

From: Steven Goodwill
To: Harvey, John
Date: 2/22/2007 1:16:11 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Case of Tim Vetere / Rocky Mountain Power

Thanks John.

Merilee,

Please add this to the docket and email out to folks if you can.

>>> John Harvey 02/22/07 12:14 PM >>>
Hi Steve,

This arrived in my email box this morning

John

>>> "Mitch Vetere" <mitchv@ecso.com> 02/22/07 11:17 AM >>>

I am not sure if you was one of the folks in the hearing today but if so thanks. I think the problem comes when Rocky Mountain Power tells Tim that he can not use anymore power because the line is at its limits and then they allow others to hook up to the line that Tim purchased for his farm. Rocky Mountain Power was aware that Tim needed more power right from the start. They knew he was running a diesel pump and a diesel generator. Instead of letting him put additional pumps on the line they allow others that did not pay a penny toward the upgrading of the line to hook on. Now Rocky Mountain Power is telling Tim that he needs once again to pay some outrageous fee so that he can continue to expand his farm. I find it very unfair that you folks allow a utility company to work in the fashion. I find it odd that after Mike Haze retires all the problems start. Rocky Mountain Power has done one thing. They oversold the power use on the line. I disagree when the Power spokesman states that the end of the line should have the least amount of loss. Try this. Take two extension cords. Run them out 100'. have a large cord and a med cord. Use the same tool on the end of the line. The tool will get much hotter and last half as long on the smaller cord. If what they say is true then maybe they should upgrade the line at their expense. It is very unfair for you to allow them to once again charge Tim Vetere an outrageous fee to get the power that he wanted in the first place. Besides, who else will he purchase power from. It is good business for the power company to get the service updated so Tim can use more power and they can make more money. These numbers or guidelines that Rocky Mountain Power use will cause damage to everyones pumps during low voltage times. Low voltage is like low oil in a motor. You cause damage to the electric motor while the power is low. You also cause damage to the other.

If a person has all the safety things in place you still have to restart the motors. Everyone need to realize that when the power drops and shuts off the electric motors Tim still has diesel pumps and motors running. This all costs money. Rocky Mountain Power should upgrade the lines so this type of problem stops. It is not fair for anyone to stand the cost again to get what you paid for already. Rocky Mountain Power has no idea of what people are putting on the line. The average farmer can not afford to fight the utility. The Public Service is there to make sure the public gets treated fairly. Thanks so much for you time. If you was not in the hearing will you please forward this to the hearing officer.

Sincerely
Mitch Vetere
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CC: Livingston, Merilee; Revelt, Carol