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Date: 4/17/2015

Complaint Description: 19S Solar
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

Complaint By: **First:** Mark **Last:** Black

Arizona Corporation Commission
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Account Name: Mark Black

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Street:

Work:

City: Sierra Vista

CBR:

State: AZ **Zip:** 85635

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Utility Company: Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Division: Electric

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Contact Name:

Nature of Complaint:

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I am requesting that you to attach the below comments to this SSVECs waiver for all commissioners/reviewers to see.

Bottom Line: Arizona could lead our nation in solar production and use if "we" choose to. Management of our precious resources whether it be solar and or education (in Arizona) will always take a back seat to greed. One would think that the Arizona electric companies (such as SSVEC) would be looking to adopt and leverage current and future technologies for home solar systems but instead, SSVEC and other companies are opting to take the "easier path", charging those more \$\$ who took the risk. The lack of vision and/or leadership by our energy/electric providers is troubling and inconsistent to previous claims made by them to the industry professionals and their customers whom, they say they value.

Previous acknowledgments by our SSVEC leadership - have they changed their minds? Or, was it for show?

SSVEC earns top honor in increased solar use

By Arizona Range News staff

Arizona Range News of Willcox, Arizona

Original Publication Date: June 9, 2010

Julia Hamm, SEPA President and CEO, said, "I'd like to personally congratulate Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative for earning a place in the 2009 Top Ten. The commitment of leaders like CEO Creden Huber is essential to the utility industry's transition to a future that includes solar power as an important part of the solution to the nation's energy issues." SSVEC Chief Executive Officer Creden W. Huber acknowledged appreciation for the recognition. He said, "We have worked to provide information regarding solar energy and incentives for our members to install photovoltaic systems at their homes and businesses and through our schools solar shade projects. This award confirms these efforts as the cooperative looks to renewable energy options to help meet the increasing demand for electricity here in southeast Arizona."

Article Link:

<http://smalltownnews.com/article.php?catname=Energy&pub=Arizona%20Range%20News&pid=209&aid=1254>

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SSVEC Earns Top Honor From Solar Association, Newsletter - July 2010/www.ssvec.org
Newsletter states....

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Julia Hamm SEPA President

Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Cooperative Key Accounts Manager David Bane accepts the Solar Electric Power Association's award presented by Julia Hamm, president and CEO of SEPA, at the Utility Solar Conference in Denver on May 18.

Article Link: <http://www.ssvec.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/c-141-pp-04-5-july-2010.pdf>

Some things to think about...

Rooftop solar has broad collective economic benefits:

- Local energy: Power produced on solar rooftops stays local, it doesn't travel far like utility-scale electricity.

Local electricity distribution from solar reduces use and congestion of the transmission and distribution system – saving SSVEC and all SSVEC customers' money through reduced need for grid maintenance

- Energy at the Right Time: Solar produces electricity during the time of day when it is most expensive for SSVEC to purchase it – saving SSVEC and all SSVEC customers money

- Job Creation: Rooftop solar generated jobs even during the Great Recession. There are currently 10,000 rooftop solar jobs in AZ.

- Ignoring the benefits of rooftop solar for all of its customers, SSVEC sees it only as a threat to its bottom-line.

Please read the study conducted in 2013, Subject: Distributed Solar Energy Provides \$34 Million in Benefits to Arizona Ratepayers. Although the article below talks about Arizona Public Service (APS) is also applies to SSVEC.

Article Link: <http://www.seia.org/news/new-study-distributed-solar-energy-provides-34-million-benefits-arizona-ratepayers>

From a concerned customer and a proud Arizona resident, Mark Black

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

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Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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End of Comments

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