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Re: Case Number 126: No Line North of Casa Grande

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Dear Chairman Woodall and members of the Committee,

I am writing this letter on behalf of everyone with Diamond Ventures to express our strong opposition to the proposed power line route located in the northern portion of Casa Grande (Northern Alignment). We are the owners of two large development projects in the area and are surprised that SRP would consider running this huge power line through one of the most densely populated areas in all of Pinal County. We would ask that the Committee please step in and eliminate this potentially disastrous route.

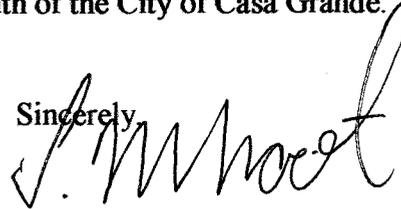
We are developing a 1700 acre master planned community known as Villago. Its western boundary is SR 387 (Pinal Avenue), northern boundary is Val Vista Road, eastern Boundary is approximately Peart Road and southern boundary is McCartney Road. The project is a joint venture involving Diamond Ventures Inc and Fulton Homes. We have three prominent home builders under contract to build homes in Villago and are under construction on the Phase I infrastructure that will serve the first 1000 homes and a Casa Grande K-8 school. We have been entitling and planning this project for the last two years and could not incorporate the presence of the power lines into this project without severe consequences.

We are also in the process of acquiring and entitling a 280 acre parcel known as Hacienda Del Sol. Its eastern boundary is SR 387, northern boundary is McCartney Road, and western boundary is one half mile west of Thornton Road. This land will be developed into an approximately 1000 lot community over the next five years.

This area is very family oriented, with schools and community parks. There are thousands of existing families that live within a quarter to a half a mile of the proposed Northern Alignment. This number will grow substantially in the very near future as the communities planned for this area are developed. Families should matter. It is difficult to believe that the routes being considered in the sparsely populated areas south of Casa Grande are not clearly more acceptable.

We thank each and every one of you for your consideration of these matters. This area is the residential heart of the City of Casa Grande and we ask that the Committee recognize this fact and consider only potential alignments south of the City of Casa Grande.

Sincerely,



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