

**PV-PW and PW to SEV/BOB PROJECTS**  
**ROUTING ALTERNATIVES**  
**OPEN HOUSE SERIES SUMMARY – PHASE III**

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March 11, 2003

The PV-PW and PW-SEV/BOB Projects are composed of new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines that will serve Pinal and Maricopa Counties. The Projects involve transporting power from the area near Palo Verde Generating Station to a new substation in western Pinal County (PW) and to a new substation located in northern Pinal County (SEV). The existing Browning to Silver King 500 kV line will then be looped into the northern Pinal substation (SEV). In addition, a new double circuit 230 kV line will be sited from the new SEV substation to a new 230 kV substation (RS19) and on to the Browning substation in east Mesa. The Projects are jointly planned by SRP, Arizona Public Service, Tucson Electric Power, and Santa Cruz Water and Power Districts Association. The Projects are managed by SRP.

The Open House sites were divided into several stations, each with specific information including: Need and Benefit (summary of Phase I OH), Opportunities, Sensitive and Avoidance areas (summary of Phase II OH), Geographical Information System (GIS), Routing and Alternatives (Phase III), and Electrical Information.

In addition to informational stations, one station held an exercise to obtain additional public input. This exercise was completed using color-coded routing alternatives tables referred to as "Families of Alternatives", and each person could provide specific comments on line segment alternatives.

Additionally, there was a more traditional station to provide verbal and written comments. A GIS station was available, which included the May 2002 aerial photography of the Project study area with the digital Arc View data coverage(s) for attendees to view and provide their comments. The following summarizes the comments received at the Open Houses:

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**Casa Grande Open House Summary**  
**Casa Grande High School**  
**December 9, 2002 – 4:00 to 7:00pm**

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**No. of Attendees – 148**

**Comment Forms** *27 Forms: Received at Open House*

- 6 stated they oppose the Project and any alternatives
- 20 commented on a specific alternative preference
  - 17 prefer the southern route, either I-8 corridor or further south, with 2 wanting south of the Casa Grande Mountains and 1 preferring either an extreme southern route, or an extreme northern route
  - 1 identified the schools and burial grounds as a sensitivity
  - 1 identified concerns to a route passing along the west side of Signal Peak bordering the Indian Reservation
  - 1 requested the project participants ask the GRIC for "rights to place the line on their land"
- 1 stated that "the maps are very nice – great job"

**Alternative Segment Forms:** *23 Forms: Received at Open House*

- 2 were turned in on the Silver King Loop segment (bright blue paper)
  - Both prefer segment N19 – N89
- 10 were for the Southern Family of alternatives
  - 5 prefer segment N28 – N73 (north of I-8)
  - 5 prefer segment N93 – N52, N52 – N53, N53 – N28 (I-8 corridor)
- 11 were for the Northern Family of alternatives
  - 6 prefer segment N127 – N137 (pipeline)
  - 2 oppose segments N109 – N47, N47 – N48, N101 – N77 (support only I-8 southern route)
  - 2 oppose segment N127 – N137 (pipeline)
  - 1 opposes segment N101 – N77 (McCartney Rd)



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**Coolidge Open House Summary**  
**Coolidge School Cafeteria**  
**December 10, 2002 – 4:00 to 7:00pm**

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**No. of Attendees - 58**

**Comment Forms** 12 Forms & 1 Petition/Letter: Received at Open House

- 8 prefer route north from Hohokam Canal along the RR line to Barlett Road (N56), east to (N80), then North into the Valley
- 1 commented on a specific alternative preference involving the Coolidge Airport area (3 pages)
- 1 opposes the alternative route that runs along the RR in Coolidge
- 2 commented on a specific alternative preference
  - 1 existing corridors for use which does not affect property owners
  - 1 identified the Signal Peak route, as it least hinders Coolidge's growth
- 1 petition/letter opposing the lines through Coolidge, or vicinity, was signed by ten (10) residents

**Alternative Segment Forms:** 3 Forms

- 3 were turned in on the Northeastern Family of Alternatives (purple paper)
  - 1 prefers the N82 – N85 – N44 (CAP Canal NW of Florence Gardens) route
  - 1 prefers the N38 – N80, N80 – N36, N36 – N61 (Levee W of F.C.G. Canal) route
  - 1 commented on being opposed to any alternative that would put the line through Coolidge, especially along the railroad

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**Queen Creek Open House Summary**  
**Queen Creek High School**  
**December 11, 2002 – 4:00 to 7:00pm**

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**No. of Attendees - 25**

**Comment Forms:** 7 Forms: Received at Open House

- 2 prefer that the 230kV lines in the Queen Creek area run along RS19 and the CAP canal which is away from current sensitive area
- 1 has concerns regarding the 230kV line running over or near new developments
- 1 opposes N89, as it crosses one of his grazing leases in the center, but both N88 and N87 are acceptable
- 1 does not want the line to run near his home
- 1 just wanted to be kept informed via mailing list
- 1 prefers N87-N86, and opposes N89-N19

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**Maricopa Open House Summary**  
**Maricopa School Cafeteria**  
**December 12, 2002 – 4:00 to 7:00pm**

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**No. of Attendees - 22**

**Comment Forms:** 2 Forms: Received at Open House

- 1 prefers the southern route: MSIDD canal to CAIDD canal to UPRR north
- 1 prefers the following route choices due to his property placement: along the MSIDD canal to I-8 for the 500 kV and the 230 kV line from I-8 north to Maricopa along White and Parker Roads. Also prefers the use of a double circuit structure that can house both the 500 kV and 230 kV lines



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**Arlington Open House Summary**  
**Arlington School Cafeteria**  
**December 16, 2002 – 4:00 to 7:00pm**

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**No. of Attendees - 1**  
**Comment Forms: 0 Forms**

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**Comment Forms Received by Mail**  
**December – February**

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**Comment Forms: 71 Comment forms have been received to date**

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**General Comments**

- 6 wanted to be kept informed via mailing list
- 9 identified they did not want the line on their property
- 1 opposes the line running near any development or future development site, and wanted to know if the line had truly not been sited yet
- 1 opposes all routes, and suggested that the line be run through Mesa or Ahwatukee
- 2 are concerned in regards to possible health risks and oppose any lines
- 1 complimented the project team for being positive and stated that all questions were answered completely
- 3 stated their distaste for the project team and the public process
- 1 opposes any Pinal County siting, as not convinced of any benefit to Pinal County
- 1 stated that the line was only being proposed in Pinal County because they are rural in nature and the east valley of Maricopa County has too much money and power for the line to go there
- 6 oppose the lines running through or around Casa Grande in any way
- 1 sent an article to the Casa Grande Dispatch, calling the Project a “sham”. The comment form attached reiterated much of the article’s points, stating SRP is “carrying a flag for APS, as APS did for SRP”. Also asks for explanation as to how these lines would benefit Casa Grande

Comments by Family of Alternative:

Western FOA:

- 5 prefer the following: N4-N50, N50-N12, and the use of only delta pole structures, not lattice towers

Eastern FOA:

- 1 opposes to N38-N80, as there is a concern relating to Military Parachute Training (Coolidge Municipal Airport)
- 1 prefers the CAP canal for the northern route
- 2 oppose all lines running along the railroad tracks in Coolidge
- 1 prefers Signal Peak Road, and completely opposes line running anywhere through Coolidge

Northern FOA:

- 3 prefer the following: N127-N137/(Southern FOA) N13-N24, N24-N26, N26-N51, N51-N54, N54-N27 and oppose the following: N109-N47, N47-N48 & N101-N77, N77-N47
- 1 prefers the northern route along the boundary of the Gila River Indian Community, around Casa Grande



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Southern FOA:

- 23 prefer the I-8 southern route, around Casa Grande
- 1 prefers that a route be devised south of I-8, or along existing northern aqua ducts (near I-10)

Silver King Loop FOA:

- 1 stated that due to a purchase and intent to develop 560 acres, that N19-N89 is preferred, where as N86-N87 and N86-N88 are thoroughly opposed

**Total Forms Received in Third Phase: 146 total forms have been received to date**

