

June 19 - Last Monday evening was the first step in correcting the remaining problems with the SEC and this step was taken by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Socorro. They unanimously passed RESOLUTION No. 14-06-16 AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION (sic) TO: RECEIVE COMPLAINTS CONCERNING SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (SEC) AND INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ACQUIRING THAT PORTION OF SEC SERVING THE CITY OF SOCORRO. The entire resolution is contained in the document below. Those of you living outside of the city should pay special attention to number 4 of the resolution which states: "The City Administration is also authorized to evaluate/explore the possibility of having another franchise become the provider of services for the entire SEC service area."

The entities that are blocking the wishes of the SEC members and the forward progress of the SEC (management, lawyers and Board of Trustees majority) have dragged the SEC to the brink betting that they could maintain their control over the SEC. They thought the city was bluffing. Bad mistake on their part but then, they are practiced in making bad mistakes.

We particularly enjoyed the to the point comments by Mayor Bhasker as he refuted the email from Board Chair Dorough - see video below named "061614-Marie Watkins & Dorough...". Also, in particular part 1 of the Feasibility study discussion which presents the rationale for the resolution. The rest of the video clips are also quite interesting. The link to the city's recording of the entire meeting is on YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGPMSEE_0Vc#t=22

The next meeting of the SEC Board of Trustees is next Wednesday afternoon (6/25/14) at 2 p.m. at 310 Abeyta. Members should attend and make their feelings known as so far this looming takeover is being ignored at board meetings or any other public venue.

Related document:

061414- email – Dorough-board-on City Meeting

(This correspondence was read by Mayor Bhasker at the City Council meeting 6/16/14)

To: Trustees, Wiggins, Herrera and Latasa on meeting with Mayor Bhasker.

Twice, Joseph has, at my behest, contacted Mayor Ravi Bhasker and requested that we might meet in private to discuss the benefits to everyone of pursuing a franchise agreement instead of an expensive takeover. At first the Mayor agreed to the meeting and then changed his mind. He appears to prefer to make provocative remarks in public about sending signals to the "uncooperative" board members and shuns a written request for a productive meeting without an audience.

The Socorro Electric Cooperative takes this matter seriously and refuses to participate in this charade. There will be no official spokesperson attending this circus. Board members are reminded that only the President or the General Manager can speak on behalf of the cooperative.

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