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Dear Commissioners:

I am asking that the Arizona Corporation Commission reject the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Devers-Palo Verde No. 2 Transmission Line (DPV2). This line should not be built.

This proposed project is planned to cross through a National Wildlife Refuge, a place that was recognized back in 1939 as a special place for desert big horn sheep and desert tortoises. For nearly 70 years this has been a recognized national treasure, this should not be the commission that would have the dubious distinction for destroying this unique area of Arizona so that California can have more electricity.

The final environmental impact report clearly states that "impacts to the KOFA NWR will significant and unmitigable" The project will cause "irreparable and unmitigable" impacts to the refuge, in terms of wildlife, recreation, and visual impact. The Environmental impact report and the manager of the wildlife refuge both concur. With all due respect to your positions, the Report and the KOFA manager are much closer to the project and have more scientific background to make these statements than the Commission. These should provide the main basis for your rejection of the DPV2 Project.

The Governor's of Arizona and California have signed an agreement to develop and use more renewable energy. Southern California Edison (SCE) should use the money they would have spent on transmission lines to build renewable energy generation facilities. SCE is getting around this issue by building a transmission line out of their area. Any "green" affect they think they are saving is being wasted due to line losses transporting electricity. Put the generating facilities in their backyard, close to where it is going to be used and where line loss will not be significant.

If DPV2 was to be installed, Arizona electrical users would be paying higher rates for their electricity. The Commission should not allow a project that will increase Arizona rate payers utility prices. If the line is installed, Arizona suppliers will be under contract to supply power to SCE at a contractual quantity and price. At the rate the metropolitan Phoenix area is growing, the derating of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station and the increasing down time due to maintenance issues at Palo Verde, the metro area will need to import more expensive electricity in the very near future. This will make our rates go up.

California has gotten by very well without this line for over 25 years. Arizona will be sacrificing its wildlife, environment, scenic views, and pocket books. Nothing in Arizona benefits from the DPV2 project, I strongly urge the Commission to reject the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and to strike this project from any further consideration.

Thank you for considering my comments.
Respectfully submitted,

Lon Stewart

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