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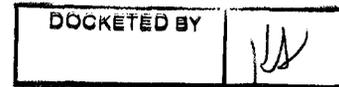
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Ms. Laurie Woodall  
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1275 West Washington  
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Subject: Arizona Public Service's (APS) West Valley-North Power Line and Substation Project

Dear Ms. Woodall:

The main purpose of Central Arizona Project (CAP) is to provide a reliable and cost effective means of delivering Colorado River water to central Arizona. CAP's aqueduct begins at Lake Havasu on the Colorado River and extends to a point just south of Tucson, Arizona. Water traversing the entire 335 miles is lifted, in total, almost 3,000 feet. To accomplish this, CAP has 15 pumping plants that require approximately 460 megawatts of capacity at peak.

In addition to the aqueduct, CAP includes significant generation and transmission assets. These assets include an interest in the Navajo Generating Station (NGS) near Page, Arizona and rights on the Navajo 500kV transmission facilities connecting the NGS to the Westwing substation in northwestern Phoenix and the McCullough substation in southern Nevada. Additional rights are held in 230-kV transmission lines from McCullough south along the Colorado River to Parker, Arizona and then east to the Liberty substation in southwestern Phoenix.

Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) operates and maintains the CAP. In this role, CAWCD became aware of the West Valley-North Project sponsored by APS. On December 10, 2003, I attended what was for CAWCD our first informational meeting concerning the West Valley-North Project. My colleagues and I continue to monitor this project for impacts on the operation and maintenance of the CAP. In particular, CAWCD is aware that APS' preferred system option crosses the CAP canal twice and further that the proposed TS5-10 is to lay just south of CAP's Hassayampa Pumping Plant.

CAWCD has no objections to placing the proposed 230-kV power line parallel to and north of the canal. If the preferred route of the West Valley-North Project is approved,

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CAWCD will work with APS regarding the two crossings of the canal, doing so under CAWCD's policies and procedures for clearance and easement.

CAWCD supports the proposed location of the TS5-10 substation. This support comes from CAWCD's desire to increase the electrical reliability of the CAP pumping plants. Presently, a 230-kV radial power line over six miles long serves the Hassayampa Pumping Plant. CAWCD has discussed informally with APS our intention to seek a 230-kV electrical interconnection at the proposed TS5-10 substation. CAWCD anticipates that such an interconnection would be less than one mile in length, thus enhancing reliability.

I hope this letter gives you an understanding of CAWCD's position regarding the West Valley-North Project. CAWCD will continue to monitor activities surrounding the West Valley-North Project including the upcoming activities before the Line Siting Committee. If I can be of assistance to you in elaborating CAWCD's views on this project, please let me know. I can be reached at (623) 869-2362.

Sincerely,



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