



## P I N A L ♦ C O U N T Y

*Wide open opportunity*

May 12, 2008

Dear Homeowner/Landowner:

On April 4, 2008 the Salt River Agricultural Improvement and Power District (“SRP”) filed a motion with the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) requesting that the ACC amend a 2005 ACC decision for the limited purpose of widening an electric transmission line corridor which the ACC previously approved for SRP. The current corridor width is 1,000 feet, and SRP has requested that it be widened to 3,140 feet. The proposed widening would occur in the same area that Arizona Public Service Company (“APS”) recently received authorization from the ACC to construct its Sundance-Pinal South 230 kV transmission line. It is possible that APS’ and SRP’s lines would be located parallel to one another somewhere between the southern boundary of the Pinal County Fairgrounds and Earley Road. The precise location in that area may be influenced by public comments received by the ACC, APS and SRP. The requested area is indicated on the map attached as Appendix “A”.

In an April 8, 2008 filing with the ACC, Pinal County indicated its support for the corridor widening proposed by SRP. On April 24, 2008, the ACC agreed to consider SRP’s request and instructed its Hearing Division to schedule a public hearing for that purpose.

Pinal County supports SRP’s request, because it would enable SRP to design and locate its Pinal West -Southeast Valley/Browning 500/230 kV transmission line so as to avoid crossing the Pinal County Fairgrounds. Under the corridor width currently approved for SRP, the new electric transmission line would be constructed through the middle of the Fairgrounds (in a West to East direction), and would substantially and adversely impact many of the activities which occur on the Fairgrounds throughout the year, and the thousands of Pinal County residents and visitors who attend and participate in those activities. This potential impact is illustrated by Appendix “B,” which shows (i) SRP’s current 1,000 feet corridor in blue, (ii) the areas of the Fairgrounds used for various activities in yellow, and (iii) photographs of typical attendance at such activities.

Attached as Appendix “C” is a simulation of how the SRP and APS transmission lines would appear, as viewed from south of Earley Road, if they were located adjacent to Earley Road. Attached as Appendix “D” is a simulation of how the lines would appear from the same viewpoint, if located in the area immediately south of the Fairgrounds, which is the alignment, preferred by Pinal County.

On behalf of Pinal County, I would like to invite you to a public Open House which will be held at the Pinal County Fairgrounds on **May 20, 2008 beginning at 7:00 p.m.** At that time you can learn more about the proposed corridor widening and share your views. In addition, there will be a public evidentiary hearing before the ACC on **May 30, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** at 1200 West Washington, Hearing Room 1, Phoenix, Arizona. The Commission will subsequently vote on the matter at an Open Meeting to be determined, which may be scheduled for the time and place of the evidentiary hearing. In such event, the Commissioners may vote on the matter at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact me at (520) 866-6221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manuel T. González". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Manuel T. González  
Assistant County Manager

Attachments