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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO
DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS
PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO
FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN
THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO
DEVELOP SUCH RETURN AND FOR RELATED
APPROVALS.

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-08-0328

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

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-09-0453

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 10, 2010, pursuant to Procedural Order dated January 29, 2010, Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("SSVEC") filed a Notice of Filing Public Forum Report, which attached a schedule for the public forums that SSVEC arranged in order to comply with the directive in Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") Decision No. 71274.

On February 12, 2010, SSVEC filed a Notice of Supplemental Information Regarding Independent Moderator for Public Forum Report.

On February 16, 2010, James Rowley, filed an Objection to the Notice of Filing Public Forum Report. The same day Susan Scott and Sue Downing filed an Objection to Notice of Filing Supplemental Information Regarding Independent Moderator for Public Forum Report.

On February 23, 2010, SSVEC filed a Response to Intervenors' Objections to Public Forum Report.

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1 Because the matter involved a question of SSVEC's compliance with a Commission Decision,
2 by Procedural Order dated February 26, 2010, Staff was directed to file its recommendations and/or
3 comments concerning SSVEC's arrangements for the public forums.

4 On March 3, 2010, Staff filed its Response to the February 26, 2010 Procedural Order, and
5 stated its belief that SSVEC's report on the planned conduct of the public forums complies with the
6 related requirements in Decision No. 71274.

7 Intervenors object to having Ms. Gignac to act as the moderator of the proposed public
8 forums on the grounds that Ms. Gignac resides within the SSVEC service area and has previous
9 involvement with Commission business.¹ Ms. Gignac appears qualified to facilitate the discussions
10 at the public forums and there is no information that suggests she would not act in that capacity in a
11 fair and reasonable manner. Although specifically not limited in scope, the purpose of the public
12 forums is to address how renewable energy generation could be incorporated in the generation plans
13 for the Affected Areas. If the Intevenors have proposals they wish to discuss at the public forums,
14 SSVEC has offered to include them on the agenda. In any case, however, the Intervenors can
15 participate, and express their opinions and plans in the public forums as any member of the public
16 should be able to.

17 Furthermore, having the public forums scheduled for Elgin and Patagonia appears to
18 adequately cover the Affected Areas, as the communities of Elgin and Sonoita are fairly close. If
19 SSVEC desires to conduct additional forums in other areas, there is no restriction on such meetings in
20 Decision No. 71247.

21 As is routinely done in line siting dockets, copies of transcripts of proceedings are often
22 placed in public libraries for the convenience of the public. In these cases, the libraries are directed
23 that due to copyright considerations, copies are limited to 20 pages of any one transcript, per person.
24 SSVEC should cause copies of the hearing transcripts to be made available at the public libraries in
25 the Affected Areas, subject to directing the libraries that copies should be limited to 20 pages per
26 person per transcript. This will help the public to be better informed.

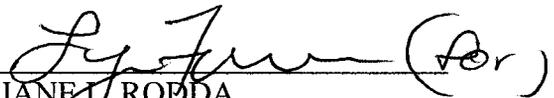
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28 ¹ The independent moderator was not part of the directive of Decision No. 71274, but was suggested by Procedural Order dated January 29, 2010.

1 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that SSVEC's plans for the public forums should be
2 permitted to proceed as proposed.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as practical, SSVEC should cause a copy of the rate
4 hearing transcripts to be made available for review at the public libraries in the Affected Areas, with
5 instructions to the libraries that due to copyright considerations, any copies made are limited to 20
6 pages per transcript per person.

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

9 DATED this 8th day of March, 2010.

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11 JANE L. RODDA
12 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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