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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A JUST AND REASONABLE RETURN THEREON, TO APPROVE RATES DESIGNED TO DEVELOP SUCH RETURN AND FOR RELATED APPROVALS.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR AN ORDER INSTITUTING A MORATORIUM ON NEW CONNECTIONS TO THE V-7 FEEDER LINE SERVING THE WHETSTONE, RAIN VALLEY, ELGIN, CANELO, SONOITA, AND PATAGONIA, ARIZONA AREAS.

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INTERVENORS' MOTION FOR A REHEARING AND TO RECONSIDER ACC ORDER NO. 71794

LETTER ADDRESSING INTERVENORS' MOTION TO REHEAR

Dear Chairman Mayes and Commissioners:

Jim Rowley and Susan Scott filed a timely Response to SSVEC Response in this Docket on August 20th, however, it was delayed or lost in transit and did not get delivered or posted to the Docket until August 25th. Our intention was to have this information to you so this item could be scheduled for a staff meeting.

1 We would like to report that the poles are being rapidly installed across the  
2 landscape BUT that no work has begun on the essential substation or the 1 MW  
3 solar PV array or the smart meters. There is no reason for such fast work on the  
4 poles when the essential substation must be constructed with a transformer and  
5 the solar PV array before the poles can be used.

6 We have attached recent pictures of the substation showing no work in  
7 progress and other photographs of the poles that forever have removed from  
8 view the movie scenes from "Oklahoma".

9 One of the key SSVEC reasons for "expedited" constructing of the  
10 proposed 69 kV given by SSVEC was loss of ARRA funds for the PV array and  
11 smart meters.

12 What is the schedule and status for these four projects?

- 13 (1) 69 kV line,  
14 (2) Sonoita substation,  
15 (3) 1 MW PV array, and  
16 (4) Smart meters for all customers

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18 The other alternatives in our Request for a Rehearing show that SSVEC  
19 can supply power to the V7 feeder area for as little as \$ 4 million, or \$10 million  
20 less than the proposed line. There appears to be substantial evidence to the fact  
21 that the lesser cost alternative would be preferred. In addition two other  
22 alternatives are available for half the cost of the proposed 69 kV Line.  
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1           Why does SSVEC continue to act in a fiscally irresponsible manner by  
2 installing Power Poles (photos attached) rather than installing the 1 megawatt PV  
3 array - which could supplement the V7 Feeder areas power within 6 months, and  
4 work on the Substation in Sonoita, which is necessary before the 69kV line can  
5 be used?

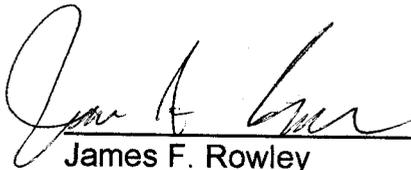
6           The Intervenors have shown they followed all of the direction of the  
7 Commission and proven three unevaluated alternatives. Please consider  
8 stopping pole construction and devastation of this beautiful area and save the  
9 Cooperators millions of ratepayer dollars until these have been heard.

10           SSVEC stated they will not have the Sonoita Reliability Project  
11 operational until late 2011. We protest with all veracity this disrespectful and  
12 premature advancement of the 69kV line while delaying its essential substation.

13           It appears to us that SSVEC is just trying to install these poles during the  
14 monsoon (with attendant muddy ruts) so that we will be looking at Shiny  
15 Metal Poles for over a year before they can possibly be made operable. Should  
16 our community be looking at these poles for a year before they have any  
17 possibility of being activated?

18           The 69kV line case is not closed. These fiscally irresponsible acts, may,  
19 in the end, cause SSVEC to take these poles down.

20           SSVEC, a badly managed company as shown herein, puts their  
21 cooperators at risk of higher rates and disregards their members concerns.  
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35 **Attachments:**

- 36 1) Photograph of new 69kV Pole on Sonoita Horizon (not blending in with  
37 surroundings)  
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