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**Sulphur Springs Valley
Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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In Opposition

From: sue downing
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2010 1:32 PM
To: Kennedy-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: SSVEC complaint - failure to mitigate hazards of Sonoita Reliability Project
Attachments: SSVEC Complaint.pdf; Home 1.JPG; Home 2.JPG

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Chairman Mayes and Commissioners;

In the past I have approached the Commission as an intervenor representing my community, taking a stand against an electric cooperative that has bullied the small people; the consumers who are held hostage by this company that pretends to be a cooperative.

Today I come to you on a personal level. I have filed a complaint against SSVEC in regard to the Sonoita Reliability project's 69kV line- it is attached. The 69kV line will pass through 1/3 mile of my ranch, destroying not only my lifetime investment, but perhaps my health and safety as well. I have attached photos to help you visualize the issue. I know you are very busy and overburdened with work, but please take the time to read the complaint and understand my situation.

I fear that a 69kV line with it's health risks (EMF), fire hazards and electric safety issues is too close to my home. I live in a log cabin surrounded by tall pine trees. As you know pine trees naturally create dry pine needle litter that burns easily. **The 69kV line will be installed 25 feet off my bedroom and living room.** Contrary to SSVECs sworn testimony, I did not know this when I bought my home in 1997, the 50 foot SSVEC easement across my property was not revealed in my title insurance policy. The line will pass over my propane storage tank creating a fire hazard with the flammable gases that are released from the pressure release valve. I also have an abandoned underground propane storage tank right under the line. I am very concerned that the lines will create health hazards. Cancer is strongly suspected from EMF exposure. There are many studies that show an increased risk. Some States recognize this and have developed laws preventing new lines from being installed too close to homes and schools. SSVEC will tell you that there is no risk of cancer, of course the studies they present were funded by the utility companies, so they have bought the results. I will fear living in my home, exposed to constant EMF, the risk of propane igniting from an electric spark and in storms I will worry that a line may come down on my house or wires may hit together causing a fire. The 70 foot metal poles will attract lightning, creating the perfect storm of ignitable propane, pine needles and my wooden log cabin.

I have had numerous discussions with the SSVEC representatives, including Ron Orozo and other SSVEC management employees. No mitigation of these hazards have been offered other than SSVEC's offer to move the poles to the other part of my ranch. This of course would involve more taking of my land, which is unreasonable. **The fact of the matter is that it is not safe to put a high voltage line 25 feet from a home, propane tank and pine trees. The utility needs to come up with a viable solution to protect my health and safety.**

Sincerely,
Sue Downing

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Arizona Corporation Commission Consumer Inquiry and/or Complaint Form

This form may be completed electronically, printed and mailed to:
Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Step 1

Before submitting a complaint to the ACC please visit this [link](#) to determine if the Commission regulates this service. If the company is regulated, please contact the company first. If you have already contacted your utility and are not satisfied with its response, please fill out this form and return the address above.

Step 2

YOUR NAME Sue Downing	DATE 7/19/10
ADDRESS, CITY, STATE AND ZIP HC 1 Box 197, Elgin, AZ 85611	PHONE (HOME) (520) 455-4662
NAME THAT APPEARS ON THE BILL Susan Downing	ALTERNATE PHONE (DAYTIME) (520) 405-3611
NAME OF THE UTILITY COMPANY Sulphur Springs Valley Cooperative	ACCOUNT NUMBER multi accounts
E-MAIL ADDRESS steeldustranch@yahoo.com	CHECK HERE TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED THE UTILITY (SEE STEP 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Step 3

PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR COMPLAINT OR INQUIRY:

"Sonoita Reliability Project" 69kV line will be constructed on my property, 25' from my bedrooms & living room. Enough scientific evidence exists to cause concern in regard to health risks, specifically cancer caused by EMF. Other safety hazards are the line passes over my above-ground propane tank. All propane tanks have safety valves that release propane (a flammable gas) periodically. The 69kV line is a source of ignition. Another risk is the danger of electrocution or fire from lines that make contact together, falling wires or electrical fields so close to a building (log cabin constructed of dry wood). My home and pine trees are combustible. SSVEC has knowledge that this is a hazard and has refused to mitigate the hazards. Line needs to be moved or installed underground.

Step 4

Please include copies of any documentation, such as bills, that our office would need to provide a response.

Sue Downing



