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To Whom It May Concern:

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We write this letter as concerned landowners with questions we need to have answered and we request your help in this matter. We live in Hidden Valley (Allegro & Fulcar, Section 17). This area is outside of Maricopa and close to El Paso Natural Gas pipelines (in Sections 17 through Section 27). Salt River Project (SRP) is proposing to install a 500kV power line (alternate route), one of the largest in Arizona, along side of the gas line that runs through our valley.

At the SRP Open House on July 29th, 2004, we were told that El Paso Natural Gas has no problem with this and is in agreement with SRP's proposal. We find this hard to believe because everyone knows that gas and electricity do not mix! The gas lines are 60-plus years old, corroded, and known to develop leaks. Also the equipment and construction necessary to erect these enormous power lines will probably cause many unforeseen problems. It has been proven that the high voltage power lines are detrimental to the health of livestock and humans. We do not feel that placing high voltage electricity near old gas pipelines is the right thing to do for our community and for our country, as we are threatened every day by terrorists.

In addition to this, we have many other concerns, one of which is that we do not know what kind of impact a fractured 30-inch natural gas pipe with 500kV current next to it would have on our home and family. This is a big concern for us because we do not have any available fire department in our area. We do have severe electrical storms several times a year and have had to watch a neighbor's home burn down to the ground because of this problem. If SRP continues with their preferred or alternate routes we will be further threatened by the 500kV power line towers and the dangers that they bring with them while we are defenseless against disaster. Either of these routes will also significantly decrease our property's value.

We are asking you to reconsider SRP's current proposed routes. We have personally surveyed the area and find that their preferred route in our area, on Table Top Rd. south the Mayer Blvd., is still going to be too close to the gas pipeline and it is not necessary! Our suggestion would be to go from the Pinal West Substation and follow the existing 345 kV power lines that are on the certified utility corridor near the Haley Hills on BLM land, then continue south to Barnes Rd. and the certified utility corridor there, then head east on that utility corridor to the Santa Rosa Station. This route would eliminate potential future danger that the current proposed routes threaten us with!

It seems absurd and unnecessary for SRP to be allowed to use either of the proposed preferred or alternate routes when there is a much less dangerous alternative that SRP has not even explored. We have personally conversed with a representative of the Bureau of Land Management and have been assured that BLM has never been contacted about SRP using the existing corridor on BLM land, and they wondered why. So do we. We find this difficult to understand when future potential danger could be eliminated by using the existing utilities corridor on BLM land.

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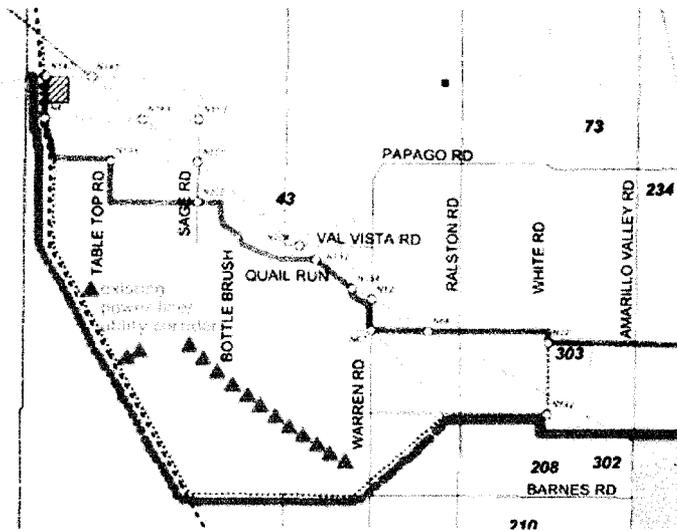
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To: Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

We are homeowners in the area affected by SRP's application for the Pinal West to Southeast Valley / Browning Electric Transmission Project that your committee is reviewing for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility. I live in Hidden Valley, which has been targeted by SRP as an appropriate and desirable route for their power lines.

I do not believe that a route from the Pinal West Substation through Hidden Valley is a good route solution. It will adversely affect many homeowners' property values, destroy the beauty of Hidden Valley, and bring the danger of gas line explosions to the valley.

If this was the only route available to SRP, then I could understand and accept the proposed route. BUT, it is NOT the only available route. There is an existing power line corridor very close to SRP's proposed route that would not affect any homeowners. One that SRP refuses to address. Why? My proposed route is to go south from the Pinal West Substation on the Bureau of Land Management certified utility corridor that runs along the Haley Hills. There is already a 345 kV line there! Then travel east on another certified utility corridor on Barnes Rd. There are not nearly as many people living there as there are on the north side of the Haley Hills in Hidden Valley proper.



Please consider my proposed route and ask SRP why they have not included it in their route.

Thank you for consideration,

Denny and Mona Jones

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