

**Adversarial behavior about SEC needs to stop**

I received in the mail our ballot from the Socorro Electric Cooperative. Since we are going to be out of town on the day of the SEC annual meeting, we opted to vote by mail. After some discussion, my wife and I opted to vote “yes” for the proposed bylaws.

When we moved to New Mexico 15 years ago, I was totally ignorant of how the cooperative worked; as long as the lights came on when I flipped the switch and the bills were not too outrageous, I was content. I really appreciated the efforts of Trustee Charles Wagner in bringing to light many of the problems within the co-op and in leading the effort to get these changed.

This battle has been, however, long and protracted and not always pleasant to watch. I am growing weary of the accusations, vitriol and backbiting and feel that the time has come when we need to accept the present proposed bylaws and get on with the operation of the co-op in a positive and productive manner.

While the reformers have not obtained all that they were seeking, they have accomplished a great deal, including casting off the apathy that so many members felt towards the co-op. If we maintain this spirit of involvement, but in a positive manner, it is my opinion that we will be able to progress further and faster than if we continue our adversarial behavior.

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