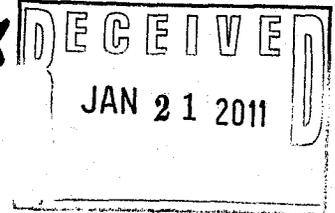




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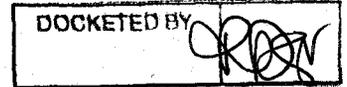
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RE: SSVEC variance to 69kV Sonoita Reliability Project



Dear Chairman Dan Barrera,

We are writing this letter to make you aware that SSVEC is deviating from the plan for the Sonoita Reliability Project and the 69kV line.

As promised the new 69kV line would go through a subdivision and as this line is constructed, the houses along this route would be fed by the existing feeder line – which would be restrung below the 69kV line on the new poles, this service would be installed underground to the houses.

Attached is a copy of the reference to this part of the plan from the published minutes of the Public Forums held March 9 and 11, 2010. Community Information next to last bullet: *“January 17, 2009: Sonoita Hills Neighborhood Meeting to offer underground conversion of existing distribution lines in order to reduce height and number of 69kV poles on route through neighborhood.”* This will impact 12 homes.

December 7th 2010 SSVEC was staking for another new power line along Pinto Trail. It has been explained that SSVEC wants to provide a loop service for the 12 people beneath the new 69kV line.

Over the last 2 years there was no mention of a need for a back up service for the **12 homes** that will be in the neighborhood mentioned in the quote above. Almost all of the houses in this neighborhood have underground power, because of the value of the views to the real estate. None of the homes in the subdivision have a loop or back up service. (and I suspect not other subdivision in SSVEC territory has it either.

We urge you to look at the need for this line, cost of this line, and if nothing else to put the line underground to preserve the values of our properties on Pinto Trail.

As Cooperators and customers, we were never approached by SSVEC about putting a new line in our neighborhood. So far, only one person has been contacted by SSVEC about this line, and they have a property where you need to purchase an easement.

We urge you to talk with the people affected by this new proposed line. Please let us know what the alternatives are so we can help.

Sincerely,

Steve and Gail Getzwiller

Cc: SSVEC Board Member Joe Furno , *HC 1 , Elgin, AZ 85611*

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Community Information

SSVEC has kept the Community informed and it will continue regarding plans for the Sonoita Reliability Project. SSVEC has been disseminating information to the entire service area in order to keep all members informed as to the status of the Project.

- March 4, 2008: Meeting with Community group to discuss Project concerns
- March 4, 2008: Letter to community regarding reliability concerns in area
- July 7, 2008: Letter inviting community to attend Sonoita Reliability Project Presentation
- July 22, 2008: Community Presentation in Elgin
- August 6, 2008: Letter inviting Sonoita neighborhood to discuss route options
- August 8, 2008: Letter to community providing synopsis of July 22nd Presentation.
- August 13, 2008: Neighborhood Meeting for Sonoita residents
- September 12, 2008: Meeting with "Community Committee" to "facilitate discussions between the cooperative and the community"
- September 22, 2008: Letter to community providing detailed information regarding the Sonoita Reliability Project need, history, options, alternatives, myths & rumors.
- December 1, 2008: Letter to community regarding a final decision for routing of the 69kV sub-transmission line
- January 17, 2009: Sonoita Hills Neighborhood Meeting for to offer underground conversion of existing distribution lines in order to reduce height and number of 69kV poles on route through neighborhood
- April 2009: Letter to membership detailing Sonoita Reliability Project

Numerous telephone conversations, email, personal meetings, and small group meetings during this period.

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