

May 31 - Press Release:

The petition (available at <http://www.informedcynic.com/index.html>) is recommended by Lee Deschamps, Esquire, who has helped the reform minded among us on legal matters since we were sued by our cooperative for demanding transparency through bylaw changes. We won that decision in May of 2011, thanks to Lee and the help of other lawyers who responded to the suit.

We need to gather at a minimum 1,000 qualified signatures on the petitions, and hopefully more for good measure. We need to get them within two to three weeks, which means everyone has to ask everyone you know who is served by Socorro Electric Cooperative (SEC) on your various lists on Face Book, e-mail, neighbors, relatives and friends to please sign, requesting the Special Meeting.

As stated in the bylaws referred to in the petition, we have the right as owners to call the meeting in order to enact the measures approved by the members in District Five and other bylaw amendments offered by members during this special meeting. The amendments proposed are aimed at improving board behavior by restoring order, controlling expenses and restoring the "democratic member control" principle required to maintain the co-op's tax exempt status, which will prevent higher than normal electric power costs in the future.

- Print a supply of petitions (as many as you think you can get filled out)
- Copies can be downloaded on <http://www.informedcynic.com/index.html>
- E-mail to SEC consumers you know on your list
- Ask owners of businesses you deal with to sign
- Ask members of your church, civic organizations and social clubs to sign
- Ask them to help you gather other signers
- Attend gatherings that other SEC consumers are attending
- Make sure the person who signs is named on the electric bill.
- The address is the one to which the electric bill comes
- Have them print clearly