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**UTILITY COMPLAINT FORM RECEIVED**

**Investigator:** Brad Morton

**Priority:** Respond Within Five Days

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**Opinion No.** 2009 - 76315

**Date:** 2/13/2009

**Complaint Description:** 19L misc line siting  
N/A Not Applicable

**Complaint By:** **First:** L. Tim

**Last:** Clemons

**Account Name:** L. Tim Clemons

**Home:** (000) 000-0000

**Street:** [REDACTED]

**Work:**

**City:** n/a

**CBR:**

**State:** AZ **Zip:** 00000

**is:**

**Utility Company:** Arizona Public Service Company

**Division:** Electric

**Contact Name:** [REDACTED]

**Contact Phone:** [REDACTED]

**Nature of Complaint:**

THROUGH COMMISSIONER NEWMAN

Subject: TS5-TS9 Transmission Line Project, Docket #L-00000D-08-0330-00138

February 12, 2009

AZ Corporation Commission  
Commissioners Offices  
1200 W Washington, 2nd Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Arizona Corporation Commission  
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RE: TS5-TS9 Transmission Line Project, Docket #L-00000D-08-0330-00138

Dear Commissioner:

I am writing to express opposition to the Line Siting Committee's decision to place major utility lines along State Route 74. Any proposed High Voltage Utility towers would be highly detrimental to the pristine and environmentally sensitive lands along this designated Scenic Corridor. Diamond Venture's Alternate Route 3 North, which ultimately was chosen by the Line Siting Committee, poses an even greater threat to the enjoyment of tens of thousands of people in the region who utilize the Federal BLM lands for recreational and travel purposes.

The Bureau of Land Management has spent over 6 years revising the Resource Management Plan in this area to further restrict and protect its environment, sensitive habitat and recreational use. No utility lines were requested or identified during that process. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) was enacted to help protect Federal lands that are owned by the Citizens of the United States from greedy self-interests. The BLM NEPA public process is certain to highlight and elevate the intense opposition to degradation of these environmentally-sensitive Federal Lands. NEPA requires that other alternatives must be taken if they are viable.

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The last few scenic, easily accessible, critical desert habitats in the entire region should not be compromised for the benefit of those few who would profit or benefit from this line siting at the expense of the general public. The Maricopa County Regional Parks, AZ Dept of Fish & Wildlife, the AZ State Lands Dept, many environmental groups such as Sierra Club & Friends of the Sonoran Upland, not to mention APS themselves, have expressed opposition to this route. APS' Preferred Route 5 passes through relatively undeveloped land and does not impact existing uses along the Scenic Corridor or BLM land. State Route 74 has both Scenic Corridor designation and BLM land on both sides of the road, therefore making APS' Preferred Route 5 the most logical choice.

As a resident of the Quintero development, I am deeply concerned about this project destroying the pristine desert land that surrounds us. It is one of the attributes that led me to this location. There needs to be some explanation and responsibility taken by the Siting Committee for making the change from the other location that had been announced. This isn't about my backyard - I am not a NIMBY, but my backyard is Federal land that belongs to everyone and it should be preserved for the future posterity of all of our children and grandchildren. I appreciate your consideration in this important matter.

Sincerely,

L Tim Clemons  
Quintero Resident  
\*End of Complaint\*

### Utilities' Response:

### Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Opinion docketed  
\*End of Comments\*

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