



OPEN MEETING ITEM

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MEMORANDUM

TO: THE COMMISSION

FROM: Utilities Division

DATE: February 19, 1998

RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SULPHUR SPRINGS VALLEY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. OF UNBUNDLED AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE TARIFFS PURSUANT TO A.A.C. R14-2-1606 (DOCKET NO. E-01575A-97-0706)

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Director  
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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**JIM IRVIN**  
Commissioner - Chairman  
**RENZ D. JENNINGS**  
Commissioner  
**CARL J. KUNASEK**  
Commissioner

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AND STANDARD OFFER SERVICE )  
TARIFFS PURSUANT TO )  
A.A.C. R14-2-1606 )**

DOCKET NO. E-01575A-97-0706

DECISION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER

Open Meeting  
February 24 and 25, 1998  
Phoenix, Arizona

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (SSVEC or Coop) is certified to provide electric service as a public service corporation in the State of Arizona.
2. On February 13, 1998, the Coop filed its unbundled and standard offer service tariffs pursuant R14-2-1606. In this filing, the Coop has priced electric service elements such as distribution, metering and billing. The Coop also stated that it intends to use its current tariff as the standard offer tariff but may revise the standard offer at a later date.
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1 4. Due to the size and magnitude of the filing, Staff is recommending the  
2 Commission suspend the filing for a period of one hundred and twenty days.

3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. SSVEC is an Arizona public service corporation within the meaning of Article  
5 XV, Section 2, of the Arizona Constitution.

6 2. The Commission has jurisdiction over SSVEC and over the subject matter of  
7 the application.

8 3. The Commission, having reviewed the tariff pages (copies of which are contained  
9 in the Commission tariff files) and Staff's Memorandum dated February 19, 1998 concludes that  
10 it is in the public interest to suspend the filing for a period of one hundred twenty days.

11 ORDER

12 THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the tariff filing be and hereby suspended until and  
13 including June 12, 1998.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

15 **BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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COMMISSIONER - CHAIRMAN

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19 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JACK ROSE, Executive  
20 Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have  
21 hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this  
22 Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of  
23 Phoenix, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1998.

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25 JACK ROSE  
26 Executive Secretary

27 DISSENT \_\_\_\_\_

28 MHW:JVW:djg/PAB