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Subject: RE: [EXT] Crocker Wind Farm

Darren,

If the PUC (who is the body that approved the application) is not going to make sure that Geronimo/Crocker does not violate the NRCS easements, then who is? Do really expect a land owner who has land signed up or Geronimo to comply with this requirement on their own, if they are not forced to. That is like having the fox guard the hen house. There needs to be someone to insure that these easements are not violated—and it seems to me that should be the PUC because they are the body that approved the application, footprint, etc.

If a land owner that is signed up and in the footprint and expects to get money for towers or transmission lines going across their land, do you think they will tell Crocker they cannot go across their land if it is in an NRCS easement? After all the shenanigans that Geronimo has pulled during this entire process, I think they would try to hide or ignore these easement restrictions unless someone makes sure they don't violate any of the restrictions. I hope you are not so naïve to think Crocker will police themselves on issues like this and actually come to you and say they cannot install certain towers, transmission lines, underground cables, etc. because of NRCS easements.

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