperative.

But, in my opinion Jack Blair's public ad hominem attacks, deliberate misrepresentation and withholding of information, comments and the letter to the employees of SSVEC to use their home emails to lobby on behalf of this project cross an ethical line.

His poor leadership seems to be negatively affecting the quality of customer service that anyone in Sonoita receives unless they declare they are "for" the lines. An example is a receipt of a letter about the energy producing capability of solar that we would like to install on our commercial building. The letter was confusing, so I called. Mr. Bane asserted that the contractor had "overbuilt" the capability and indicated there would be problems. But when I pointed out that the production capability was well below our estimated usage over the evaluation period, he said that ours was the second of ten that the contractor had gotten right. When I mentioned that we had received no letter for our residence, and let him know our address and that we lived across the street from the most vocal opponents of the line, he demeanor became almost hostile and I had to reassure him that I was NOT the enemy and was only seeking to take advantage of very attractive terms for installing solar and hopefully REDUCING our impact on demand of coal burning facilities.

I didn't want to get into this fray, because I honestly do not think it should be an Us against Them thing. SSVEC is a cooperative. If members in Sonoita want to find ways to reduce the overall demand on the SSVEC infrastructure and coal burning facilities, we should be welcomed and not treated as pariahs.

While I am grateful the fuss gave us the opportunity to make what we believe to be a sound solar investment, our neighbors do not speak for us. I want the best outcome for our community and for our cooperative. At this point, sadly, I do not believe Mr. Blair has the personality or skills necessary to lead us to this outcome. I have contacted Mr. Huber, Mr. Blair's supervisor, to request he be removed. And I request that you consider any legal steps within your jurisdiction to remove him from this situation.

Best regards,
jana gallatin