

DOCKETED



0000000673

JUL 28 2000

BEFORE THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

DOCKETED BY

[Handwritten signature]

JUL 28 4 32 PM '00

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DINE POWER AUTHORITY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR THE NON-RESERVATION PORTIONS OF THE NAVAJO TRANSMISSION PROJECT.

CASE NO. 103

DOCKET NO.: L-00000U-00-0103

STAFF'S COMMENTS

Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Staff") hereby submits its comments on the application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") filed by Diné Power Authority ("DPA").

Staff recognizes the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation, but at the same time Staff has concerns whether DPA has yet acquired the expertise and experience necessary to operate and maintain the proposed project. Staff believes that DPA's joining the following organizations or teaming with a member of the following organizations would aid DPA in gaining the expertise and experience necessary to operate and maintain the proposed project.

- Western Systems Coordinating Council, or its successor;
- Desert Star, or another Independent Scheduling Operator or Regional Transmission Operator;
- Arizona Independent Scheduling Administrator or its successor.

In addition, DPA should perform Interconnection Studies, for the time period the line is to become operational, 12 months prior to constructing the proposed project. These Interconnection Studies should be done at all points where the project plans to interconnect with other electrical systems.

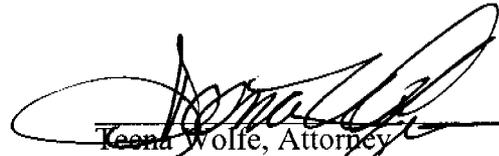
Staff does not intend to call any witnesses or submit any exhibits for consideration at the hearing on DPA's application. Staff does, however, reserve the right to cross-examine witnesses at that proceeding.

....

....

....

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of July, 2000



Teona Wolfe, Attorney
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007
Telephone: (602) 542-3402
Facsimile: (602) 542-4870
e-mail: TWOLFE@CC.STATE.AZ.US

Pursuant to R14-3-204
The ORIGINAL and
Twenty-five copies were
Filed this 28th day of
July, 2000 with:

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

COPY of the foregoing
faxed and mailed this
28th day of July, 2000 to:

Michael M. Grant, Esq.
Gallagher and Kennedy, P.A.
2575 East Camelback Road
Phoenix, Arizona 85016-9225

By: 