SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

FACILITIES & SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 24, 2025, No Sooner Than 11:00 AM

SRP Administration Building 1500 N. Mill Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85288

Committee Members: Randy Miller, Chair; Mark Pace, Vice Chair; and Casey Clowes, Kathy Mohr-Almeida, Paul Rovey, Jack White Jr., and Leslie C. Williams

Call to Order Roll Call

- - Request for approval of the minutes for the meeting of January 23, 2025.
- 2. <u>Unmarked Transportation Vehicles</u>BECKY LAWRENCE, and BRIAN HEATH

Request for approval of 13 unmarked vehicles in SRP transportation fleet for Fiscal Year 2026 (annually required by Arizona Revised Statutes).

The Committee may vote during the meeting to go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3), for the purpose of discussion or consultation for legal advice with legal counsel to the Committee on any of the matters listed on the agenda.

The Committee may go into Closed Session, pursuant to A.R.S. §30-805(B), for records and proceedings relating to competitive activity, including trade secrets or privileged or confidential commercial or financial information.

Visitors: The public has the option to attend in-person or observe via Zoom and may receive teleconference information by contacting the Corporate Secretary's Office at (602) 236-4398. If attending in-person, all property in your possession, including purses, briefcases, packages, or containers, will be subject to inspection.



MINUTES FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE

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January 23, 2025

The Facilities and Support Services (F&SS) Committee of the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (the District) and the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (the Association), collectively SRP, convened at 11:49 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2025, from the Hoopes Board Conference Room at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona. This meeting was conducted in-person and via teleconference in compliance with open meeting law guidelines.

Committee Members present at roll call were R.J. Miller, Chair; M.V. Pace, Vice Chair; and C. Clowes, K.L. Mohr-Almeida, P.E. Rovey, J.M. White Jr., and L.C. Williams.

Also present were Vice President C.J. Dobson; Board Members N.R. Brown, K.J. Johnson, S.D. Kennedy, and L.D. Rovey; Council Chair J.R. Shelton; Council Liaison J.L. Miller; Council Members G.E. Geiger, B.E. Paceley, C. Resch-Geretti, W.P. Schrader III, and R.W. Swier; and I.R. Avalos, M.J. Burger, A.N. Bond-Simpson, A.P. Chabrier, A.C. Davis, J.M. Felty, K.A. Heth, L.F. Hobaica, J.D. Hovis, R.T. Judd, V.P. Kisicki, B.J. Koch, K.J. Lee, L.A. Meyers, G.A. Mingura, M.J. O'Connor, B.A. Olsen, S.A. Perkinson, J.M. Pratt, K.S. Ramaley, D.S. Roach, C.M. Sifuentes, R.R. Taylor, and J.C. Tucker of SRP.

In compliance with A.R.S. §38-431.02, Andrew Davis of the Corporate Secretary's Office had posted a notice and agenda of the F&SS Committee meeting at the SRP Administration Building, 1500 North Mill Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Chair R.J. Miller called the meeting to order.

Consent Agenda

Chair R.J. Miller requested a motion for Committee approval of the Consent Agenda, in its entirety.

On a motion duly made by Board Member K.L. Mohr-Almeida and seconded by Board Member P.E. Rovey, the Committee unanimously approved and adopted the following item on the Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the F&SS Committee meeting on December 17, 2024, as presented.

Corporate Secretary J.M. Felty polled the Committee Members on Board Member K.L. Mohr-Almeida's motion to approve the Consent Agenda, in its entirety. The vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Board Members R.J. Miller, Chair; M.V. Pace, Vice Chair; and (7)

C. Clowes, K.L. Mohr-Almeida, P.E. Rovey, J.M. White Jr., and

L.C. Williams

NO: None (0)

ABSTAINED: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Review of District and Association Damage Claims for the Period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Jason D. Hovis, SRP Senior Manager of Claims Services, reviewed the damage claims against the District and Association paid during the period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024. They provided details of a vehicular accident that occurred on September 12, 2023, involving the claimants, Carmela Rosas Ramirez, Margarita Alvarado Ramirez, and Mayra Roman Garcia. J.D. Hovis presented ariel view of the collision site and explained details of the incident. J.D. Hovis provided images of the damages to both the SRP vehicle the claimants' vehicles.

J.D. Hovis stated that the claimants filed three Notice of Claims. They said that the claims, medical records, and invoicing were reviewed, adjusted, and negotiated prior to a lawsuit being filed. J.D. Hovis provided the claim details as follows: Carmela Rosas Ramirez demanded \$35,000 and settled for \$14,500; Margarita Alvarado Ramirez demanded \$350,000 and settled for \$29,000; and Mayra Roman Garcia demanded \$350,000 and settled for \$29,000.

J.D. Hovis responded to questions from the Committee.

Copies of the District and Association Damage Claims reports for the period of August 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024, and the PowerPoint slides used in this presentation, are on file in the Corporate Secretary's Office and, by reference, made a part of these minutes.

K.A. Heth and J.D. Hovis of SRP left the meeting.

Report on Current Events by the General Manager and Chief Executive Office or Designees

Jim M. Pratt, SRP General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, reported on a variety of federal, state, and local topics of interest to the Committee.

Future Agenda Topics

Chair R.J. Miller asked the Committee if there were any future agenda topics. None were requested.

There being no further business to come before the F&SS Committee, the meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Lora F. Hobaica Assistant Corporate Secretary

FY26 Unmarked Vehicles

Facilities & Support Services Committee

Becky Lawrence, Brian Heath | April 24, 2025

Agenda

Board Approval Requested Annually

• Requesting thirteen unmarked vehicles for FY26.

Background

- State law (A.R.S. § 38-538) requires SRP vehicles display SRP's name and the designation "for official use only."
- Exemptions may be granted by Board Approval.
- Approval is for only one year.
- Unmarked vehicles are used in investigations and other sensitive activities, such as conducting criminal, administrative, and claims investigations and surveillance for SRP, without detection.

Status

- The thirteen unmarked vehicles requested for FY26 meet state law requirements.
- Thirteen vehicles were approved by the Board in FY25.

Unmarked Vehicles for FY26

Vehicle #	VIN#	Department	Description
1678	1GCVKREC1FZ236166	Legal Services	2015 Chevy K1500
1682	1GCVKREC6FZ235840	Legal Services	2015 Chevy K1500
8936	3FA6P0PU8JR226597	Legal Services	2018 Ford Fusion
8937	3FA6P0PUXJR242753	Legal Services	2018 Ford Fusion
1040	1C4RJFAG9FC903001	Security Services	2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee
1046	1C4RJFAG1FC932511	Security Services	2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee
1342	1FM5K7DH7KGA62591	Security Services	2019 Ford Explorer
1346	1FM5K7DH9KGA62592	Security Services	2019 Ford Explorer
1347	1GCRWCEK7KZ193523	Security Services	2019 Chevy C1500
1571	1GCPDDEK9PZ106053	Security Services	2023 Chevy K1500
8000	2G11Z5S33L9102569	Security Services	2020 Chevy Impala
8824	1G11Z5S38KU113245	Security Services	2019 Chevy Impala
8935	3FA6P0PU8JR242752	Security Services	2018 Ford Fusion

Recommendation

• Management requests that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the thirteen unmarked vehicles for FY26, as outlined herein.

thank you!

District and Association Quarterly Claims Report November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

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Association November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025 Damage Claims Paid in Excess of \$7,500

Page	Claimant	Amount Paid
3	Sixto J. Ortega	\$29,616.47
4	Timothy A. Warren	\$14,523.56
	3 rd Quarter Total	\$44,140.03

District November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025 Damage Claims Paid in Excess of \$7,500

Page	Claimant	Amount Paid
5	Emma Butler	\$ 42,349.61
6	Austin J. Perrin	\$ 8,095.19
7	James X. Roberts	\$ 15,828.11
8	Cox Communications	\$ 57,707.45
9	Cox Communications	\$ 16,000.00
10	Midwest Energy Emissions Corp.	\$525,000.00
	3 rd Quarter Total	\$664,980.36

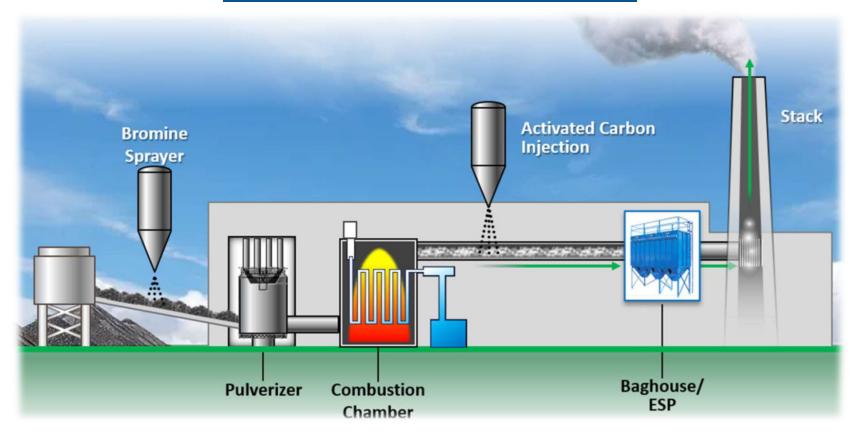
Midwest Energy Emissions Corp. ("ME2C")

Complaint Filed: July 17, 2024

Complaint Allegations

- Six defendants in Arizona litigation: SRP; Tucson Electric Power Co.; San Carlos Resources Inc.; Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association Inc.; Springerville Unit 3 Holding LLC; Springerville Unit 3 Partnership LP.
- Alleged defendants used patented methods without license at coal-fired power plants, including Springerville Generating Station and Coronado Generating Station.

ME2C's Patented Method



Source: ME2C's Brief in Supp. of Pl.'s Mot. for Transfer of Actions.

Complaint Allegations (cont'd.)

- Alleged five counts of federal claims of infringement of ME2C's five patents covering mercury control methods on combusted coal and that the infringement was willful.
- Sought damages, including enhanced damages, resulting from alleged willful infringement; pre- and post-judgment interest; attorneys' fees; and injunction.
- Claimed ME2C settled 2019 patent infringement lawsuit with majority of defendants and prevailed against remaining defendants at jury trial.
 - ME2C asserted remaining defendants were found liable and to have induced infringement of two patents, and the infringement deemed to be willful.

Resolutions

- Settlement was reached on the claims pertaining to Springerville Generating Station and defendants with ownership interest were dismissed except SRP.
- SRP negotiated dismissal of all claims in connection with Coronado Generating Station under a Confidential License Agreement and Release.
 - ME2C grants SRP a license to use patented methods at CGS.
 - SRP agrees to pay ME2C \$525,000.00 and purchase set quantity of test product.
 - ME2C to be included in bidding process for product subject to test results, but no purchase obligation.
- All claims brought against SRP were dismissed with prejudice.

QUESTIONS?

Payments on Closed Claims

Claims Closed in 3rd Quarter FY25 November 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025

Responsible Company	<u>Damage Description</u>	# of Claims	<u>Payment</u>
Association	COLLISION WHILE PV CHANGING LANES	1	\$29,616.47
	Ortega, Sixto J		\$29,616.47
	PV STRUCK REAR OF OV	1	\$14,523.56
	Warren, Timothy A		\$14,523.56
Association Total		2	\$44,140.03
District	<u>BORING</u>	1	<u>\$3,539.20</u>
	Sharif, A s U		\$3,539.20
	CABLE REPLACEMENT	2	<u>\$6,014.31</u>
	Mellinger, Ronald L Lane, Jeffrey P		\$1,114.31 \$4,900.00
	LINE CLEARING	2	\$2,115.00
	Adams, Sue S DML PORTENT 2 LLC		\$200.00 \$1,915.00
	METER INSTALL / CHANGE	9	\$6,182.64
	Canez, Arthur Chavez, Graciela Janesky, Melissa Bui, Don Sevey, Perry G Espino, Gabriel Mayeda, Chris T Paz, Christine Taylor, Jeff		\$59.52 \$150.00 \$300.00 \$400.00 \$600.00 \$890.00 \$1,051.00 \$1,200.00
	METER READING	1	<u>\$50.00</u>
	Tarvin, Datisha A		\$50.00
	MISCELLANEOUS (DISTRICT) Regester, John Andy's Frozen Custard Mattocks, Cheryl D Williams, Jr, William J Petit, Annique C Scott, Shaylee Midwest Energy Emissions Corp		\$535,557.19 \$175.93 \$1,105.13 \$1,427.00 \$2,249.13 \$2,600.00 \$3,000.00
	OUTAGES (INSTANTANEOUS, CAUSE UNKNOWN)	2	\$3,996.00
	Ridley, Andrew A Gill, Roy		\$450.00 \$3,546.00
	PLANNED OUTAGE Smith, Scott A Konieczny, Paula J		\$1,464.00 \$175.00 \$1,289.00
	POWER POLE Unknown Vintage Plastering Company Inc Cox Communications	3	\$5,803.75 \$700.00 \$2,199.00 \$2,904.75
	PRIMARY EQUIPMENT (UG) NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED Robertson, Gary L	1	\$1,710.00 \$1,710.00

Responsible Company	Damage Description	# of Claims	<u>Payment</u>
Company	PRIMARY LINE (OH)	1	<u>\$150.00</u>
	Spicka, George A		\$150.00
	PRIMARY LINE (UG)	6	\$12,938.00
	Mohanty, Sudatta		\$100.00
	Nguyen, Tiffanie Freas, Chester A		\$580.00 \$900.00
	Summers, Deborah		\$2,800.00
	Kinsey, Samantha		\$3,558.00
	Lamba, Tejinder P		\$5,000.00
	PV ALLEGEDLY DROPPED OR THREW UP OBJECT	1	<u>\$40.00</u>
	Stankovic, Bill		\$40.00
	PV AND OV COLLIDED - INTERSECTION	1	<u>\$42,349.61</u>
	Butler, Emma		\$42,349.61
	PV STRUCK OV WHILE BACKING	1	\$8,095.19
	Perrin, Austin J		\$8,095.19
	PV STRUCK REAL PROPERTY	1	<u>\$204.95</u>
	Kerekes, Troy		\$204.95
	PV STRUCK REAR OF OV	1	\$15,828.11
	Roberts, James X		\$15,828.11
	RAILROAD (ANIMAL INJURY)	1	\$800.00
	DeWitt, Douglas		\$800.00
	SECONDARY LINE (UG) OTHER THAN SERVICE LINE	1	<u>\$500.00</u>
	Hatch, Sandi G		\$500.00
	SERVICE ENTRANCE SECTION (CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT)	1	<u>\$985.00</u>
	Marshall, Sahndra K		\$985.00
	SERVICE LINE (OH)	1	<u>\$200.00</u>
	Barnhart, Barbara A		\$200.00
	SERVICE LINE (UG)	4	<u>\$3,804.50</u>
	Mcfarland, Curtis		\$125.00
	Hershey, Honi		\$314.50
	Abrams, Dan M Rowley, Megan A		\$1,015.00 \$2,350.00
	TRANSFORMER	1	\$150.00
	Bernal, Jose R		\$150.00
	TRANSMISSION	1	<u>\$73,707.45</u>
	Cox Communications Cox Communications		\$16,000.00 \$57,707.45
District Total		53	\$736,742.09
Grand Total		55	\$982,067.02

Total Claims Closed during 3rd Quarter FY25

268

Sixto Junior Ortega

Claim Number:

10000093274

Date of Loss:

10/04/2024

Date of Payment:

11/27/2024

Organization:

C&M Groundwater

Payee:

Sixto Junior Ortega

Glendale Auto Care LLC

Address of Occurrence: 5818 W. Thunderbird Road, Phoenix, Arizona

SRP Vehicle:

2010 International 7600

Claimant Vehicle:

2019 Chevrolet Camaro

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$23,883.47

Paid to Glendale Auto

\$ 5,733.00

Net Cost to SRP:

\$29,616.47

Description of Incident:

An SRP employee was driving eastbound on Thunderbird Road, near 59th Avenue in Phoenix, when the employee attempted to merge into the right lane. In doing so, the employee struck the left rear quarter panel of Claimant's 2019 Chevrolet Camaro. No injuries were reported at the scene. The SRP employee was cited for making an unsafe lane change.

Summary:

As a result of the accident, Claimant sought the value of his vehicle, rental vehicle cost, and medical expenses he incurred. Claims worked with Claimant in expeditiously reaching a resolution and settling all of Claimant's claims for a total of \$23,883.47. Claims had the vehicle appraised and resolved Claimant's property damage claim for the estimated total loss value of the vehicle at \$18,000.00. Claimant was reimbursed for the rental cost he incurred (\$1,883.47) and his bodily injury claim resolved for \$4,000.00. Glendale Auto Care LLC was paid \$5,733.00 for storing and tear-down of the vehicle. The matter was resolved for a total cost of \$29,616.47.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Robert Pierce

Timothy Allen Warren

Claim Number:

10000092966

Date of Loss:

07/24/2024

Date of Payment:

12/16/2024

Organization:

Water Maintenance

Payee:

Timothy Allen Warren Walt's Body Shop

Address of Occurrence: AZ-101 Loop S. Tempe, AZ 85282

SRP Vehicles:

2019 International 7500

2020 Ford F-550

Claimant Vehicle:

2007 Ford F-250 XLT

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$12,691.03

Paid to Walt's Body

1,832.53

Net Cost to SRP:

\$14,523.56

Description of Incident:

An SRP 2019 International 7500 was traveling southbound on the AZ-101 Loop near the US60 interchange, when traffic ahead came to a sudden stop causing the employee to immediately apply the brakes and move to the left lane to avoid an accident. In doing so, the SRP employee struck the rear of another SRP operated vehicle, a 2020 Ford F-550, causing it to then rear-end Claimant's 2007 Ford F-250 XLT. The SRP employee in the Ford F-550 was treated at the scene for injuries to his left shoulder. No other injuries were reported. The SRP employee driving the International was cited for failure to maintain reasonable and prudent speed to avoid a collision.

Summary:

Claims Services reviewed an original repair cost estimate of \$12,691.03 for damages to the rear bumper and bed of Claimant's vehicle. Walt's Body Shop identified additional damages upon teardown and submitted a supplemental estimate of \$1,832.53 for towing harness repair work. Claims Services found the estimates to be fair and reimbursed Claimant for the original estimate amount and Walt's Body Shop for the supplemental repairs, resulting in a total settlement of \$14,523.56.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Claimant: Emma Butler; Evelyn Butler

Claim Number: 10000092607

Date of Loss: 05/07/2024

Date of Payment: 11/20/2024

Organization: New Business Construction

Payee: Agave Injury Law PLC

Safeco Insurance Company of America

Address of Occurrence: 678 W. Combs Road, San Tan Valley, Arizona

SRP Vehicle: 2015 Ford F550

Claimant Vehicle: 2016 Ford Explorer

Cost Data: Paid to Agave \$33,075.53

Paid to Safeco \$ 9,274.08

Net Cost to SRP: \$42,349.61

Description of Incident:

An SRP employee driving westbound on Combs Road in San Tan Valley attempted to make a U-turn onto the eastbound lanes when, while merging left to execute the U-turn, the employee struck the front passenger side of Claimant's vehicle. Claimant told officers that she saw the SRP vehicle starting to move left into her lane and she attempted to avoid the collision by moving into the left turn lane. As she was changing lanes, the SRP vehicle collided with her vehicle. The SRP employee reported to officers that he did not see Claimant's vehicle in his mirrors and as he changed lanes, felt the collision with Claimant's vehicle. No injuries were reported at the scene. The SRP employee was cited for making an unsafe lane change.

Summary:

Claimant filed a claim for, *inter alia*, injuries sustained including muscle strain, ligament sprain, acute pain, headaches, and hip bursitis as well as Claimant's one-year-old child's treatment for muscle spasms in her back and experienced sleeplessness post-accident. SRP reviewed the submissions, including for medical expenses of approximately \$25,000, which were not yet fully incurred, car rental costs, car seat replacement, and insurance deductible, and negotiated a settlement of \$33,075.33.

The vehicle insurer also filed a property damage claim for repairs made to Claimant's vehicle in the amount of \$13,256.58. SRP reviewed the repair estimates and negotiated settlement of the property damage claim with Safeco Insurance Company for \$9,274.08.

Claims Analyst's Signature: Manager's Approval:

Robert Pierce Jason Hov

Austin John Perrin

Claim Number:

10000093422

Date of Loss:

11/28/2024

Date of Payment:

01/28/2025

Organization:

Troubleshooting South

Payee:

Austin John Perrin

Bill Luke Chrysler Jeep and Dodge ("Chrysler")

Address of Occurrence: 574 E. 15th Avenue, Apache Junction, Arizona

SRP Vehicle:

2023 Ford F550

Claimant Vehicle:

2024 Dodge Ram 1500

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$7,655.95

Paid to Chrysler

\$ 439.24

Net Cost to SRP:

\$8,095.19

Description of Incident:

An SRP employee, while reversing into a driveway parking spot, struck the rear of Claimant's vehicle which was parked in the adjacent space. Claimant's vehicle was unoccupied at the time of the incident and no injuries were reported.

Summary:

Claims Services reviewed estimates for repairs to the rear bumper, hitch, tailgate, tow package wire harness, and exhaust system of Claimant's vehicle and deemed them reasonable. A settlement for repairs and rental car fees were paid to the Claimant totaling \$7,655.95. A supplemental invoice for additional repair was received and paid directly to Chrysler for \$439.24. This incident was resolved at a total cost of \$8,095.19.

Glaims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Robert Pierce

James Xander Roberts

Claim Number:

10000093336

Date of Loss:

10/21/2024

Date of Payment:

01/28/2025

Organization:

Transportation Services Management

Payee:

Earnhardt Autobody

Address of Occurrence: E. Germann Road & S. Crismon Road, Queen Creek,

Arizona

SRP Vehicle:

2015 International 4400 SBA

Claimant Vehicle:

2023 Toyota Rav 4

Cost Data:

Paid to Earnhardt

\$15,828.11

Net Cost to SRP:

\$15,828.11

Description of Incident:

An SRP employee, stopped on the right shoulder of Crismon Road, attempted to merge left into northbound traffic. While accelerating and looking for traffic to the left, the employee did not see Claimant's vehicle decrease speed ahead resulting in a collision with the front driver-side of the SRP vehicle and rear passenger-side of Claimant's vehicle. No injuries were reported at the scene. The SRP employee was cited for failure to maintain reasonable and prudent speed to avoid a collision.

Summary:

Earnhardt Autobody submitted invoices in the amount of \$15,828.11 for repairs made to Claimant's vehicle, including to the right-side rear tire, molding, right rear quarter panel, suspension, lift gate and rear bumper, suspension, and inner wheelhouse. Claims Services reviewed the invoices and deemed the repair costs to be reasonable and agreed to settle this claim at the invoiced amounts. Total amount paid for this matter was \$15,828.11.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Tyler Ebinger

Cox Communications, Inc.

Claim Number:

10000092839

Date of Loss:

05/15/2024

Date of Payment:

01/8/2025

Organization:

Transmission Line Maintenance

Payee:

The Claims Center LLC

Address of Occurrence: E. University Drive & S. Rockford Drive, Tempe, Arizona

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$16,000.00

Net Cost to SRP:

\$16,000.00

Description of Incident:

While preparing to replace a transmission pole riser, an SRP employee unintentionally cut an active above-ground Cox Communications ("Cox") 625 coaxial aerial cable line that affected underground and overhead feeds. The damage to the facility resulted in a Cox service outage which required an emergency span replacement of both overhead and underground coaxial cable.

Summary:

Cox, through its third-party administrator, The Claim Center LLC, filed a notice of claim for damages in the amount of \$19,154.88. Claims Services evaluated the submitted damage claim and investigated the incident, including the details of the replacement work and evidence submitted by The Claims Center. Claims Services disputed the administrative, project management charges, and barricade fees, and negotiated a settlement of \$16,000.00.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Robert Pierce

Cox Communications, Inc.

Claim Number:

10000093201

Date of Loss:

06/12/2024

Date of Payment:

01/10/2025

Organization:

Transmission Line Asset Management

Payee:

The Claims Center LLC

Address of Occurrence: E. Sheridan Street & N. 36th Street, Phoenix Arizona

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$57,707.45

Net Cost to SRP:

\$57.707.45

Description of Incident:

While performing a transmission pole replacement, an SRP crew unintentionally filled a Cox Communications ("Cox") fiber optic junction box with thin-set concrete. The concrete was used to support the foundation of a new pole riser and during this particular installation, a portion of the concrete submerged and damaged Cox's fiber optic cable and splice points. The repair required both underground and overhead fiber optic span replacements and new splice and junction installation.

Summary:

Cox, through its third-party administrator, The Claims Center, submitted a claim for damages in the amount of \$67,470.97. Claims Services verified the replacement of transmission poles near the time of the damage, spoke with members of the SRP crew about the details of and the processes involved in this span replacement job, and the evidence submitted by The Claims Center. Claims Services assessed Cox's alleged damages and negotiated a settlement of \$57,707.45.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Midwest Energy Emissions Corp.

Claim Number:

10000093279

Date of Payment:

01/15/2025

Organization:

Coronado Generating Station

Payee:

Midwest Energy Emissions Corp.

Cost Data:

Paid to Claimant

\$525,000.00

Net Cost to SRP:

\$525,000.00

Description of Incident:

On July 17, 2024, Midwest Energy Emissions Corp. ("ME2C") filed three patent infringement lawsuits against various power plant operators, including SRP, in federal courts across three states—Arizona, Missouri, and Iowa—alleging federal claims of infringement of five patents that cover certain mercury control methods involving the application of bromine-containing additives to coal and the injection of activated carbon sorbents to combusted coal for capture and removal of mercury from flue gas. In the Arizona litigation, ME2C alleged that SRP and five other defendants were using these patented methods without license at Springerville Generating Station, Coronado Generating Station, and other coal-fired power plants owned or operated by the defendants. In its complaint, ME2C alleged that it previously filed a patent infringement lawsuit in July 2019, that asserted similar allegations of infringement against various entities involved in producing refined coal and coal-fired power plant operators. ME2C claimed it settled with the majority of those defendants and prevailed against the remaining defendants after a jury trial was held, including obtaining a jury verdict finding the defendants to be liable for contributory negligence and induced infringement of two patents and that the infringement was willful. In this matter, ME2C also alleged that defendants' infringement of its patents was willful and was seeking damages, including enhanced damages, as a result of the alleged infringement. ME2C also sought an injunction prohibiting defendants from further acts of infringement.

Shortly after filing suit, ME2C moved to consolidate and transfer the three lawsuits to the Southern District of Iowa. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation granted transfer.

Summary:

Settlement was reached on the claims pertaining to Springerville Generating Station and the other defendants in the Arizona litigation were dismissed. SRP negotiated dismissal of the claims regarding Coronado Generating Station pursuant to which, *inter alia*, ME2C granted SRP a license to its patents and SRP agreed to pay ME2C \$525,000.00. SRP was subsequently dismissed with prejudice from the lawsuit.

Claims Analyst's Signature:

Manager's Approval:

Robert Pierce