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In Opposition**

**From:** Deborah Fain [dfain@sbbiaz.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2010 11:28 AM  
**To:** Antonio Gill  
**Subject:** SSVEC Docket # E-01575A-09-0453 - Unethical Activity

Dear Commissioner Pierce,

Given the state of the situation surrounding the SSVEC and the proposed 69kV line I wanted to share the following letters with you.

When I received the email at the bottom (in blue), I was so surprised at the content, I responded (immediately below this introduction and above the original email I received). Interestingly enough recipients of both letters responded to me with gratitude.

I do not want to get the person who sent the email in any hot water, but given the content I question the actual author, or at least the source of such blatant misinformation. In particular, I am concerned about Jack Blair sending public and blind authored emails and making phone calls in an attempt to set the SSVEC Cooperators against each other. This ultimately results in only SSVEC's Corporate Agenda being served.

It is my hope that you will consider SSVEC's lack of ethics or respect for their member/owners and the ACC. From my perspective it appears that they are above any laws or controls. Their repetitive dissemination of misinformation and falsehoods should at least be an indication of how untrustworthy they are. As usual, each of the points in the Jack Blair email are totally false and can easily be proven so. Yet the novice reader is at a disadvantage. They want to believe their cooperative but must expend an enormous amount of effort to substantiate claims that they do not, on the face, have any reason to doubt. Such blind acceptance of SSVEC's propaganda as fact is in the end not in the best interest of the membership. Yet, there seems to be no one who can or will hold them to a higher order of corporate responsibility.

Is there any governing entity in our state that can control such blatant unethical (and possibly illegal) behavior by a company that is owned by the very members to whom it is misrepresenting information. SSVEC should not be allowed to operate in such a fashion.

I thank you for your interest in the matter.

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SSVEC Member/Owner

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\*\*\*\*\*MY RESPONSE TO THE ORIGINAL LETTER

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Folks,

There is a move to unnecessarily expedite installation of a 69kV (high voltage) power line across our pristine vistas (specifically the Babocomari Ranch, the largest Mexican land grant in the United States and the site of many, many well known movies including Tombstone). SSVEC claims that this line is necessary to provide power needed by Sonoita and Patagonia. SSVEC further claims that support for immediate installation is called for by the third party Feasibility Study they sponsored at the order of the Arizona Corporation Commission. **Don't be fooled. Both of these claims are false.**

In fact the Feasibility Study proves that the Sonoita and Patagonia areas WILL NOT require more power than is already provided well into 2020. And, even then the predicted increase in power required by these communities is nominal. It doesn't even come close to requiring a 69kV line. This disproves BOTH of SSVEC's claims for need and immediacy. So if the 69kV line isn't needed, why put it in? Good question!

SSVEC has also erroneously claimed that the 69kV line will improve reliability to the Sonoita and Patagonia areas. This claim hits the heart of many residents. But it too is false!

According to the Feasibility Study contracted by SSVEC and paid for by you and all the members of the cooperative, the lack of reliability for the Sonoita and Patagonia areas is caused by rain, wind, birds, accidents, fires, etc. Essentially the black outs, brown outs and "blips" are all caused by natural causes ... causes the 69kV line can't fix. So **why spend the money if it won't fix the problem?** Good question!

By the time the Sonoita and Patagonia areas have any increase in demand (2020 or thereafter), it is highly likely there will be many other alternatives that can provide the small increase predicted by the Feasibility Study. So why put the line in now? Good question!

But, folks, if you consider the cost of the line, **\$14,000,000 and growing**, you might get a small vision of the impact on your **personal power bill**. After all, in a cooperative, the members (all members in all communities ... not just the communities affected) pay the bill. If it REALLY isn't needed as the Feasibility Study suggests, why put it in? Why cost the members? Why the immediacy? Good questions!

There is a lot of discussion on this subject. And unless you spend a lot of time to find out the truth, it is hard to tell fact from fiction. But you should know that the residents of Sonoita and Patagonia that are opposing the 69kV line are all volunteers. They have jobs and businesses. They aren't rich and they haven't hired lawyers or "spokesmen". We are just ordinary residents who cherish our views and quality of life. We are just regular folks who don't want to rush into something that we don't need and may not be able to change. We **respectfully ask for your support to WAIT** until we are sure the line is needed; needed now; and, there isn't any other way.

**It doesn't cost anyone anything to wait. It will cost us all a great deal if we don't.**

\*\*\*\*\* THE ORIGINAL LETTER

Subject: SSVEC Transmission Line Please pass this information on to all in the Whetstone area.

Date: Fri, 19 Mar 2010 19:59:11 -0700

Folks,

There is a move at the Corporation Commission to stop SSVEC from putting the new transmission line through the Babocomari and into Sonoita and Patagonia. Paul Newman is supporting this line to go through Whetstone.

The opposition to this line is now suggesting that the line come from the V7 substation in Whetstone and go West on the 82 frontage into Elgin. Paul Newman is supporting this line to go through Whetstone.

This will mean the right of way on 82 will need to be double, SSVEC will need to acquire additional right away along 82. The line will be over twice the size that is there already. The substation will have to be drastically enlarged. This line will affect about 80 people along 82 with some of the home very close to the line.

The people opposing the line going through the Babocomari have been very vocal and have hired lawyers and spokesmen to supporting their opposition to this line. These folks are starting to push for the line to go through Whetstone.

If you are interested in signing a petition against this new move please email me and let me know. Unfortunately we are on a short time frame. I just got this information from SSVEC this evening and the hearing is on Wed in Tucson at 1pm.

If you can attend the hearing please let me know transportation can be arranged.

I got a quick crash course on this, so I do not have all the answers if you need any more information please feel free to call Jack at SSVEC 508-9957 he will take calls this weekend, leave a message and he will get back with you and answer any questions you may have. Feel free to pass on any information to me and I will forward out to the group email.

Also if you have any questions on this matter below is the web site from the Corporation Commission with all the previous hearing information ( May take a few days to read all the stuff on this site ) .

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here is the testimony see (see 3-16-10 testimony )

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