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ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION  
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Investigator: Deb Reagan

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Opinion      No. 2010      87612

Date: 6/28/2010

Complaint Description:      08E Rate Cases Items - In Favor  
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Complaint By:      **David V.**

**MacCollum, P.E.**

Account Name:      David V. MacCollum, P.E.

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City:      Patagonia

CBR:

State:      AZ      Zip: 85624

is:

Utility Company.      **Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Division:      Electric

Contact Name:      Lainie Keltner

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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Arizona Corporation Commission  
**DOCKETED**

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\*\*\* REFERRED FROM CHAIRMAN MAYES' OFFICE \*\*\*

Customer sent the following -

June 24, 2010

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TO: Arizona Corporation Commission:

As a resident of Sierra Vista since 1963, a licensed Professional Engineer in Arizona and California and a three-term past Director of Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SSVEC), from 1969 to 1978, I find it exceedingly disturbing that our member-owned electric utility is the victim of unwarranted and inflammatory harassment.

For our Cooperative to design, specify, fund, build and operate a public service electric utility, it must comply with federal, state, industry and business standards. It also must employ professional electrical engineers licensed in this state to certify compliance with such standards. Our Cooperative has always exceeded these requirements. The allegations espoused by opponents of the construction of a new transmission line and a substation are unaccompanied by any valid documentation and are without certification by a licensed professional engineer. Opponents have not alleged any noncompliance with any of these standards nor have they provided documents that propose any alternate design that complies with such standards certified by a licensed professional electrical engineer.

Our Cooperative has complied with the Commission's 71274 Ruling, which requires the retention of a nationally respected engineering firm, by retaining Navigant, a well-known engineering firm. Its review and analysis by

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licensed professional engineers found that our Cooperative's engineers met all professional standards.

My professional engineering practice has included national and international clientele who have requested that I prepare analyses encompassing design-based safety. As an author of the reference book Construction Safety Engineering Principles published by McGraw-Hill, I find that the allegations by several people who oppose the construction of a minimal transmission line and a substation are pure speculation. They allege that the Cooperative will provide power to mining companies not in the Cooperative's service district and make other false statements about the Apache Generating Station, all of which are without a shred of reasonable credibility.

As a Cooperative member for 45 years I suggest that the same professional engineering requirements that the Cooperative must legally adhere to be also be required for any recommendations made by those who oppose the development of a safe, reliable and environmentally friendly electrical distribution system. Both enterprise and the public deserve a level playing field.

David V. MacCollum, P.E.

\*End of Complaint\*

**Utilities' Response:**

**Investigator's Comments and Disposition:**

Comments entered for the record and filed with Docket Control.

\*End of Comments\*

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**Complaint By:**      **First:** Janet      **Last:** Bane

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**State:** AZ      **Zip:** 85624      **is:**

**Utility Company:** Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**Division:** Electric

**Contact Name:** Lainie Keltner      **Contact Phone:**

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Customer sent the following -

Dear Commissioners,

In reading the news article in the local paper it seems that SSVEC has done everything they could to meet a few people with unreasonable requests.

They claim that SSVEC wants to serve two mines. SSVEC says they are out of their Service area. When I look at the map on your website at the territories for utilities, SSVEC is telling the truth.

When I bought property my title company made me aware of all easements on the property. Don't blame SSVEC and make them pay for what their title company did or did not do.

Enough is enough, SSVEC has provided data and reports from professional engineers to support their project and all these other are proposing solutions that defy the laws of physics (not to mention common sense).

The article in the paper said that these folks testified in the last hearing that it is about location of the line not renewable energy. It too bad their neighbors didn't take them to court to keep them from building their homes because that is certainly more intrusive to the rolling vistas and wildlife than a power line.

I fully support SSVEC in this and hope you will put this to rest at the open meeting.

LET THEM BUILD THE LINE!

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Janet

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