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Safe, reliable, and affordable:

# Spring work with purpose

Spring in Southern Arizona comes with a familiar mix of sunshine, wind, and the start of higher wildfire risk. It is also one of the most productive windows we have to get important work done before summer demand and monsoon weather arrive. At SSVEC, we stay focused on our mission: keeping service safe, reliable, and affordable.

Safe comes first. This season is prime time for digging, fencing, irrigation work, and home projects. Please call 811 before you dig, even for smaller jobs. Striking a buried line can cause serious injury and extended outages. If you see a downed power line, stay far away and call 911 and SSVEC right away.

For ongoing updates and practical safety reminders, follow SSVEC on social media. You will see regular tips from our safety manager, "Safety Matt," plus timely notices when weather or field work creates hazards.

Reliable service is built in the off-season. This is when our crews tackle maintenance that prevents problems later. You may see us working on protective equipment out on the lines, the devices that automatically isolate trouble spots and help keep outages smaller when something goes wrong. We are also continuing targeted inspections and system upgrades across our territory, along with vegetation management in key areas to help reduce outages and lower fire risk.

Affordability takes discipline and planning. Rates changed for usage beginning in January, the first base rate adjustment in about ten years. We know any increase matters, and we do not take it lightly. Looking ahead, we expect SSVEC to move toward a more regular cadence of smaller adjustments over time. That approach helps avoid long gaps followed by larger, more disruptive changes.

There is also some good news on costs we do not control. Your board approved setting our Purchased Power and Fuel Cost Adjuster, a pass-through line item tied to power supply and fuel costs, to zero. That reduces what members pay through that specific adjustment at this time.

Finally, SSVEC was recently awarded a state grant to support wildfire mitigation projects. That funding helps us strengthen the system and reduce risk while easing the financial burden on members.

Thank you for the trust you place in our team. You will see more SSVEC crews and contractors in the field this spring. Please slow down in work zones and give them room. The work is happening with your safety, reliability, and affordability in mind.

Sincerely,  
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