VIA CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

August 17, 2009

Mr. Creeden W. Huber, CEO
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Coop., Inc
(address withheld)
Wilcox, AZ. 85643

Re: EB-09-GB-0014

Dear Mr. Creeden:

On March 16, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission notified the Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Coop. (SSVEC) that it had received complaints from (name withheld) that equipment operated by your utility might be causing harmful radio interference to his amateur radio equipment. (Name withheld)'s contact information is as follows:

(name withheld)
(address withheld)
Cochise, AZ 85606-8531
Tel: (number withheld)

The March 16, 2009, letter advised SSVEC that the interference, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules. For this reason, we encouraged SSVEC to voluntarily resolve the matter without Commission intervention. The letter specifically stated, however, that if it became necessary for the Commission to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rule violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeitures.[1]

On April 23, 2009, SSVEC responded to the letter. In its response, SSVEC indicated that it was taking (name withheld)'s complaint seriously and would make a concerted effort to solve the issue. SSVEC further noted that it was having a consultant, a Mr. Bruin, visit (name withheld)'s residence to attempt to identify and correct the radio interference. In addition, SSVEC noted that should Mr. Bruin's visit not produce a solution, SSVEC had contacted Mike Martin of RFI Services about possibly retaining his services. SSVEC indicated that it hoped to have (name withheld)'s interference problem resolved by the end of May. Commission records indicate that SSVEC did not report back as to the status of the interference matter at the end of May. Moreover, (name withheld) reports that there has been no reduction in the radio frequency interference.

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[1] Fines normally range from $7,500 to $10,000.

In order to avoid enforcement action on this matter, you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this letter to respond to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. The response must contain a statement of the specific action(s) taken to identify and eliminate the source(s) of (name withheld)'s radio interference. If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me at 717-338-2577.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Smith, Esq.
Special Counsel
Enforcement Bureau

cc: Los Angeles Field Office
Western Regional Director