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am unable to attend the hearing today; however, it is critical to me that my "voice" be heard. I have the following remarks to be noted:

- 1) SSVEC has failed to explain WHY they are bringing in so much power. Even with the most robust projections, based on the ACTUAL current use/demand, 69kv is absurdly over-kill. The reality of the national & local economics has PROVEN that in the past 12 months growth & development has dramatically decreased. As the Designated Broker of the communities' (Sonoita, Elgin, Patagonia) top-producing real estate brokerage (Long Realty Sonoita/Patagonia) I can provide the data that demonstrate how terribly the area has been impacted by the economy. The past 12 mos has been an all-time LOW in the Real Estate business in the Sonoita/Elgin/Patagonia communities in my 17+year professional history. This reality, combined with the nationalized incentives for renewable energy **certainly negate** projections of future coal-burning energy demand. Its clear that SSVEC is providing data and using projections from 2004-2006 and implementing a plan of more than 20 years ago. SSVEC has failed to demonstrate any sense of economic reality on so many levels. As a paying member cooperative SSVEC is demonstrating a HUGE negligence to its membership.
- 2) To add fuel to the fire (no pun intended!) the unabashedly arrogant and UNPROFESSIONAL manner that SSVEC has conducted itself in this matter for the past few years is miserably novel. As a board member of The Sonoita Crossroads Community Forum, the community's only formalized organization dealing with comprehensive issues in lieu of being an incorporated municipality, I witnessed SSVEC's complete avoidance and refusal to meet with any community members in the past few years. The "Forum" board contacted Jack Blair and the Directors of SSVEC **many** times, beginning 2+ yrs ago, regarding our basic questions about the powerline and to confirm/dispel the "rumors". SSVEC did not cooperate with our many requests for a meeting. SSVEC **failed** to answer most of the questions & concerns presented by community members

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