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Investigator: Carmen Madrid

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AZ CORP COMMISSION DOCKET CONTROL

Opinion No. 2013 - 112659

Date: 9/9/2013

Complaint Description: 19X Other - Electric Competition
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

First:

Last:

Complaint By: John Vest

Account Name: John Vest

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Williams

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 86046

is:

Utility Company: Miscellaneous Electric

Division: Electric

Contact Name: Unknown

Contact Phone: (000) 000-0000

Nature of Complaint:

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9/5/13

John Vest

Williams, AZ 86046

Phone (Home):
Email:

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Docket you wish to comment on: electricity deregulation
Case or Utility Name: APS
Docket Number: ?

I am opposed to deregulating the electric system. With the current system, the user is protected from the vicissitudes of the vagaries of the market place. For one thing, a change-over from the current system to a free market status would require the expenditure of enormous amounts of capital. Those costs would be passed on to the consumer, thereby causing rates to increase.

That is the essence of regulation public services such as utilities. Private enterprise is in the business of making a profit as a first priority. Current system is designed to provide a service, i.e. providing electricity, as its first priority and making a profit a lower priority as long as the provider is making a reasonable profit.

I basically believe in a free enterprise system. However, that doesn't serve the most public "good" in all instances straight across the board.

Please do not deregulate Arizona's working electric provider system.

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Utilities' Response:

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Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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First:

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Complaint By: Tyrel

Paradis

Account Name: Tyrel Paradis

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Sierra Vista

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85635

is:

Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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RE: Deregulation of Power Providers within AZ, specifically SSVEC

To Whom It May Concern: AZ CORP COMM Director- Utilities

Awhile ago I received a much lower than expected electricity bill. When I asked a friend of mine (who works at SSVEC) why this would be, I was shown that as a Cooperative, when the power company has received more than enough revenue to cover costs, they refund the excess amount proportionately to the customers. What an excellent idea. The Cooperative structure for providing electricity is well-suited for utilities; I wish other utilities also shared this structure. My power prices are very stable, affordable, and quality of service is second-to-none. While I believe that a free market is the best source for goods and most services, with that market comes volatility. For 1st world necessities such as electricity, transportation, and national security, stability is infinitely preferable to a slightly lower price. I believe this statement alone justifies keeping the current regulations unchanged, but the argument becomes more compelling.

"Lower prices" attributed to deregulation only arrive in theory. Using California as a case-study we have the example of Enron. Following deregulation of the electricity market in California during the early 2:000s, prices soared while services collapsed. In the last quarter under the existing regulations, Enron reported \$12B in earnings, while the following year under deregulation, these profits soared to \$48B. I have nothing against any person or company making an honest profit; however these profits were gained by increasing the wholesale price 20X the price before deregulation! I cannot imagine receiving a power bill one month for \$100 that explodes to \$2,000 the next. And while one rolling blackout occurred in the final year under Regulations, once deregulation occurred this number ballooned to 38. California is no isolated case, or uninformed jurisdiction. It has the 12th largest economy in the world, and is adept at handling all manner of special regulatory cases. Yet even its stringent oversight was no match for the fraudulence that reared its ugly head as a product of electricity deregulation. YouTube the Enron commodity trader phone conversations for a depressing afternoon. As one can see, the promise of "lower prices" does not arrive in practice, and service

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suffers. Talk about a lose-lose.

In contrast, I have experienced only one blackout in the 6 years I've lived at my current residence and that was 4 years ago during a lightning storm (the outage lasted less than 45 minutes). The bills are easy to understand. SSVEC sponsors scholarships and is part of a polite community. The SSVEC payment systems (mail, phone, online or walk-in) are all easy to use. I know from others in the community who work for SSVEC that they pay great competitive salaries, attract top talent, and have excellent benefits. In short, while just about every aspect of life could use some tweaking, the Sierra Vista electricity provider is not one. In fact, I think the current AZ system could be a model for deregulated markets, and not the reverse. The ACC has done excellent work in our state; please don't undo any or all of that with faulty steps toward deregulation.

Respectfully,

Tyrel Paradis

Sierra Vista AZ 85635

End of Complaint

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Complaint Description: 19X Other - Electric Competition
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Complaint By: Judith

Wise - Ray

Account Name: Judith Wise-Ray

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street: n/a

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Benson

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85602

is:

Utility Company: Miscellaneous Electric

Division: Electric

Contact Name: Unknown

Contact Phone: (000) 000-0000

Nature of Complaint:

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Sept 5, 2013

Dear Sirs:

Under no circumstances should our electricity be deregulated. It would be like throwing our electricity used to a completely uncontrollable mob. We would all be at their mercies. The American people have been sold out and abused enough. We need true American companies to have our best interest at heart and protect us from the money grubbers who don't care about anything but making money.

Sincerely,
Judith Wise-Ray

Benson, AZ 85602
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

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Date: 9/9/2013

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First:

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Complaint By: Alice

Moffitt

Account Name: Alice Moffitt

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

Work: (000) 000-0000

City: Hereford

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 85615

is:

Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

Contact Name:

Contact Phone: (

Nature of Complaint:

*****OPPOSED TO DEREGULATION*****

Sept. 4, 2013

To Corporation Commission,

I am opposed to deregulation of my electric company, which is the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. I have been a member of SSVEC for 18 years. I am pleased with the SSVEC and would not like to see it changed by deregulation. Please do not turn it into a deregulated electric company.

Thank you,
Sincerely
Alice Moffitt

Hereford, AZ 85615
End of Complaint

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Date: 9/9/2013

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First:

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Complaint By:

Kathy

Cook

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Kathy Cook

Home: (000) 000-0000

Street:

n/a

Work: (000) 000-0000

City:

Sun City West

CBR:

State:

AZ Zip: 00000

is:

Utility Company: Miscellaneous Electric

Division:

Electric

Contact Name:

Unknown

Contact Phone: (000) 000-0000

Nature of Complaint:

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Please don't deregulate, this will cause electric rates to go up. She lives in a 55+ community some on fixed incomes. She states that the ACC has already approved the water rates to go up. She does not want the electric rates to go up also because of deregulation.

End of Complaint

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