

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY BY SALT RIVER PROJECT
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER
DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 500KV AND
230KV ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECT LOCATED
IN PINAL AND MARICOPA COUNTIES,
DOCKET NUMBER L00000B-04-0126**

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, on behalf of itself and Arizona Public Service Company, Tucson Electric Power Company, Southwest Transmission Cooperatives, Inc. and Santa Cruz Water and Power Districts Association, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the Pinal West to Southeast Valley/Browning Electric Transmission Project (“Project”) in Maricopa and Pinal County, Arizona. The hearing will be held at the Casa Grande Holiday Inn, 777 N. Pinal Avenue, Casa Grande, Arizona, beginning on November 29, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on November 30, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will resume on December 16, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. at the Casa Grande Holiday Inn and continue on December 17, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. The hearings will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed in the Project website and the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) website. **The Project website is <http://www.azpower.org>. The ACC website is www.cc.state.az.us/utility/electric/linesiting-calendar.htm.**

Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each hearing day. Public comment will also be taken in special evening sessions. The first evening session, will be held on December 16, 2004 at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande beginning at 6:30 p.m. Additional special evening sessions will be scheduled at a later time. The location, date and time of these sessions will be determined later. When this information is available, it will be published on the Project and ACC websites.

The Committee may conduct tours of the project area, proposed route and any route alternatives. When they become available the time and itinerary for the tours will be available at the hearings and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles. During any tour, the Committee will not discuss or deliberate in any manner concerning the Application.

Generally the Project will be located in Pinal and Maricopa Counties and will consist of 500kV transmission lines with 230kV circuits in certain segments, plus associated new electric substations. The transmission lines will begin at the recently permitted Pinal West substation in Western Pinal County, and will end at the existing Browning Substation in East Mesa. Transmission structures will be up to 190 feet in height and will occupy a right of way width between 160 and 260 feet. Transmission structures may be located within a half-mile corridor from the centerline of the various alignments.

The Application sets forth preferred and alternative alignments. The Preferred Alignment extends south from the Pinal West Substation located in Section 18, T5S, R2E near the Maricopa and Pinal County line, along the TEP Westwing – South 345 kV line to Papago Road. The alignment extends east, adjacent to and paralleling Papago Road, until intersecting with Table Top Road. The alignment then parallels Table Top Road south to Mayer Boulevard. The alignment extends east along Mayer Boulevard to Harvest Hills Trail. The alignment then parallels Harvest Hills Road until its convergence with the EPNG corridor. The alignment continues southeast along the EPNG corridor to the Santa Rosa Canal. The alignment then parallels the Santa Rosa Canal until its intersection with Teel Road. The alignment extends east,

paralleling Teel Road and portions of the APS Certificated Gila Bend – Santa Rosa 230 kV corridor, until interconnecting with the existing Santa Rosa Substation located in Section 30, T5S, R4E. The Preferred Alignment then extends east, paralleling the existing APS and Western 230 kV transmission line corridor until it intersects with the Santa Rosa Wash flood control channel. The Preferred Alignment extends south, paralleling the Santa Rosa Wash until its intersection with the I-8 corridor.

The Preferred Alignment continues east along the north side of the I-8 corridor in the southern Pinal County area until extending north along Sunland Gin Road, after crossing I-10. The Preferred Alignment parallels Sunland Gin Road until its intersection with Earley Road, where the Preferred Alignment then extends east to Curry Road. At Curry Road, the Preferred Alignment loops into the potential Pinal South Substation (a new substation to be located on approximately 50 acres of private land in Section 30, T6S, R8E) by proceeding east along Earley Road to Tweedy Road, extending north to the midsection, and then east to the area adjacent to the existing ED2 Substation. This portion of the Preferred Alignment will require two sets of single circuit 500 kV structures to complete the loop. Upon converging with Curry Road, the Preferred Alignment extends north until it reaches the EPNG corridor just south and west of the Sundance Generating Station (Sundance). It extends east, paralleling the EPNG corridor, and then north, just west of Sundance, paralleling the existing Western Sundance – Coolidge transmission line corridor to HWY 87. The Preferred Alignment proceeds north for approximately one mile until extending east, paralleling a section line, portions of the GRIC boundary, and an existing Western 115 kV transmission line to Christensen/Sierra Vista Road.

The Preferred Alignment then extends north along Christensen/Sierra Vista Road until its intersection with the UPRR. The Preferred Alignment parallels the UPRR until it converges with the Magma Railroad. It then extends northeast, paralleling the Magma Railroad to the SEV Substation. From the SEV substation, the Preferred Alignment extends in a northwestern direction, paralleling the CAP canal until its intersection with the existing Silver King to Browning 500 kV transmission line (Silver King – Browning 500 kV line). Along this segment Applicant proposes a new substation, RS19 (to be located on approximately 20 acres of private land in Sections 3, 4, or 10, T2S, R8E). The Preferred Alignment then parallels the existing Silver King – Browning 500 kV line until terminating at the Browning Substation.

The Application also sets for a number of alternative alignments, as described more fully in the Application. A general location map of the Project study area, Applicant's preferred alignment and alternative alignments are set forth below.

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

City of Casa Grande Public Library - 449 N. Dry Lake, Casa Grande
City of Coolidge Public Library - 160 W. Central Avenue, Coolidge
City of Maricopa Public Library - 44240 W. Maricopa, Maricopa
City of Eloy Public Library - 100 East Seventh Street, Eloy
City of Queen Creek Public Library - 22407 S. Ellsworth Road, Queen Creek
City of Apache Junction Public Library - 1177 North Idaho Road, Apache Junction
City of Mesa Public Library - 64 East First Street, Mesa
City of Florence Public Library - 1000 South Willow Street, Florence

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

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

Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed Project and desiring to become a party to the 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.

Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or 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.

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

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. The written decision of the Committee shall be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

October 15, 2004

Laurie A. Woodall
Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee