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Arizona Corporation Commission
Chairman Kristin Mayes
Commissioners Kennedy, Newman, Pierce, and Stump

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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

I understand that Sulphur Springs Valley Electrical Cooperative (SSVEC) has petitioned the ACC for permission to begin construction immediately on the proposed 69kV line to the Sonoita/Patagonia/Elgin area. I urge you not to grant this petition. You directed SSVEC to conduct a feasibility study, hold public hearings to discuss the findings of the feasibility study and to incorporate public comment. The feasibility study was a waste of time and money without the other two aspects – public hearings and incorporation of community members.

The feasibility study pointed out several very important elements including:

- Customers experienced an average of only 3 hours of outage per year based on the past 10 years and 90% of all outages affected 3 or fewer customers.
- Lightning and birds caused far more outages (~330 and ~300, respectively) than overload (less than 30) over the past 10 years. Outages occurred primarily on the feeder lines, not on the existing V7 line.
- None of the alternatives, including the proposed 69kV line, will solve the reliability issue unless feeder loads are addressed.
- Other options, including the combination of a realistic Time of Use program, distributed renewable energy, peaker plants, and demand-side management are more effective, less expensive and have fewer negative impacts on aesthetics, the environment, and cultural sites than the proposed line.

A properly executed series of public hearings will foster constructive dialogue on the issues. Information from those hearings should be used to design a workable, strategic plan to address the energy reliability issue using logic rather than rhetoric.

Sincerely,

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