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Dear Commissioners,

There is a big and simple problem with the proposed power line across west central Arizona: permitting its construction costs the State one of our most marketable and popular historic recourses. The loss is irretrievable (as evidenced by the existing Deeves California line) and very difficult to quantify, but as Arizonans you must certainly appreciate the number of people who visit here each year owing only to their image of the State as the home of saguaros amid vast virgin vistas.

Certainly most of the State is already compromised so far as distant unspoiled views is concerned, and New Mexico now has us seriously beat in that regard, but we still have the draw for it, and they don't, since ours is the unique Sonoran desert - an image known worldwide. As an amateur historian and Arizona resident/traveler for half a century I know with certainty that the only remaining place which we have to publicly offer The quintessential Fantasy Arizona in fact is the KofA and associated western deserts eastward to just beyond the Eagletails, where development begins. South of I-8 (and west of 95) is [all military and] not at all available to the public and north of I-10 is not Sonoran. This is it. All of it.

To build a powerline through such rare resource as a commercial endeavor alone is not only unfair to residents who value the viewscape as it was, even if they can't voice why, but an outright theft of the Concept of Arizona Scenery from all who might realize their dream to see it, to visit, to fall in love, to stay. When there's nothing left to see but the power lines and sprawl we have left nothing well known to sell but the heat itself. That's hard to market.

The genuinely sad thing about a high-tension line is that it affects the appearance of the landscape all the way to the curve of the horizon, not just locally. Yet the rights, and the commercial stuff you folks debate assume its right here, or there, and not 75 miles away - in every direction. And so, oddly, it comes to we who know what the State truly IS, counting on you to appreciate our tools, and make the decision to preserve Arizona's ability to deliver Arizona. Now, perhaps, delivering Arizona intact is within the realm of The Commission's edict. In a time unique, where so little vast expanse remains in the very place where folks the world over dream they can see it, it is difficult for me to believe our team - those most aware - would knowingly approve its demise.

Thanks so much for listening to my concerns, Best Regards, Alan Cowan Native, Tucson

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