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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SALT RIVER PROJECT)
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND)
POWER DISTRICT, IN CONFORMANCE)
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA)
REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360,)
et. seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF)
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY)
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A)
230kV TRANSMISSION LINE)
ORIGINATING AT THE DESERT BASIN)
GENERATING STATION IN CASA)
GRANDE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA)
AND TERMINATING AT A POINT ALONG)
CORNMAN ROAD WHERE THE LINE)
INTERSECTS WITH THE CERTIFICATED)
PINAL WEST-SOUTHEAST VALLEY/)
BROWNING LINE IN PINAL COUNTY.)

Docket No. L-00000B-07-0130-00132

Case No. 132

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the Application of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing the Desert Basin 230kV Power Line Project ("Project") in Pinal County, Arizona. The hearing will be held at The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend, Casa Grande, Arizona, 85222, beginning on April 16, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on April 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. The hearings will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Project and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites. The Project website is www.azpower.org. The ACC website is www.azcc.gov/utility/electric/linesiting-calendar.htm.

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Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each hearing day. Public comment also will be taken in a special evening session on April 16, 2007 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at The Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend, Casa Grande, Arizona 85222.

1 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area, proposed route and
2 proposed alternative route on a future date. The map and itinerary for the tour will be
3 available at the hearings and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may
4 follow the Committee in their own private vehicles. During any tour, the Committee will
5 not discuss or deliberate in any manner concerning the Application.

6 The Desert Basin 230kV Power Line Project consists of a new 230kV line
7 originating at the Desert Basin Generating Station (DBGS) and terminating at the future
8 Pinal South Substation. While the entire Project will be approximately 21 miles in
9 length, the Applicant is only seeking a CEC for the first six miles of the Project,
10 described below as the first component of the Project. The remainder of the Project was
11 authorized by the Commission in Case No. 126, Pinal West-Southeast Valley/Browning
12 500/230kV Project (Decision Nos. 68093 and 69183). Information on that project can be
13 found online at www.azpower.org. The Project consists of the following two
14 components:

- 15 • The first component of the Project is to construct approximately six miles of
16 new 230kV transmission line that will originate at the DBGS in Casa Grande,
17 Arizona and terminate at a point along Cornman Road where it will intersect
18 with the certificated Case No. 126 Pinal West-Southeast Valley/Browning
19 500/230kV Project (Decision Nos. 68093 and 69183).
- 20 • The second component of the Project utilizes the certificated Pinal West-
21 Southeast Valley/Browning 500/230kV Project route, where SRP will attach the
22 230kV circuit to the 500kV structures for approximately 15 miles to the Pinal
23 South Substation south of Coolidge, Arizona.

24 The transmission structures will average about 120 feet but will not exceed 199
25 feet in height and will occupy a right of way (ROW) width of 100 feet. The ROW may
26 be located within a 500 foot corridor centered on the alignment.

A narrative explanation and general location map of the Project study area,
Applicant's Preferred Alignment and Alternative Alignment are set forth below.

Preferred Alignment

Starting at the DBGS in Section 13, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, the Preferred
Alignment consists of two segments. The purpose of the two segments is to allow SRP to
utilize the existing double circuit structures along the east side of Burriss Road by
rerouting the APS Santa Rosa to DBGS line.

1 The initial segment of the Preferred Alignment leaves the DBGS and travels north
2 on the west side of Burris Road for 0.3 miles to Kortsen Road. The alignment turns west
3 on the south side of Kortsen Road along the northern portion of Frito Lay's property for
4 approximately 1 mile until it intersects the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) on the west
5 side of the Maricopa Gila Bend Highway. Here the line will connect with the existing
6 APS Desert Basin – Santa Rosa circuit. This segment of the Preferred Alignment is
7 required to relocate the APS Desert Basin – Santa Rosa circuit that would be removed
8 from the existing double-circuit structures that exit the plant to the south. These
structures currently support the Desert Basin – Santa Rosa and Desert Basin – Casa
Grande 230kV lines from the DBGS south along Burris Road to the UPRR. The
remaining Desert Basin - Casa Grande circuit would be moved to the west side of the
double-circuit structures.

9 The next segment of the Preferred Alignment leaves the DBGS going south for 0.5
10 miles along Burris Road to the intersection with the UPRR; and then travels southeast
11 parallel to the UPRR for 1.2 miles to the intersection with Thornton Road. This segment
12 will utilize the current east position on the existing double-circuit 230kV structures along
Burris Road.

13 At Thornton Road the Preferred Alignment turns south and follows Thornton Road
14 for 3.5 miles to Cornman Road, where it will intersect with the certificated Pinal West-
15 Southeast Valley/Browning 500/230kV line in Section 6, Township 7 South, Range 6
16 East. Along this segment, the Applicant would consolidate the new 230kV line with the
17 existing Western 115kV line on the east side of Thornton Road. The existing Western
115kV line would be removed and replaced with a double-circuit 230kV line on single
shaft steel poles. SRP's 230kV circuit would be on one side of the poles and Western's
230kV circuit would be on the other side.

18 **Alternative Alignment**

19 The Alternative Alignment would depart DBGS in Section 13, Township 6 South,
20 Range 5 East, and travel east along the northern border of the Abbott Laboratories
21 property for 0.6 miles. The Alternative Alignment would then turn south following the
Abbott Laboratories property line for 0.8 miles to the UPRR ROW.

22 From this point the Alternative Alignment continues southeast, paralleling the
23 UPRR for 1 mile, past Thornton Road to the mid-section line between Thornton Road
24 and the Chuichu Road alignment. The Alternative Alignment then turns due south for 3.2
25 miles and follows the mid-section line to Cornman Road where it would also intersect
26 with the certificated Pinal West-Southeast Valley/Browning 500/230kV line in Section 6,
Township 7 South, Range 6 East.

1 More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the preferred
2 and alternative alignments are available in the Application itself and on the Project
3 website. The Application, including detailed maps of the proposed Project, is on file with
4 the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
5 Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Copies of the Application also
6 are available for inspection at the following location:

7 Casa Grande Public Library
8 449 N. Dry Lake Street
9 Casa Grande, Arizona 85222
10 (520) 421-8710

11 Depending on the issues raised and the number of interveners appearing during the
12 hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the hearing to a
13 time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess.
14 These dates and places will be posted on the Project and ACC websites. At the discretion
15 of the Committee, such resumed hearing may be held at a date, time and place designated
16 by the Committee or its Chairman.

17 **NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN.**
18 **PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

19 Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the
20 proposed Project and desiring to become a party to the proceeding, shall, not less than ten
21 (10) days before the date set for hearing, file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona
22 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, a notice of
23 its intent to be a party.

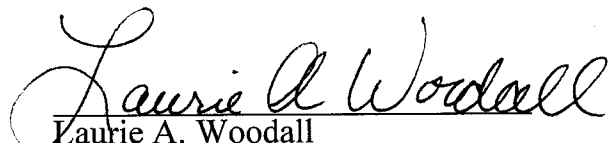
24 Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to
25 promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or
26 other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to
represent commercial and industrial groups or to promote the orderly development of the
area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become a party to the
certification proceeding, shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing,
file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party.

The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
persons parties to the proceedings.

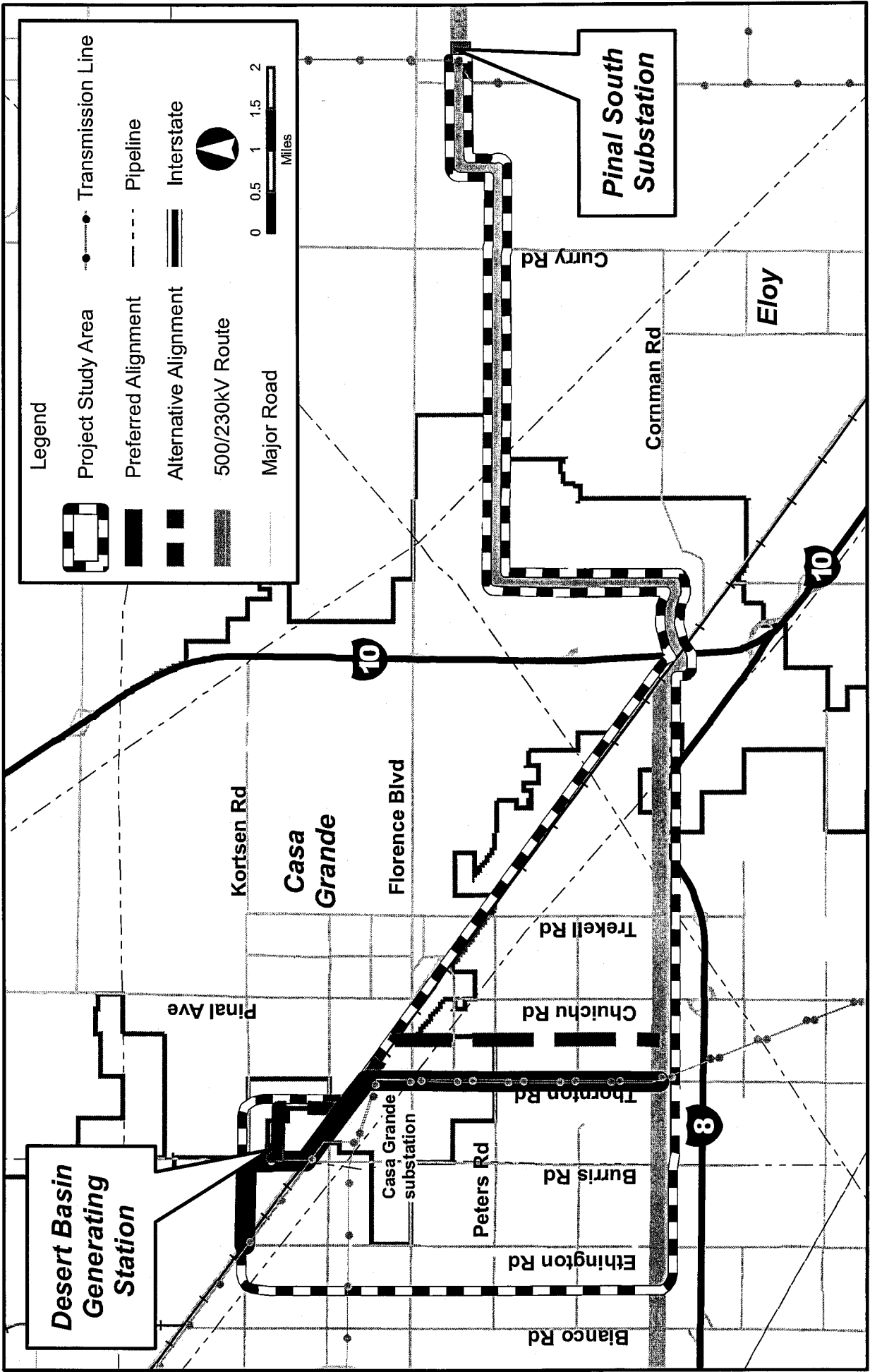
1 Any person may make a limited appearance at the hearing by filing a statement in
2 writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
3 Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for
4 hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to
5 present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

6 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to
7 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules (A.A.C.) R14-3-201 to R14-3-219.
8 This proceeding is also subject to the *ex parte* rules; A.A.C. R14-3-113 and R14-3-220.
9 No substantive communication relative to this proceeding not on the public record may
10 be made to a member of the Committee. The applicable Arizona Revised Statutes can be
11 obtained online at www.azleg.state.az.us/ArizonaRevisedStatutes.asp?Title=40. The
12 applicable Administrative Codes can be obtained at
13 http://www.azsos.gov/public_services/Title_14/14-03.htm and
14 <http://www.azsos.gov/aar/2006/45/final.pdf>. The written decision of the Committee shall
15 be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07.
16 Any person intending to be a party before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be
17 a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

18 ORDERED this 2nd day of March, 2007.

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Chairman, Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee

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Legend

- Project Study Area
- Preferred Alignment
- Alternative Alignment
- 500/230kV Route
- Major Road
- Transmission Line
- Pipeline
- Interstate

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**Desert Basin
Generating
Station**

**Pinal South
Substation**

Casa Grande

Eloy

Pinal Ave

Kortsen Rd

Florence Blvd

Trekell Rd

Chuihu Rd

Thornton Rd

Burris Rd

Ethington Rd

Bianco Rd

Casa Grande
substation

Peters Rd

Cornman Rd

Curry Rd

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