

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT LS-226  
2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE  
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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) DOCKET NO.  
OF ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER ) L-00000A-22-0102-00203  
5 COOPERATIVE, INC. OR ITS )  
ASSIGNEES, IN CONFORMANCE WITH ) LS CASE NO. 203  
6 THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. )  
§ 40-360, et seq., FOR A )  
7 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE )  
8 SAGUARO TO MARANA 115KV )  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT. ) PREFILING CONFERENCE  
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and  
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before the  
3 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting  
4 Committee, commencing at 2:02 p.m. on the 8th day of  
5 April, 2022, with all participants appearing via  
6 videoconference.

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8 BEFORE: PAUL A. KATZ, Chairman

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19 Mr. Chris Lindsey, Tucson Electric Power Company  
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Ms. Marta Hetzer, Glennie Reporting Services, LLC  
Ms. Lisa Glennie, Glennie Reporting Services, LLC  
Mr. Tod Brewer, Assistant to Chairman Katz

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1 CHMN. KATZ: This is the time we have set for a  
2 prefiling conference in what will likely become CEC  
3 No. 203, and it is the A-E-P-C-O, or AEPCO, Saguaro to  
4 Marana 115kV transmission line project.

5 And I would ask counsel who is present, if she  
6 would, to please identify herself and indicate on whose  
7 behalf she is appearing here today.

8 MS. GRABEL: Thank you, Chairman Katz. This is  
9 Meghan Grabel from Osborn Maledon. I represent both  
10 Arizona Electric Power Cooperative in their line siting  
11 matters as well as Tucson Electric Power Company, who has  
12 an interest in this proceeding, although it is not the  
13 applicant. And so I will be representing both AEPCO and  
14 TEP during the hearings in this process. With me --

15 CHMN. KATZ: Thank you.

16 Go ahead. Go ahead.

17 MS. GRABEL: I just wanted to let you know that  
18 my colleague Elias Ancharski is on the line as well.

19 MR. ANCHARSKI: Good afternoon, Chairman.

20 CHMN. KATZ: Good afternoon.

21 And we don't need to introduce everybody else  
22 who is present unless we need them to participate. Or if  
23 they have any questions or you want to ask them to  
24 participate, Ms. Grabel, feel free to do so.

25 And we do have our court reporter present.

1           And do we have any possible intervenors in this  
2 matter or is it highly unlikely?

3           MS. GRABEL: Thank you, Chairman Katz. At this  
4 time we don't know of any intervenors. I know that the  
5 line does run across a residential subdivision, so it's  
6 possible they could come out of the woodwork, but at this  
7 point we don't foresee any intervenors.

8           CHMN. KATZ: I'm making a note.

9           And it's my understanding that the interested  
10 jurisdictions -- and I'm assuming you've given them all  
11 notice -- would be Marana, the Land Department, and Pima  
12 County. Are there other jurisdictional participants that  
13 need to be -- or parties that need to be notified?

14          MS. GRABEL: No, Chairman, those are the three  
15 that we have identified.

16          CHMN. KATZ: And I know that we won't likely be  
17 setting this hearing until the week of June 6th, for the  
18 6th through the 10th, but so far, has there been any  
19 public interest, documents, participation, anything that  
20 we should make a record of?

21          MS. GRABEL: I don't think at this stage,  
22 Chairman Katz, there's anything we need to make a record  
23 of. We do -- we have done a virtual open house, and I  
24 know that we have a log of all of the outreach that's  
25 been done to date and the comments. We'll be sure to

1 present that at the hearing in this matter.

2 CHMN. KATZ: And, again, even though I mentioned  
3 the jurisdictions that have an interest in this, I'm  
4 assuming that all interested parties have been notified  
5 of the proceedings, that is, the involved jurisdictions?

6 MS. GRABEL: They will be. We haven't sent  
7 them, like, a notice of the prefiling conference, but  
8 we'll certainly send them a prehearing conference notice.

9 CHMN. KATZ: That's fine. And I don't know if  
10 we want to take care of -- I have received from you what  
11 you marked as Prefiling Exhibit No. -- I forgot to --  
12 there's the map that I think was -- is that Exhibit A or  
13 D? There's a map of the whole project.

14 MS. GRABEL: Eli, you may --

15 MR. ANCHARSKI: That's Exhibit D, Chairman. I'm  
16 happy to share my screen if you would like to pull that  
17 up.

18 CHMN. KATZ: I don't think we need to right now.

19 MR. ANCHARSKI: Okay.

20 CHMN. KATZ: I just want to put these in order  
21 here.

22 I just wanted to establish -- I had these in the  
23 right order before.

24 MR. ANCHARSKI: Chairman, actually, I think I  
25 misspoke. I think that the project map is Exhibit A, and

1 then Exhibit D is --

2 CHMN. KATZ: Right.

3 MR. ANCHARSKI: -- the -- that's the notice --

4 the sign locations. Sorry, I had --

5 CHMN. KATZ: Right.

6 MR. ANCHARSKI: -- them --

7 CHMN. KATZ: Right.

8 MR. ANCHARSKI: -- my titles switched in time.

9 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. Just for the record, I have  
10 received what you called as Prefiling Exhibit A, which is  
11 a map of the entire project, a color map.

12 I have Exhibit B, which is a Notice of Hearing.  
13 And we will go through it, and I'll sign off on it fairly  
14 quickly. But is there anything -- and we'll attach that  
15 as Prefiling Exhibit B.

16 Is there anything we need to discuss,  
17 Ms. Grabel, regarding that particular exhibit at this  
18 time?

19 MS. GRABEL: No, Chairman Katz. We just  
20 provided it to you as a courtesy to let you know that we  
21 have a draft of it, and we thought you might want to  
22 review it, given the amount of stuff that's on your plate  
23 between now and the prehearing conference.

24 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. And this hearing is going to  
25 be at -- was it that fire department location?

1 MS. GRABEL: Yes, that's correct. It's a fire  
2 training center. I'll pull up my notes. I had exactly  
3 what it is, and now I can't find my notes.

4 MR. ANCHARSKI: I have it.

5 MS. GRABEL: Go ahead.

6 MR. ANCHARSKI: The Northwest Fire Department  
7 training facility.

8 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. And before we go any  
9 further -- I went through A and B. I have Exhibit C,  
10 which is the Notice of Filing a List of Affected  
11 Jurisdictions. We don't need to review that, but that  
12 will be Prefiling Exhibit C.

13 Prefiling Exhibit D is the map that depicts --  
14 and I've looked at it. It looks like the signs will be  
15 placed in prominent locations along roadways where people  
16 will have a chance to see them.

17 And last, but not least, is Exhibit E, which is  
18 the proposed Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.  
19 And what will end up happening is Tod and I will go  
20 through that, and we'll edit it if we think it's  
21 necessary or appropriate.

22 And as I've done in all the other hearings I've  
23 handled, we'll end up -- is there going to be one or two  
24 CECs in this matter? Because there's two phases of the  
25 line. It is going to be a single or two CECs?



1 MS. GRABEL: Just one CEC, Chairman Katz. AEPCO  
2 is constructing the project, so they're the only  
3 applicant that needs a CEC.

4 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. That's fine.

5 And what we will do, though, is when it comes  
6 time for potential approval, on the screen that we'll  
7 have on the left, we will have a PDF version of the CEC  
8 that we are proposing after we edit whatever the  
9 applicant has proposed and whatever the evidence might  
10 demonstrate. And on the right-hand screen displayed will  
11 be a Word version. And it will be the Word version that  
12 we'll work off of and edit as we go at the conclusion of  
13 the hearing.

14 MS. GRABEL: Great.

15 CHMN. KATZ: And we do have the draft Notice of  
16 Hearing.

17 Where do you stand with respect to publications  
18 and what papers?

19 MS. GRABEL: We intend to publish in the Arizona  
20 Daily Star, which is the newspaper of general circulation  
21 in the Tucson area and also the Marana area. And  
22 according to our calculations, we have until May 6 to  
23 make that initial publication, but we'll certainly do it  
24 well in advance to make sure that we clear the statutory  
25 requirements.

1 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. And I looked at the map that  
2 shows the posting of signs. And, obviously, I haven't  
3 been along that route, but it looks like the signs are  
4 placed in appropriate places. I'm seeing one, two,  
5 three, four, five signs. Is there anything that needs to  
6 be said regarding those sign locations?

7 MS. GRABEL: No. Just that I think, Chairman,  
8 it's consistent with other past practices. They are  
9 posted in prominent locations, and there's a number of  
10 them along the route.

11 CHMN. KATZ: And you have filed your notice of  
12 affected jurisdictions, and we've identified who they  
13 are.

14 And the location of that fire station, is that  
15 in Tucson or in Marana?

16 MS. GRABEL: I believe it's in the Town of  
17 Marana.

18 Erin, am I correct in that? Uh-oh. We can't  
19 hear you, Erin.

20 MR. SIMPSON: I believe that's correct, yes.

21 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. And what about --

22 MS. BROUSSARD: Can I jump in real quick?

23 CHMN. KATZ: Sure.

24 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, Erin Broussard is with  
25 Arizona Electric Power Cooperative.

1 MS. BROUSSARD: The training facility is located  
2 in northwest Tucson. It's not technically --

3 CHMN. KATZ: Okay.

4 MS. BROUSSARD: -- in Marana, but it's in the  
5 general vicinity.

6 CHMN. KATZ: Okay.

7 And have arrangements or will arrangements be  
8 made for lodging for out-of-town Committee Members and  
9 any necessary staff people?

10 MS. GRABEL: Yes, Chairman. We have  
11 reservations right now at the Hampton Inn in Marana,  
12 which is close to the hearing venue and about 15 miles  
13 from the project site.

14 CHMN. KATZ: Okay.

15 Do you think that -- a couple of hearings ago,  
16 we did do a tour on the west side project because it ran  
17 adjacent to several different communities, and I thought  
18 it was a very productive tour. When we did the SRP  
19 expansion plant in Coolidge, that tour was very  
20 worthwhile. But on a lot of the line siting hearings, we  
21 don't do a tour. But I don't know whether you feel a  
22 virtual tour is sufficient or whether you think the  
23 Committee needs to have a visual understanding on the  
24 ground of the route.

25 MS. GRABEL: I think, Chairman, that's up to you

1 and the Committee. I think this is a relatively small  
2 project. There is one residential community that is  
3 adjacent to it. So if that's a concern that the  
4 Committee has, that does exist here, but to a much  
5 smaller degree than you'll see in some of the other  
6 communities.

7 It would probably take a couple of hours to  
8 drive the line, so if you want to put that into your  
9 consideration for the timing of the project overall, it  
10 would probably end up being the entire morning on the  
11 Tuesday of the hearing. We think a Google Earth is  
12 probably sufficient but, again, leave that to the  
13 Committee's discretion because I know that it's  
14 important.

15 CHMN. KATZ: Right. And the last line siting  
16 where we actually were doing power lines, our last  
17 hearing, we did not take a tour and I recommended against  
18 it because it was so evident. It was all way out in  
19 rural areas, and nothing was affected except maybe a  
20 couple of agricultural properties. But that will be up  
21 to the Committee. I might recommend against it unless  
22 you feel there's a critical need or other Members of the  
23 Committee want to go on a field trip.

24 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, that might be something  
25 we have a better feel for at the prehearing conference

1 because --

2 CHMN. KATZ: Right.

3 MS. GRABEL: -- we'll know whether or not  
4 there's greater opposition from the residents in the  
5 area.

6 CHMN. KATZ: Right. So we'll hold off on that.  
7 I'm not sure we'll do it.

8 But, anyway, we need to set a prehearing  
9 conference less than -- it must be less than ten days  
10 before the evidentiary hearing.

11 Do we have any dates available, Tod, that you  
12 think would be appropriate to look at? And we'll then  
13 ask counsel and the representatives of the party if that  
14 works.

15 MR. BREWER: Mr. Chairman, it looks like the  
16 best time would possibly be May the 31st.

17 CHMN. KATZ: And that is a Tuesday, correct?

18 MR. BREWER: Correct, Chairman.

19 CHMN. KATZ: What time would you say? 2:00? Or  
20 in the -- what works better for the parties if we do it  
21 May 31st?

22 MS. GRABEL: Chairman, I'm wide open that day.  
23 I don't know if the others on my team are also available.  
24 I'm seeing general head nods, so I think that we can  
25 accommodate your schedule, Chairman.

1 CHMN. KATZ: What time, Tod, do you think we  
2 ought to do it? I'm available at 10 in the morning or 2  
3 in the afternoon.

4 MR. BREWER: Let's do 10:00.

5 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. That works.

6 And I'm assuming that there's no related  
7 litigation or pending or known of disputes. So we'll  
8 skip that question unless I'm wrong in that assumption.

9 MS. GRABEL: You are not.

10 CHMN. KATZ: In more recent cases, I always like  
11 to get a notebook or the entire application in hard form.  
12 Most of the Committee Members -- those that appear  
13 virtually don't need a hard copy. And we probably don't  
14 need a huge number because most of us, in my eight  
15 hearings that I've been through, rely a lot on the use of  
16 tablets such as iPads or Surface. And I'm assuming that  
17 the application would be available on digital media. So  
18 we don't need more than a couple of copies of the  
19 application, two or three or four copies.

20 MS. GRABEL: So, Chairman, we weren't intending  
21 to provide the -- any iPads with this hearing, so we were  
22 intending to provide --

23 CHMN. KATZ: Okay.

24 MS. GRABEL: -- hard copies with the USB drives.

25 CHMN. KATZ: Okay.

1 MS. GRABEL: So when you say that the other  
2 Committee Members like to look at it on their iPad, does  
3 that mean they're okay just --

4 CHMN. KATZ: No.

5 MS. GRABEL: -- pulling it from the docket  
6 or ...

7 CHMN. KATZ: What I was going to say is if  
8 you're not going to be having iPads or similar tablets  
9 available at the hearing, the notebooks will suffice.  
10 Obviously, if you project those exhibits, those Committee  
11 Members that are appearing virtually will get to see  
12 them. And I don't know whether they'd also be accessible  
13 on their own computers or tablets if they wanted to.

14 MS. GRABEL: As part of the application filing,  
15 we will submit USB drives. And so if they want to  
16 install those on their computer, they'll have them  
17 available digitally as well.

18 CHMN. KATZ: That's fine.

19 And I will draft a -- with my boss Tod's  
20 supervision a draft Procedural Order. I don't think that  
21 there's anything unusual. We'll try to get that to you  
22 well in advance of our prehearing conference so that if  
23 there are any concerns, you'll let us know.

24 I have also received a draft of the CEC. But  
25 depending on how the evidence flows and our -- Tod and my

1 idiosyncrasies, we'll do whatever correcting, amending,  
2 or editing might be necessary. And you'll receive,  
3 either in the middle of the hearing or when we're near  
4 done with the evidentiary presentation, our revised  
5 versions. We might even have them available to you  
6 before the start of the hearing.

7 MS. GRABEL: Thank you.

8 CHMN. KATZ: Public comment. I'm assuming we'll  
9 start on our Monday at 1 p.m. That allows everyone who  
10 doesn't want to spend Sunday night in a hotel to travel  
11 to the hearing venue and be ready to go at 1.

12 And I don't know whether we go to the hotel  
13 first and check in or whether we go to the hearing venue,  
14 but I'm assuming the rooms will be held even if we don't  
15 get to them till evening.

16 MS. GRABEL: Yes, they will.

17 CHMN. KATZ: And we'll do public comment at  
18 5:30. And don't know whether we'll have much, if any.  
19 But we will -- normally, like to just do it that one  
20 night unless we have 30 or -- 20 or 30 or 40 people that  
21 want to speak.

22 And if there are any public officials from  
23 Marana or from the County or the Land Department or  
24 anybody that might wish to address us as part of a public  
25 comment, they'll let us know, and we'll take care of any



1 government official who's appearing in their official  
2 capacity before any members of the general public. But I  
3 don't know that we'll have any public comment from public  
4 officials or not.

5 In terms of permits, I'm assuming that either  
6 the applicant has obtained, applied for, or will be  
7 applying for all federal, state, county, city or town  
8 permits that might be necessary for them to commence  
9 construction and operation of this transmission line.

10 MS. GRABEL: Yes, Chairman, that's correct.

11 CHMN. KATZ: And even though you're not going to  
12 be providing tablets, I'm assuming that we'll have one of  
13 the good companies that is used to doing these hearings  
14 and we'll have available good WiFi hot spot, there will  
15 be laptop access to Docket Control, including the  
16 application with exhibits, etc. And the applicant can  
17 provide the application and exhibits on a flash drive or  
18 however you want to do that.

19 But I'm happy to have a hard copy of the  
20 application and exhibits. And if they're projected and  
21 there's an ample opportunity to discuss what they are and  
22 for us to ask questions, that should probably be  
23 sufficient. And we can always, during the review of the  
24 CEC, pull up any exhibits that we need to take a second  
25 look at.

1 Are there any other issues that you can think  
2 of, Ms. Grabel, at this time, that we need to cover?

3 MS. GRABEL: This is a minor issue, Chairman,  
4 but in terms of food selection --

5 CHMN. KATZ: Right.

6 MS. GRABEL: -- given the pandemic, does the  
7 Committee have a preference between, like, a buffet style  
8 versus individual sandwiched lunches?

9 CHMN. KATZ: We've done both of them. And in  
10 that Roosevelt -- I mean Randolph community hearing, the  
11 SRP expansion, there were a couple of wonderful buffets.  
12 So I don't think that there's going to be any concern  
13 unless all the sudden between now and June we have a huge  
14 surge in COVID.

15 MS. GRABEL: Right.

16 CHMN. KATZ: But I almost prefer the buffet  
17 because every time I've had wraps or sandwiches, in my  
18 old age, rather than eating four meals a day, I can  
19 hardly eat more than half a sandwich for lunch or  
20 breakfast.

21 But we would like to have on that first day  
22 lunches available at the location of the hearing in case  
23 people are leaving -- like I normally leave -- I'll  
24 probably leave about 10:00 in the morning to get down to  
25 the hearing venue.

1 MS. GRABEL: Okay.

2 CHMN. KATZ: And I think a lot of the Committee  
3 Members that are attending would like food.

4 I also have noticed that when it comes to  
5 transmission line hearings, we've been having at least  
6 four or five of our membership appear virtually even  
7 though I keep encouraging them to all appear in person.  
8 But if it's a controversial matter or one that runs  
9 through the middle of town like one that you might have  
10 about a year from right now, we'll probably want to  
11 handle things a little bit differently.

12 And our court reporting company would like final  
13 transcripts of the conferences and hearings posted to the  
14 applicant's website so that they're available, and I  
15 think that that's something you're used to doing.

16 And is there anything else that we need to  
17 discuss?

18 MS. GRABEL: I think that was everything on my  
19 list, Chairman. You covered it.

20 CHMN. KATZ: And, Carolyn, did I do too much  
21 stuttering or mumbling? Do we have a good record, or is  
22 there anything else we need to review?

23 THE REPORTER: I'm good. Thank you.

24 CHMN. KATZ: Okay. Well, we can go off the  
25 record. I want to thank all of you.

1           If there's anything that comes up that requires  
2   us to have another conference or discussion, even if it's  
3   just between counsel and myself, you'll let me know.

4           Also, we'll take breaks regularly about every 90  
5   minutes plus or minus a few at the hearing itself. But  
6   we'll get into procedural details at the time of our  
7   prehearing conference.

8           Thank you all. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon,  
9   and hopefully you'll get some relaxation in over the  
10  weekend.

11          We do stand in recess.

12          (The prefiling conference concluded at  
13  2:25 p.m.)

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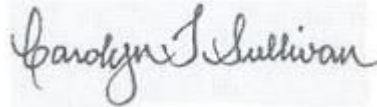
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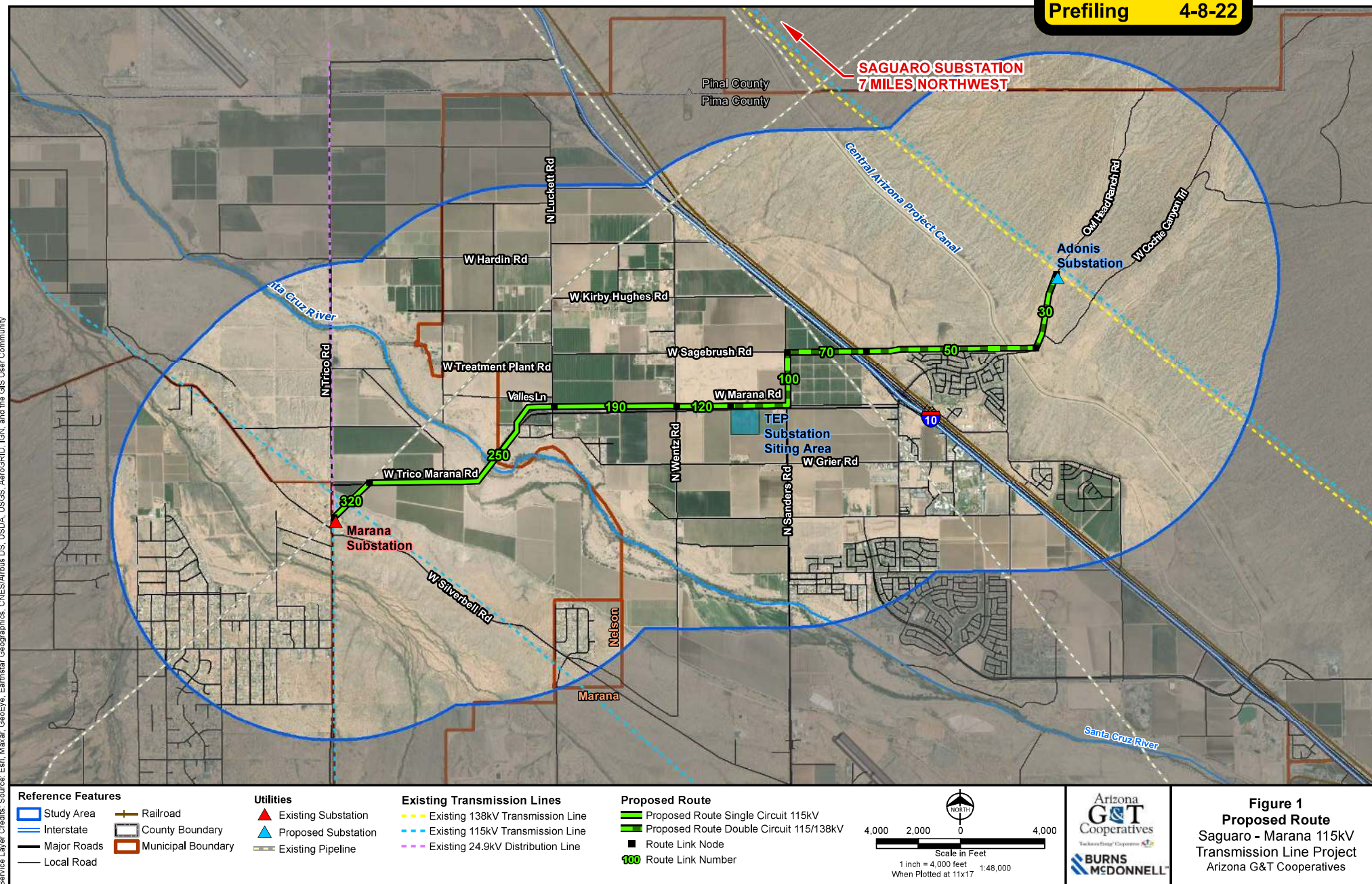
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Case No. XXX

10                                   **NOTICE OF HEARING**

11           **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and  
12   Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the application of  
13   Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. (“AEPCO”) for a Certificate of  
14   Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of a 115 kilovolt  
15   (“kV”) transmission line called the Saguaro to Marana 115/138 kV line (“Saguaro to  
16   Marana” or “the Project”).

17           The Project consists of two separate transmission line configurations. One  
18   portion of the Project is a double-circuit 115/138 kV transmission line to be jointly  
19   owned by AEPCO and Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP”) (the 115 kV circuit  
20   will be owned and operated by AEPCO, and the 138 kV circuit will be owned and  
21   operated by TEP); the other portion of the Project is a single-circuit transmission line  
22   owned and operated by AEPCO alone. The transmission line originates at Trico  
23   Electric Cooperative’s planned Adonis Substation. The location of the planned Adonis  
24   Substation enables AEPCO to connect to an existing transmission line, then  
25   interconnect to Arizona Public Service Company’s (“APS”) existing Saguaro  
26   Substation located approximately seven miles northwest of the planned Adonis  
27   Substation. In the future, TEP will connect its 138 kV circuit to TEP’s existing 138 kV  
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2 115/138 kV transmission line would proceed west approximately four miles crossing  
3 Interstate 10, continuing to the intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road. At the  
4 intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road, the 138 kV line will be terminated for  
5 future use by TEP once a new substation location has been definitively located. From  
6 the intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road, the line will proceed another four  
7 miles as a single circuit 115 kV transmission line to the existing AEPCO Marana  
8 Substation. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

9 The hearing will be held at the Northwest Fire Department Training Facility,  
10 5125 W Camino de Fuego, Tucson, AZ 85743. The hearing will begin on June 6, 2022  
11 at 1:00 p.m., and will continue as necessary on June 7-10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.,  
12 respectively. If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed  
13 on the Project website at [www.azgtsaguaromarana.com](http://www.azgtsaguaromarana.com), and on the Arizona  
14 Corporation Commission ("Commission") website at: [https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule)  
15 [power-plant/meeting-schedule](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule).

16 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**  
17 **SESSION ON JUNE 6, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM OR IN**  
18 **PERSON AT THE NORTHWEST FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING**  
19 **FACILITY, 5125 W CAMINO DE FUEGO, TUCSON, AZ 85743. PUBLIC**  
20 **COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE**  
21 **HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

22 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**  
23 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19 WILL BE**  
24 **FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION.**  
25 **FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY**  
26 **PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY**  
27 **OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.**



1           **THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY**  
2 **EITHER WATCHING THE HEARING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE**  
3 **HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, RATHER THAN ATTENDING IN PERSON.**

4           At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and  
5 telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety  
6 protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project  
7 website at [www.azgtsaguaromarana.com](http://www.azgtsaguaromarana.com). The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess  
8 the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined  
9 after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be  
10 posted on the above-noted Project websites and the Commission website. **NOTE:**  
11 **NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER,**  
12 **PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT**  
13 **REQUIRED.**

14           No tour of the Project area is planned by the Chairman at this time. If the  
15 Chairman or Committee later decide to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and  
16 itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project  
17 website at [www.azgtsaguaromarana.com](http://www.azgtsaguaromarana.com), and on the Commission website at:  
18 <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule..>

19           Maps of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and  
20 technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the  
21 following locations:

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- 23           • Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,  
            1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- 24           • Pima County Board of Supervisors, 33 N. Stone Ave., 11th Floor, Tucson,  
            AZ 85701
- 25           • Marana Municipal Complex, 11555 W. Civic Center Drive, Marana, AZ  
26           85653
- 27           • Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Drive, Tucson, AZ  
            85743
- 28           • The Project Website: [www.azgtsaguaromarana.com](http://www.azgtsaguaromarana.com)

1       The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference,  
2 prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and  
3 website.

4       Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project  
5 that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the  
6 date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of  
7 Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ  
8 85007.

9       Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part  
10 to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health  
11 or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests;  
12 to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development  
13 of the area in which the Project are located that desires to become a party to the  
14 proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a  
15 Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation  
16 Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

17       The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make  
18 other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance  
19 at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona  
20 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007, not less  
21 than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited  
22 appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine  
23 witnesses.

24       This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360  
25 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-3-201 to R14-3-220.  
26 No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member  
27 of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the  
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1 Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the  
2 proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding  
3 before the Committee.

4 ORDERED this XXth day of \_\_\_, 2022

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7 Paul A. Katz, Chairman  
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1                                   **BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT**  
2                                   **AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

3       IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
4       OF ARIZONA ELECTRIC POWER  
5       COOPERATIVE, INC. OR ITS ASSIGNEES,  
6       IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
7       REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360 et.  
8       seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
9       ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY  
10      AUTHORIZING THE SAGUARO TO  
11      MARANA 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
12      PROJECT.

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**NOTICE OF FILING LIST OF  
AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS**

10           Attorneys for Applicants, Arizona Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. hereby  
11       provide notice that on [date], 2022, a copy of the Notice of Hearing filed in this  
12       docket on [date], 2022 was mailed to the following individuals, certified mail, return  
13       receipt requested:

14                               Terry Rozema, Town Manager  
15                               Town of Marana  
16                               Marana Municipal Complex  
17                               11555 W Civic Center Drive  
18                               Marana, AZ 85653

19                               Chuck Huckelberry, County Administrator  
20                               Pima County  
21                               115 N. Church Ave.  
22                               2nd Floor, Suite 231  
23                               Tucson, Arizona 85701

24                               Lisa A. Atkins, Commissioner  
25                               Arizona State Land Department  
26                               1616 W. Adams Street  
27                               Phoenix, Arizona 85007

28                               RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this XXth day of \_\_, 2022.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phoenix, Arizona 85007



# Saguaro to Marana 115/138kV Transmission Line Project

## Hearing Notification Sign Locations



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## A. Introduction

The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present at one or more of the hearing days for the evidentiary presentations, public comment and/or the deliberations:

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John R. Riggins	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
Rick Grinnell	Appointed Member, representing the counties
Mary Hamway	Appointed Member, representing cities and towns
James Palmer	Appointed Member, representing agriculture
Karl Gentles	Appointed Member, representing the general public
Jack Haenichen	Appointed Member, representing the general public
Margaret "Toby" Little	Appointed Member, representing the general public

The Applicant was represented by Meghan H. Grabel and Elias Ancharski of Osborn Maledon, P.A. The following party was granted intervention pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05: [intervenor].

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the (i) Application, (ii) evidence, testimony, and exhibits presented by AEPCO and interveners, and (iii) comments of the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ 40-360 through 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted X to X in favor of granting AEPCO, its successors and assigns, this Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the construction of the Project.

## **B. Overview Project Description**

The Project will consist of the construction and operation of a new transmission line between the planned Trico Electric Cooperative Inc. ("Trico") Adonis Substation and the existing AEPCO Marana Substation near Marana, Arizona. The Project consists of two separate transmission line configurations. A general location map of the Project is set forth in **Exhibit A**. One portion of the Project is a double-circuit 115/138 kV transmission line to be jointly owned by AEPCO and Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") (the 115 kV circuit will be owned and operated by AEPCO, and the 138 kV circuit will be owned and operated by TEP); the other portion of the Project is a single-circuit transmission line owned and operated by AEPCO alone. The transmission line originates at Trico's planned Adonis Substation. The location of the

1 planned Adonis Substation enables AEPCO to connect to an existing transmission line,  
2 then interconnect to Arizona Public Service Company's ("APS") existing Saguaro  
3 Substation located approximately seven miles northwest of the planned Adonis  
4 Substation. In the future, TEP will connect its 138 kV circuit to TEP's existing 138 kV  
5 Quad Circuit adjacent to the planned Adonis Substation. The proposed double-circuit  
6 115/138 kV transmission line would proceed west approximately four miles crossing  
7 Interstate 10, continuing to the intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road. At the  
8 intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road, the 138 kV line will be terminated for  
9 future use by TEP once a new substation location has been definitively located. From  
10 the intersection of Marana Road and Sanders Road, the line will proceed another four  
11 miles as a single circuit 115 kV transmission line to the existing AEPCO Marana  
12 Substation. A legal description of the Project's location is set forth in **Exhibit B**.

### 13 CONDITIONS

14 This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

15 1. This authorization to construct the Project shall expire ten (10) years from  
16 the date this Certificate is approved by the Commission, with or without modification.  
17 Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in-service within  
18 this ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time period, AEPCO  
19 may request that the Commission extend the time limitation. [CEC 196]

20 2. In the event the Project requires an extension of the term(s) of this  
21 Certificate prior to completion of construction, the Applicant shall file such time  
22 extension request at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of  
23 the Certificate. The Applicant shall use reasonable means to promptly notify the Board  
24 of Supervisors of Pima County, Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD"), ~~the Boards~~  
25 ~~of Supervisors of Pima County and Pinal County~~, and all cities and towns within a five  
26 (5) mile radius of the Project and all landowners and residents within a five (5) mile  
27 radius of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding who  
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1 provided a mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding. The notification  
2 provided will include the request and the date, time, and place of the hearing or open  
3 meetings during which the Commission will consider the request for extension.  
4 Notification shall be no more than three (3) business days after the Applicant is made  
5 aware of the hearing date or the open meeting date. [CEC 196]

6 3. During the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and  
7 reclamation of the Project, the Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable air  
8 and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable  
9 statutes, ordinances, master plans, and regulations of any governmental entity having  
10 jurisdiction over the Project including, but not limited to, the United States of America,  
11 the State of Arizona, Pima County, ~~Pinal County~~, and their agencies or subdivisions  
12 including, but not limited to, the following:

- 13 a. All applicable land use regulations;
- 14 b. All applicable zoning stipulations and conditions including, but not  
15 limited to, landscaping and dust control requirements;
- 16 c. All applicable water use, discharge and/or disposal requirements of  
17 the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona  
18 Department of Environmental Quality;
- 19 d. All applicable noise control standards; and
- 20 e. All applicable regulations governing storage and handling of  
21 hazardous chemicals and petroleum products. [CEC 196]

22 4. The Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits necessary to  
23 construct, own, operate, and maintain the Project required by any governmental entity  
24 having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State,  
25 Pima County, ~~Pinal County~~, and their agencies and subdivisions. [CEC 196]

26 5. The Applicant shall comply with the Arizona Game and Fish Department  
27 (“AGFD”) guidelines for handling protected animal species, should any be encountered  
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1 during construction and operation of the Project, and shall consult with AGFD or U.S.  
2 Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, on other issues concerning wildlife. [CEC  
3 196]

4 6. The Applicant shall design the Project to incorporate reasonable measures  
5 to minimize electrocution of and impacts to avian species in accordance with the  
6 Applicant's avian protection program. Such measures will be accomplished through  
7 incorporation of Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines set forth in the  
8 current versions of *Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines and*  
9 *Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines manuals*. [CEC 196]

10 7. The Applicant shall consult the State Historic Preservation Office  
11 ("SHPO") with respect to cultural resources. If any archaeological, paleontological, or  
12 historical site or a significant cultural object is discovered on state, county or municipal  
13 land during the construction or operation of the Project, the Applicant or its  
14 representative in charge shall promptly report the discovery to the Director of the  
15 Arizona State Museum ("ASM"), and in consultation with the Director, shall  
16 immediately take all reasonable steps to secure and maintain the preservation of the  
17 discovery as required by A.R.S. § 41-844. [CEC 196]

18 8. The Applicant shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of  
19 the Arizona Native Plant Law (A.R.S. §§ 3-901 *et seq.*) and shall, to the extent feasible,  
20 minimize the destruction of native plants during the construction and operation of the  
21 Project. [CEC 196]

22 9. The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to promptly investigate,  
23 identify and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio  
24 or television signals from operation of the Project addressed in this Certificate and  
25 where such interference is caused by the Project take reasonable measures to mitigate  
26 such interference. The Applicant shall maintain written records for a period of five (5)  
27 years of all complaints of radio or television interference attributable to operations,  
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1 together with the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints  
2 shall be recorded to include notation on the corrective action taken. Complaints not  
3 leading to a specific action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and  
4 explained. Upon request, the written records shall be provided to the Staff of the  
5 Commission. The Applicant shall respond to complaints and implement appropriate  
6 mitigation measures. In addition, the Project shall be evaluated on a regular basis so  
7 that damaged insulators or other line materials that could cause interference are repaired  
8 or replaced in a timely manner. [CEC 196]

9 10. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the  
10 course of any ground-disturbing activities related to the construction or maintenance of  
11 the Project, the Applicant shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify  
12 the Director of the ASM as required by A.R.S. § 41-865 for private land, or as required  
13 by A.R.S. § 41-844 for state, county, or municipal lands. [CEC 196]

14 11. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Commission's decision  
15 approving this Certificate, the Applicant shall post signs in or near public rights-of-  
16 way, to the extent authorized by law, reasonably adjacent to the Project giving notice  
17 of the Project. Such signage shall be no smaller than a roadway sign. The signs shall  
18 advise:

- 19 a. Future site of the Project;
- 20 b. A phone number and website for public information regarding the  
21 Project; and
- 22 c. Refer the Public to the Docket  
23 <https://edocket.azcc.gov/Search/Docket-Search>.

24 Such signs shall be inspected at least once annually and, if necessary, be repaired  
25 or replaced, and removed at the completion of construction.

26 The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to communicate the decision  
27 either approving or disapproving the Certificate in digital media. [CEC 196]  
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1           12. Upon the approval of this Certificate by the Committee, the Applicant  
2 shall provide cities and towns within five (5) miles of the Project, the Boards of  
3 Supervisors for Pima County~~and Pinal County~~, and known builders and developers  
4 who are building upon or developing land within one (1) mile of the centerline of the  
5 Project with a written description, including the approximate height and width  
6 measurements of all structure types, of the Project. The written description shall  
7 identify the location of the Project and contain a pictorial depiction of the facilities  
8 being constructed. The Applicant shall also encourage the developers and builders to  
9 include this information in their disclosure statements. Upon approval of this Certificate  
10 by the Commission, the Applicant may commence construction of the Project. [CEC  
11 196]

12           13. The Applicant shall use non-specular conductors and non-reflective  
13 surfaces for the transmission line structures on the Project. [CEC 196]

14           14. The Applicant shall be responsible for arranging that all field personnel  
15 involved in the Project receive training as to proper ingress, egress, and on-site working  
16 protocol for environmentally sensitive areas and activities. Contractors employing such  
17 field personnel shall maintain records documenting that the personnel have received  
18 such training. [CEC 196]

19           15. The Applicant shall follow the most current Western Electricity  
20 Coordinating Council ("WECC") and North American Electric Reliability Corporation  
21 ("NERC") planning standards, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory  
22 Commission ("FERC"), National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC") standards and  
23 Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") regulations. [CEC 196]

24           16. The Applicant shall participate in good faith in state and regional  
25 transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to the  
26 Project and to resolve transmission constraints in a timely manner. [CEC 196]  
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1           17. When Project facilities are located parallel to and within one hundred  
2 (100) feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline, the Applicant shall:

3           a. Ensure grounding and cathodic protection studies are performed to  
4 show that the Project's location parallel to and within one hundred  
5 (100) feet of such pipeline results in no material adverse impacts to  
6 the pipeline or to public safety when both the pipeline and the Project  
7 are in operation. The Applicant shall take appropriate steps to ensure  
8 that any material adverse impacts are mitigated. The Applicant shall  
9 provide to Staff of the Commission, and file with Docket Control, a  
10 copy of the studies performed and additional mitigation, if any, that  
11 was implemented as part of its annual compliance-certification letter;  
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13           b. Ensure that studies are performed simulating an outage of the Project  
14 that may be caused by the collocation of the Project parallel to and  
15 within one hundred (100) feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous  
16 liquid pipeline. The studies should either: (a) show that such simulated  
17 outage does not result in customer outages, or (b) include operating  
18 plans to minimize any resulting customer outages. The Applicant shall  
19 provide a copy of the study results to Staff of the Commission and file  
20 them with Docket Control as part of the Applicant's annual  
21 compliance certification letter. [CEC 196]

22           18. The Applicant shall submit a compliance certification letter annually,  
23 identifying progress made with respect to each condition contained in this Certificate,  
24 including which conditions have been met. The letter shall be submitted to  
25 Commission's Docket Control commencing on December 1, 2022. Attached to each  
26 certification letter shall be documentation explaining how compliance with each  
27 condition was achieved. Copies of each letter, along with the corresponding  
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1 documentation, shall be submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office. With  
2 respect to the Project, the requirement for the compliance letter shall expire on the date  
3 the Project is placed into operation. Notification of such filing with Docket Control  
4 shall be made to the Boards of Supervisors for Pima County ~~and Pinal County~~, all  
5 parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket.  
6 [CEC 196]

7 19. The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Certificate to the Boards of  
8 Supervisors for Pima County- and ASLD ~~and Pinal County~~. [CEC 196]

9 20. Any transfer or assignment of this Certificate shall require the assignee  
10 or successor to assume, in writing, all responsibilities of the Applicant listed in this  
11 Certificate and its conditions as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.08(A) and R14-3-213(F)  
12 of the Arizona Administrative Code. [CEC 196]

13 21. In the event the Applicant, its assignee, or successor, seeks to modify the  
14 Certificate terms at the Commission, it shall provide copies of such request to the  
15 Boards of Supervisors for Pima County ~~and Pinal County~~, all parties to this Docket,  
16 and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket. [CEC 196]

17 22. The Certificate Conditions shall be binding on the Applicant, its  
18 successors, assignee(s), and transferees and any affiliates, agents, or lessees of the  
19 Applicant who have a contractual relationship with the Applicant concerning the  
20 construction, operation, maintenance, or reclamation of the Project. The Applicant shall  
21 provide in any agreement(s) or lease(s) pertaining to the Project that the contracting  
22 parties and/or lessee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with the Conditions set forth  
23 herein, and the Applicant's responsibilities with respect to compliance with such  
24 Conditions shall not cease or be abated by reason of the fact that the Applicant is not in  
25 control of or responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project facilities. [CEC  
26 196]

1           23.    The Applicant shall provide the Commission Staff with copies of the  
2 interconnection agreement(s) it ultimately enters into with any transmission provider(s)  
3 in Arizona with whom it is interconnecting with thirty (30) days of execution of such  
4 agreement(s), with the summary thereof filed at Docket Control, prior to construction  
5 of such facilities. [CEC 196]

6                               **FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

7 This Certificate incorporates the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

8           1.    The Project aids the state and the southwest region of the United States  
9 in meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of renewable  
10 electric power.

11          2.    The Project aids the state, preserving a safe and reliable electric  
12 transmissions system.

13          3.    During the course of the hearing, the Committee considered evidence on  
14 the environmental compatibility of the Project as required by A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq.*

15          4.    The Project and the conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate  
16 effectively minimize the impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the  
17 state.

18          5.    The conditions placed on the Project of this Certificate resolve matters  
19 concerning balancing the need for the Project with its impact on the environment and  
20 ecology of the state arising during the course of the proceedings, and, as such, serve as  
21 finding and conclusions on such matters.

22          6.    The Project is in the public interest because the Project's contribution to  
23 meeting the need for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power  
24 outweighs the minimized impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the  
25 state.

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