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Mr. Gary Pierce
Arizona Corporation Commission
Commissioners Wing
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
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Docket # E-01575A-11-0223

Dear Commissioner Pierce:

The purpose of this letter is to recommend that the on-demand water pump that staff deleted from the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative's (SSVEC) Demand Sides Management Program (DSM) in docket E-01575A-11-0223 be reinstated.

Our community in Southeast Arizona is heavily dependent on Fort Huachuca. It is the economic engine that drives Cochise County and the surrounding areas. In fact, it contributes more to the Arizona economy than any of the other military bases in the state according to the latest Maguire Study which was commissioned by the state of Arizona in 2006.

As the military begins to downsize as they are doing now and through the announced plans for another round of Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC), our community is doing everything possible to ensure that the military cuts to Fort Huachuca are minimized.

One of the areas of concern is the water issue in the Sierra Vista Subwatershed area. Several years ago, the Center for Biological Diversity sued the fort alleging the pumping from the aquifer was causing the flow of San Pedro River to lessen. A congressional mandate was passed that said that the Fort was responsible for bringing aquifer pumping to a net zero level.

Fort Huachuca has implemented many plans that have significantly cut water consumption. The cities around the Fort have also implemented many water conservation measures as has Cochise County. As a result, aquifer pumping deficit has been reduced from over 14,000 acre/feet to

5000 acre/feet in just over a decade and there are plans in place to cut this deficit to zero in the next few years.

One of the many projects involve the on-demand water pump, which not only reduces water consumption, but energy consumption as well. The city of Sierra Vista has already included this item in its new city building code and Cochise County will be adding this in the very near future. This product was added after much research was conducted to include analyzing results from communities who have already added this product.

I strongly urge that the on-demand water pump be reinstated in the SSVEC DSM program as not only have the water and energy savings been proven over the last 20 years, but it is also a critical component of decreasing our water usage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Call". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with the first name "Patrick" written in a larger, more prominent font than the last name "Call".

Patrick Call

Cc: Commissioners Gary Pierce, Brenda Burns, Bob Burns, and Susan Bitter-Smith