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Arizona Corporation Commission  
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Dear Ms. Woodall:

I am writing in follow up to the testimony provided to your Committee on April 8 by Wayne Balmer on behalf of the City of Mesa.

The City of Mesa owns 11,600 acres located between Coolidge and Eloy, as shown in red on the attached map, Exhibit A. This property was purchased in the mid 1980's for its water rights, but we are now considering the possibility this land could be developed for urban uses in the future. As a result, Mesa is interested in the placement of the proposed 500kv line, and how it might affect the development potential of our property.

In reviewing the blue Preferred Alignment, we did not see any significant issues, in that the alignment had little effect on Mesa property. The green Eastern Alignment, however, would cross a significant number of Mesa properties and is of concern to us for that reason. Exhibit A-24 shows the location of the City of Mesa property in relation to the locations of both the Preferred and Eastern alignments.

The City of Mesa is not taking a position on which alignment is most appropriate, since we do not have access to all the testimony and data that has been presented to your Committee. We understand, however, that your Committee has the prerogative to designate the actual alignment for the new power lines to be within one-half mile of the location of the alignments shown in blue and green on the maps. This causes us concern. We ask that if the Eastern Alternative alignment is selected, the actual power line easement be located immediately east of the Union Pacific railroad right-of-way and immediately south of the Bartlett Road right-of-way. Placing the power line on the perimeter of the affected properties in this fashion would help minimize the effects of the power line on the development potential of the properties where the easement will be located. It also would allow the easement areas to be used as a utility corridor for water, sewer and telecommunications lines, as well as accommodate storm water retention from adjacent properties. Placing the new lines in the centers of these properties, however, would split the parcels and make future development of these areas more difficult.

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Thank you for considering Mesa's input in your line siting committee work. Should you have any questions about my comments, please feel free to contact my office at (480) 644-2388, or Wayne Balmer at (480) 644-2644.

Sincerely,

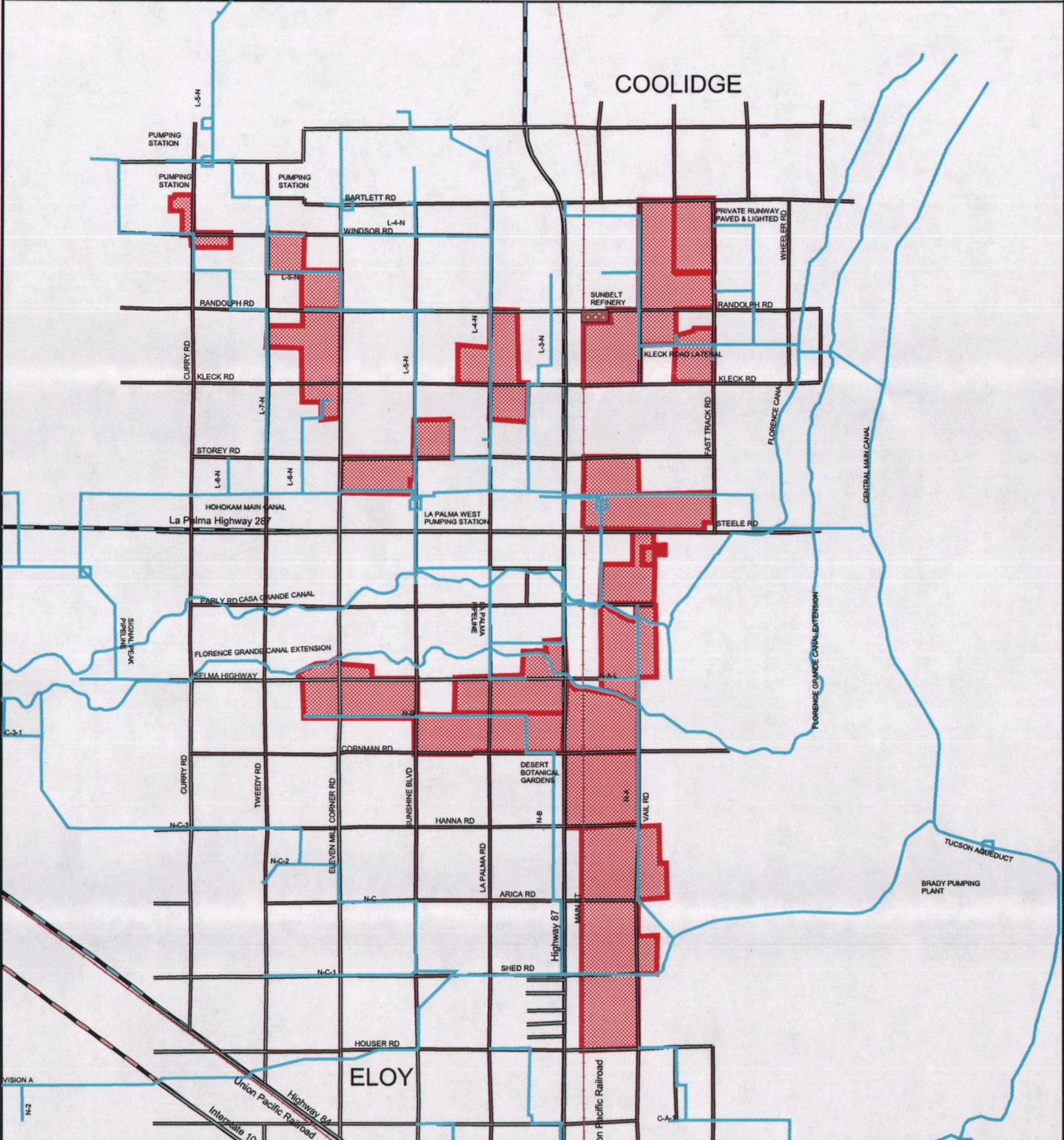
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Attachments

xc: Mike Hutchinson  
Wayne Balmer  
Doug Tessororf

# CITY OF MESA PINAL COUNTY FARMS



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- Roads**
- Dirt Roads
- Paved Roads
- Railroads
- Highways**
- Highway
- Interstate Highway
- Canals/Irrigation Systems**
- Canals/Irrigation

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EXHIBIT A-24

CITY OF MESA LAND HOLDINGS IN PINAL COUNTY

AREA C

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