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8 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
9 OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY  
10 ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A  
11 HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR  
12 VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR  
13 RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A  
14 JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN  
15 THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES  
16 DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN  
17 AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS.

Docket No. E-01575A-08-0328

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

Docket No. E-01575A-09-0453

OBJECTION TO SSVEC  
NOTICE OF FILING PUBLIC FORUM  
REPORT

24 Pursuant to the January 29, 2010, Procedural Order in the above-captioned matters

25 In the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. public forum report,  
26 submitted on February 10, 2010 (attached), reaches beyond the scope of the original  
27 Decision by the ACC in this matter:

28 Decision 71247 filed September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 stated, page 48 line 5:

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30 *"IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. as a*  
31 *matter of compliance, shall docket by October 30, 2009, a report setting forth the manner and dates*  
32 *it shall conduct public forums in the communities served by the planned 69kV line and associated*  
33 *upgrades. This report shall also discuss the topics to be addressed at the public forums and the topics*  
34 *shall include, but not be limited to, addressing how renewable energy generation (in particular*  
35 *distributed generation) could be incorporated into the generation plans to serve the area covered by*  
*the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades." (emphasis added)*

1 In the attached Report Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. has chosen to  
2 rewrite the intent of the order by stating,

3 (*“SSVEC”*) *submits the following schedule of Public Forums to be held “in the*  
4 *communities served by the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades,” and in*  
5 *communities throughout SSVECs service territory.* (paragraph 1. SSVEC Public Forum  
6 Report)

7 I respectfully submit that SSVEC should follow the order for forums in the communities  
8 served by the planned 69kV line.

9 Recommendations:

- 10 1) Add a Public Forum in Sonoita at the Santa Cruz County Building or Santa Cruz  
11 County Fair Grounds, on March 11, 2010 at 6pm. (affected area)
- 12 2) Delete Presentations to Chambers of Commerce in Willcox, Sierra Vista, and Benson.  
13 (not located in 69kV line communities, per Decision 71247 )
- 14 3) Conduct first meetings in V7 area (Elgin, Sonoita, Patagonia) to present Feasibility  
15 Study March 9, 10, and 11 with follow up meeting for Public Comment and Discussion  
16 on March 16,17, and 18.
- 17 4) Forums to be conducted and moderated by professional and independent Moderator.
- 18 5) If SSVEC chooses to hold extra informational meetings or forums outside of those  
19 ordered by the Commission, all SSVEC members should be notified of such meetings.
- 20 6) Intervenors should be notified of all meetings or hearings to discuss the Feasibility  
21 Study, with time allotted on the program for presentation.
- 22 7) Transcripts of the August SSVEC Rate Hearing be made available at the Sonoita and  
23 Patagonia Libraries two weeks prior to the first public forum.
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30 I certify this filing has been mailed to all parties shown on the Distribution List below.

31 Respectfully submitted on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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5 **Docket Nos. E-01575A-08-0328 and E-01575A-09-0453**

6 **Decision No. 71274 and Procedural Order January 29,2010**

7 **Sonoita Reliability Project (“SRP”)**

8 **Public Forum Report**

9 **February 10,2010**

10 In compliance with the Arizona Corporation Commission Decision (“Commission”) No. 7 I274  
11 (“Decision”) and the Procedural Order dated **January** 29, 2010, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric  
12 Cooperative, Inc. (“SSVEC”) submits the following schedule of Public Forums to be held “in the  
13 communities served by the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades,” and in communities  
14 throughout SSVECs service territory.

15 SSVEC has scheduled Public Forums in the areas directly impacted by the SRP (“Affected  
16 Areas”) on the following dates and at the following locations:

17 March 9, 2010

18 March 11,2010

19 *Meetings with various local organizations in the Affected Areas may also be scheduled.*

20 Patagonia High School, 200 Naugle Ave, Patagonia AZ

21 Elgin Elementary School, 23 Elgin Rd, Sonoita AZ

22 6:00pm

23 6:00pm

24 SSVEC has scheduled presentations to Local Chambers of Commerce on the following dates and  
25 at the following locations:

26 March 2,2010 Willcox Chamber of Commerce, Willcox, AZ 12:00pm

27 March 25,2010

28 March 25, 2010 Benson Chamber of Commerce, Benson, AZ 12:00pm

29 *Further meetings with various local organizations may also be scheduled.*

30 Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, Sierra Vista ,AZ 8:00am

31 SSVEC will advertise the Public Forums in the following newspapers:

32 Nogales Bulletin, Regional newspaper in the Affected Areas

33 Patagonia Regional Times, Regional newspaper in the Affected Areas

34 Sierra Vista Herald, Regional newspaper in the greater Sierra Vista area

35 SSVEC will mail its members a formal announcement letter to include the Public Forum dates,  
times, meeting locations, agenda, and locations where the Independent Feasibility Study will be  
made available for inspection and review, and post the announcements on its website and in its  
regional offices.

SSVEC intends to make the Independent Feasibility Study available for inspection and review at  
the following locations:

SSVEC Regional Office, 281 McKeown Avenue, Patagonia, AZ

SSVEC Regional Office, 31 1 E. Wilcox Dr, Sierra Vista, AZ

SSVEC Regional Office, 350 N. Haskell Ave, Willcox, AZ

SSVEC Regional Office, 285 W. Fifth Street, Benson, AZ

SSVEC Regional Office, 4179 W. Thistle Lane, Elfrida, AZ

1 Patagonia Public Library, 342 Duquesne Avenue, Patagonia, AZ

2 Sonoita Community Library, 3147 Highway 83, Sonoita, AZ

3 SSVEC intends to advertise the Public Forums and make available a hard copy of the  
4 Independent Feasibility Study at least two weeks prior to first meeting date. The Independent  
5 Feasibility Study has been, and will continue to be, available on SSVEC's website. It is also  
6 available on the Commission's E-Docket.

7 SSVEC will engage **an** independent moderator to conduct the Public Forums in the Affected  
8 Areas and to assist in the open and impartial exchange of ideas.

9 Topics which shall be addressed at the Public Forums will focus on solutions identified in the  
10 Independent Feasibility Study. Included in the discussion at the Public Forums, is how  
11 renewable energy generation could be incorporated into the generation plans to serve the area  
12 covered by the planned 69kV line and associated upgrades and other areas in SSVEC's service  
13 territory.

14 The Agenda for the Public Forums is as follows:

15 o Introduction of Moderator and Presenters

16 o Review of the Sonoita Reliability Project

17 o Overview of the Proceedings before the Arizona Corporation Commission

18 o Presentation of the Independent Feasibility Study

19 o Renewable Energy Generation Plans for the Area to include:

20 o \$6 Million 750kW Solar Array at proposed Sonoita Substation

21 o \$1.2 Million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 'Smart Grid'

22 o Demand Side Management possibilities

23 o Open Discussions between SSVEC and members **of** the public regarding solutions  
24 identified in the Independent Feasibility Study and how renewable energy generation  
25 could be incorporated into the generation plans to serve the Affected Areas covered  
26 by the planned 69kV Line and associated upgrades.

27 SSVEC intends to prepare a record of the Public Forums which, **if** practical, will be posted on its  
28 website and will be utilized in the preparation of the compliance report SSVEC will file as  
29 required by the Decision.

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