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RE: STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF GILA BEND POWER PARTNERS, L.L.C.'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND EXPIRATION DATE THREE YEARS FOR CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY GRANTED IN DOCKET NO. L-00000V-02-0119, Case No. 119, DECISION NO. 65866.

On January 18, 2008, Gila Bend Power Partners, L.L.C. ("GBPP") applied for a time extension of a 500 kV transmission line Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") granted in Decision No. 65866. GBPP requests that the expiration date of this CEC be extended to April 11, 2011.

GBPP's request for this extension is based on its intention to match the construction of this line from the 500 kV Hassayampa Switchyard to the 500 kV Jojoba Switchyard along with the dates of construction of the GBPP Power Plant (Case No. 106; CEC granted under Decision No. 63552), and of the 500 kV transmission line from the GBPP Power Plant to the 500 kV Watermelon Switchyard (Case No. 109; CEC granted under Decision No. 63762). The facilities in Case Nos. 106 and 109 were granted time extensions of their respective CECs to April 11, 2011 (Decision No. 69177). Since the transmission line relative to Case No. 119 completes the link of the GBPP Power Plant to the Palo Verde Hub via the Watermelon<sup>1</sup> and Jojoba Switchyards, it is reasonable to delay construction of the Case No. 119 transmission line. GBPP believes that the rapidly growing demand for power in Arizona will require additional generation and transmission infrastructure in the next three years.

Based on the above, Staff believes that GBPP's time extension request is reasonable and, therefore, recommends approval of the requested CEC time extension to April 11, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Watermelon and Jojoba 500 kV switchyards are connected by two operational 500 kV transmission lines owned by Arizona Public Service Company ("APS").

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