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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF VALENCIA  
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.  
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHARLENE WEST, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. D-1314-CV-2010-00849


**Decision Regarding Venue**

This matter has come before the Court upon the written briefs and motions of the parties, and the Court having reviewed the briefs and the applicable law **the Court hereby finds:**

1. The New Mexico choice of venue statutes are very broad, and are interpreted to give the plaintiff maximum flexibility in choosing a venue.
2. The plaintiff in this matter, Socorro Electric, conducts business in Valencia County.
3. The declaratory relief requested in this matter would apply to customers and members located in Valencia County.
4. Pursuant to NMSA §38-3-1 etc., venue was appropriate in Valencia County when the matter was filed.
5. While venue remains in Valencia County, the Court may, as a matter of convenience, hold some hearings in Socorro County to facilitate members of the coop who wish to observe.

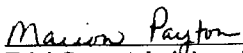
Wherefore, it is hereby the order of the Court that the motion requesting a change of venue is denied. Venue shall remain in Valencia County.

Done this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011.

  
Albert J. Mitchell, Jr.  
District Court Judge

**Certificate**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2011 she mailed a copy of the foregoing to Thomas Fitch & Polly Ann Taush, P.O. Box 1647, Socorro, NM 87801, to Dennis R. Franish, 5400 Lomas NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110, Paul Kennedy, 201 12<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102, to John R. Gerbracht, P.O. Box 769, Socorro, NM 87801, to Lee Deschamps, P.O. Drawer 389, Socorro, NM 87801, to Roscoe A. Woods, P.O. Box 1415, Socorro, NM 87801, to James M. Dines, Esq., 6301 Indian School Rd. NE, #900, Albuquerque, NM 87110, to William D. Colburn, 704 Park Street, Socorro, NM 87801, to Matthew W. Roland, 303 D Park Street, Socorro, NM 87801 and to Don Klein, Jr., P.O. Box 1843, Socorro, NM 87801.

  
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