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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND  
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ) Docket No. L-00000A-06-0295-00130  
COMPANY AND ITS ASSIGNEES IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS ) Case No. 130  
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTIONS )  
40-360.03 AND 40-360.06 FOR A CERTIFICATE )  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY )  
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A 500kV )  
ALTERNATING CURRENT TRANSMISSION )  
LINE AND RELATED FACILITIES IN )  
MARICOPA AND LA PAZ COUNTIES IN )  
ARIZONA ORIGINATING AT THE )  
HARQUAHALA GENERATING STATION )  
SWITCHYARD IN WESTERN MARICOPA )  
COUNTY AND TERMINATING AT THE )  
DEVERS SUBSTATION IN RIVERSIDE )  
COUNTY, CALIFORNIA )  
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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A PARTY**

Harquahala Valley Irrigation District ("District"), an irrigation district organized under the laws of the State of Arizona, and as such is a municipal corporation of the State (A.R.S. § 48-2901) and a political subdivision of the State of Arizona (Article 13 § 7, Constitution of Arizona), by and through its attorneys undersigned, hereby files this Notice of Intent To Be A Party pursuant to the provisions of A.R.S. § 40-360.05 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-204.

The District is an active irrigation district comprised of approximately 33,400 irrigated acres. It supplies irrigation water to these acres from the Central Arizona Project. These acres are productive agricultural lands located approximately 60 miles west of Phoenix. Its remoteness benefits its agricultural lands because there are no impediments to farming. Scenic views of the mountains surrounding the valley are breathtaking because of the clean air.

The District has an interest in these proceedings due to the inclusion of what is called the "Harquahala-West Sub Alternative Route" (page 3, lines 10-16, Notice of Hearing). The Applicant is seeking 1,000 foot wide corridor, which runs along what would be the Thomas Road extension through the District. This same route was applied for in 1978 when the DPV #1 500kV line was being proposed, a route that was not approved in 1978.

This route would transverse the District for nine miles, almost dividing it in half. It would parallel one of the District's laterals, then cross a lateral, it would cross a main canal, cross another lateral and a drainage channel. During this stretch all of the lands it would cross are farm lands. It would then continue another five and one-half miles passing through what are currently desert lands that have been subdivided into 40 acre parcels and sold under the name of Eagle Ranches. It would then cross the District's west canal, flood control dike and drainage channel.

This nine mile, 1,000 foot wide swath would destroy the rural atmosphere of the valley, impair visual impacts and destroy scenic quality, would remove crop land from production; interfere with tilling and irrigation practices, cause interference with crop dusting and defoliating operations; adversely impact endangered species and other wildlife; and, would devalue the land in the District.

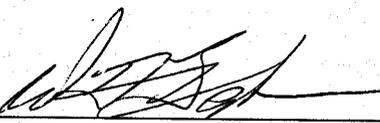
While this sub-alternative route is shorter than the preferred route, it undoubtedly would cost more due to land acquisition costs. Further, in order to cross the District, the Applicant would need to get a license from the District for which it has not applied. A license for a permanent 500kV line

adversely impacting agricultural and District operations would be very expensive considering the permanency of the power line.

The District supports the proposed route utilizing mainly the existing DPV #1 right-of-way. The District board is well aware of the existence of the Harquahala Generation Station and its operating problems and believes that this Generation Station would greatly benefit from the construction of this line thereby provide an economic benefit to the local community while not impairing the scenic beauty of this remote and secluded valley.

Respectfully submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2006.

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25 copies of this Notice of Intent have been filed with the Director of Utilities, the Arizona Corporation Commission This 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2006.

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