

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 1, 2011

Mr. Creeden W. Huber, CEO
Sulphur Springs Valley Electric Coop., Inc
350 North Haskell Ave.
Wilcox, AZ. 85643

Re: EB-09-GB-0014

Dear Mr. Huber:

The Federal Communications Commission has previously notified you by letters dated March 16, 2009 and August 17, 2009 that it has received complaints of harmful radio interference possibly caused by equipment operated by your company. This interference has been reported by an operator in the Amateur Radio Service. The complainant is:

(Name withheld)
(Address withheld)
(Address withheld)
Tel: (Number withheld)

In these letters, you were advised that this problem, if unresolved, could be a violation of Commission rules and could result in a monetary forfeiture. For this reason, we encouraged the parties involved to voluntarily resolve this matter without Commission intervention. If however it became necessary to facilitate a resolution, the Commission might investigate possible rules violations and address appropriate remedies, including monetary forfeiture.

You were further advised that the Commission expects that most cases can be resolved within 60 days of the time they are first reported to the utility company. In addition, if you were unable to resolve this matter by September 2009, you were directed to inform this office about the nature of the problem, the steps being taken to resolve it and the estimated time in which those steps could be accomplished. Finally, you were instructed to inform the complainant of what steps would be taken to correct this reported interference problem.

During the later part of 2009 and the early part of 2010, you regularly reported to the Commission on the steps you were taking to resolve the ongoing interference matter. Those reports ended on June 14, 2010 when you advised the Commission that you had hired Mike Martin of RFI Services to help resolve this issue and to train your crews with both classroom and field work on RFI matters. You asked that the Commission close the matter and committed to continuing to work with Mr. (name withheld) on finding and resolving his continuing instances of

interference. Mr. (name withheld) reports, however, that the interference has returned and it is now greater than ever.

Given that your organization made significant repairs in an attempt to alleviate the interference, the Commission will allow your company sixty (60) days from the date of this letter to identify the source(s) of this new interference. If your company is unable to locate and resolve this interference by May 6, 2011, please advise this office about the nature of the problem, the steps your client is taking to resolve it and the estimated time in which those steps can be accomplished. Please send your response to this office at the following address: 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325. Your response must also include a carbon copy to Mr. (name withheld) so that he can confirm any statement that you make regarding resolution of the 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