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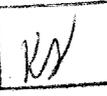
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Re: In the matter of Salt River Project *et al.*  
Docket No. L-00000B-04-0126  
(Case No. 126)

Dear Ms. Ryan:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are twenty-five (25) copies of a summary of the testimony of Gary Rich. Mr. Rich has previously been identified as a witness who will be called by Save Our Valley Association at the public hearings in the above-referenced matter which are scheduled to resume on January 7, 2005; and other materials pertaining to his testimony has previously been filed with Docket Control and provided to the parties of record.

Copies of the enclosed summary are being transmitted electronically today to all parties of record and to Chairman Woodall.

Please contact me in the even you should have any questions regarding the enclosed materials. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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**SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**  
**PINAL WEST TO SEV/BROWNING 500KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

**GARY RICH**

Mr. Rich holds an M.S.E. degree from the University of Santa Clara and a B.S.E.E. degree from Washington State University. His professional background includes approximately 40 years in the electric utility industry in the western United States. During that period of time, he was employed by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (1965-1993), PacificCorp (1993-1996) and Nevada Power Company (1997-2002). In addition, he has served as a consultant on matters pertaining to the electric utility industry. As indicated in the CV distributed to the parties in Case No. 126 on December 10, 2004, Mr. Rich has substantial experience in the design, construction and operation of electric transmission facilities, as well as permitting and contract administration activities associated with such facilities. On a number of occasions, he has served as Project Manager or Project Engineer.

Mr. Rich's testimony will include a description of the Transmission Routing Report he prepared for Save Our Valley Association ("SOVA") for presentation in Case No. 126. A copy of that report was served on the parties to Case No. 126 on December 10, 2004. In connection with his description, Mr. Rich will also testify as to the information he acquired and considered in arriving at the recommendations reflected in his report; and the basis for the conclusions he has reached as to both the alignment selected for the alternate transmission route proposed by SOVA and the multiple use of transmission corridors.

In addition, Mr. Rich's testimony will address several matters that Salt River Project ("SRP") witnesses testified upon at the December 16-17, 2004 hearings relating to electric system reliability. For example, Mr. Rich has personal knowledge and experience with regard to several of the "cascading" electric system failures alluded to by SRP's witnesses; and he will, among other things, testify as to the cause(s) of such failure(s) and subsequent facility(ies) upgrades undertaken in order to prevent or lessen the likelihood of future outages. A purpose of this part of his testimony will be to provide background and context for questions that may need to be resolved in Case No. 126.

The SRP witnesses also testified with regard to transmission corridor separation practices in the electric utility industry. Mr. Rich will provide testimony regarding the history and development of such practices, drawing upon his personal experience in that regard with 500 kV transmission lines.

Finally, Mr. Rich will describe how the application of accepted transmission corridor separation criteria is consistent with the alternate route proposed by SOVA. That description is generally as follows. The first line to be built in the TEP 345 kV corridor would be the SRP Pinal West – Santa Rosa 500 kV. This line would be located 130 feet east of the center line for the existing TEP West Wing –South 345 kV line. According to the Third Biennial Transmission Assessment there are two future alternative circuits proposed from Pinal West. One is a CATS proposed participation project from Pinal West to Saguaro with a tentative date of 2010 and the other is the TEP Pinal West – Tortolita 500 kV line for 2012. The Assessment indicates that only one of

these two lines will likely be built in the next ten years. For the purpose of maximizing the use of the existing TEP corridor Mr. Rich assumed that the next line to be built would be the TEP Pinal West – Tortolita 500 kV line. This line would be located in the vacant position in the existing TEP right of way 110 feet west of the existing TEP 345 kV line.

There is no indication in the Assessment if additional participants will commit to the CATS proposed alternative, the need for the future line, or when the line might be built. Assuming that sometime after 2014 that these issues have been resolved and the additional line is needed, Mr. Rich believes there is room in the existing one mile wide BLM corridor for this circuit. The future circuit could be located 2000 feet to the west of the existing TEP corridor.