STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF VALENCIA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

> No. D-1314-CV-2010-00849 Judge: Albert J. Mitchell, Jr.

THE SOCORRO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE INC.,

Plaintiff.

VS.

CHARLENE WEST, individually, and as a member of the Socorro Electric Cooperative, all UNNAMED MEMBER/OWNERS of the Socorro Electric Cooperative, Inc. individually, and as Members of the Socorro Electric Cooperative, The MOUNTAIN MAIL Newspaper, individually, and as a member of the Socorro Electric Cooperative, and the EL DEFENSOR CHIEFTAIN Newspaper, individually and as a member of the Socorro Electric Cooperative, Electric Cooperative,

Defendants.

## MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL (DEFENDANTS FITCH AND TAUSCH AND FITCH & TAUSCH L.LC)

Defendants Fitch and Tausch, represented by Fitch & Tausch L.L.C., move this Honorable Court for permission to withdraw. In support of this motion, said Defendants set forth the following:

On June 29, 2010, 20 months ago, the Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) filed its complaint against Charlene West and all "unnamed member/owners" of the cooperative.

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- 2. The SEC caused its suit to be filed in Valencia County with notice of the suit to be published in Socorro County and no personal service was made upon its "unknown member/owners."
- 3. These Defendants, Thomas G. Fitch and Polly Ann Tausch, are both licensed New Mexico Attorneys—members of Fitch & Tausch, LLC—who customarily read legal notices in their local newspaper. Having read the SEC's publication and identifying SEC's attempt to sue all of its members, the Defendants determined to defend the suit so that the so-called unnamed member/owners would not be defaulted.
- 4. On May 18, 2011 this Court heard arguments of the parties and thereafter on June 24, 2011 entered an Order resulting from the May 18, 2011 hearing.
- 5. The June 24, 2011 Order in essence denied the June 29, 2010 law suit filed by the Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) against Charlene West and all "unnamed member/owners" of the cooperative. The June 24, 2011 Order denied all relief requested by the SEC not granted by the Order.
- 6. On May 18, 2011 this Court awarded attorney's fees to various attorneys including Fitch & Tausch LLC.
- 7. While various defendants, including Charles Wagner, have filed certain proceedings other than those filed by the SEC, no such proceedings have been served upon Fitch and Tausch and they have not answered the same.
- 8. Except for the pending award to Fitch & Tausch LLC of attorney's fees, Tom Fitch and Polly Tausch are finished with this lawsuit and wish to withdraw.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Fitch and Tausch move this Honorable Court for an award directing SEC to pay our fees and costs as awarded by this Court; and permitting Thomas Fitch and Polly Tausch, together with Fitch & Tausch LLC, to withdraw from this law suit.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Fitch & Tausch, LLC

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## Service Certificate

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