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In Opposition

From: Adrienne Halpert  
Sent: Thursday, June 24, 2010 11:45 AM  
To: Pierce-Web  
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Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

As a business owner in Patagonia, and a SSVEC co-op member for 16 years I strongly support establishing the Mountain Empire of Southern Arizona; including, Patagonia, Sonoita and Elgin as a model of clean, renewable and sustainable energy. My business is dependent on tourism, which is the future of our communities economy. The fallout from the proposed 69KV line are many; it is hazardous to our economic health, the health of our selves, our children our livestock and our future!

I am including an excerpt from a recent article in the Huffington Post which elucidates succinctly my feelings about the shortsightedness of the proposed 69KV line

"Seeking to shift away from Arizona's dependence on dirty coal, a remarkable Mountain Empire Energy Project citizens movement sprang up in the ranching area for clean energy development and energy efficiency with extraordinary success. Thanks to local efforts to explain the rebate incentive program, SSVEC was recently crowned the nation's "top utility in terms of increased utilization of solar power based on watts per customer." Last month, in fact, the Solar Electric Power Association conferred the national honor on SSVEC for being a leader in the "utility industry's transition to a future that includes solar power as an important part of the solution to the nation's energy issues."

The multimillion price tag for the 69KV line will be paid by us, the co-op members, on average a minimum increase of \$30.00 per month I object to that expenditure in outdated and non-renewable energy. Let's take that investment and put it into a solution that will sustain our future, not ruin it for us, our environment, our economy and for our future generations.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Halpert  
Global Arts Gallery  
Patagonia, Arizona

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