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NEVADA SECRETARY OF STATE
Francisco V. Aguilar
Attn: Records Division
101 N. Carson Street, Suite 3
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Records Division

Under the Nevada Open Records Act § 239 et seq., I am requesting an opportunity to inspect and obtain access to view and make digital recordings of public records that encompass the following:

Under NRS 81.230

2. The bylaws cannot be amended or modified except by the vote of a majority of all the members after notice of the proposed amendment is given as the bylaws may provide.
3. The bylaws must provide for the amount of the indebtedness which the association may incur.

Please provide a copy of the penalties for an organization which your office could impose upon a nonprofit which had/has violated either or both of these statutes.

Please provide a copy of the original bylaws for Valley Electric Association Inc. Nevada Business ID #NV19651000140 if on file with your office.

Please provide a copy of all subsequent bylaws for Valley Electric Association Inc. Nevada Business ID #NV1965000140 if on file with your office.

Please provide a copy of the original corporate organizational documentation for Valley Electric Association Inc. Nevada Business ID #1965000140.

Please provide a copy of any subsequent corporate organization documents for Valley Electric Association Inc. Nevada Business ID #1965000140

If there are any fees, please inform me. Please note Per NRS. 239.052(1) An agency may not charge for determining whether a record is a public record, searching for or retrieving records, staff time spent complying with a public records request, a requester's use of a personal device to

photograph or copy public records, or for recouping the original cost of developing or producing the records. Under NRS. 239.052(1) costs can be requested if copies are being provided. To avoid costs pertaining to copies we will coordinate an appropriate date and time to inspect the requested documents and our people will come and make all appropriate digital copies of requested documents. For any digital document an appropriate digital storage device will be provided for staff to upload and provide copies of said documents upon request. No authorization is provided to charge or provide your digital media for storage of these documents. If it is determined there are costs associated it is reminded that these costs must comply with another NRS. Statute, provide the statutes that permit costs if payment is requested.

Note the following permits our recording the documents and our interactions within the public space of official government facilities per the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which includes Nevada, has held that there is a First Amendment right to record matters of public interest in public places, which “includes the right to record law enforcement officers engaged in the exercise of their official duties in public places.” *Askins v. Department of Homeland Sec.*, 899 F.3d 1035, 1044 (9th Cir. 2018); see also *Fordyce v. City of Seattle*, 55 F.3d 436 (9th Cir. 1995).

Per NRS. 239.0107, Nevada law requires public agencies to respond to public record requests no later than the end of the fifth business day after the request has been received. The response may grant the requester the right to inspect a record, obtain a copy, or provide the requester with a written notification stating why the record is not yet available and the time and date when the record will be available. Alternatively, the response may also communicate why the request was denied via written notice and indicate the specific statute supporting the denial.

Please contact me via email at the above-listed email addresses documents can also be sent there to fulfill the required disclosures.

If you deny any or all of this request, please cite each specific exemption you feel justifies the refusal to release the information and notify me of the appeal procedures available to me under the law.

Thank you for complying with N.R.S. open records requirement and the 1st Amendment.

Cordially,

Glenn Ledet
Investigative Journalist
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cc: