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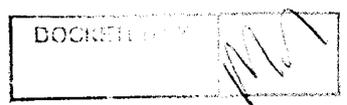
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IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC  
SERVICE COMPANY, IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA  
REVISED STATUTES §§ 40-360, *et seq.*,  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY  
AUTHORIZING THE TS-5 TO TS-9  
500/230kV TRANSMISSION LINE  
PROJECT, WHICH ORIGINATES AT  
THE FUTURE TS-5 SUBSTATION,  
LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF  
SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH,  
RANGE 4 WEST AND TERMINATES AT  
THE FUTURE TS-9 SUBSTATION,  
LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP  
6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, IN  
MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA

Docket No. L-00000D-08-0330-00138  
Case No. 138

ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMPANY'S NOTICE OF FILING  
BUREAU OF LAND  
MANAGEMENT LETTER

Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") received the attached letter from the Bureau of Land Management. The evidentiary record is closed in this matter. APS is docketing this letter as public comment similar to other post-hearing letters that have been docketed in this matter.



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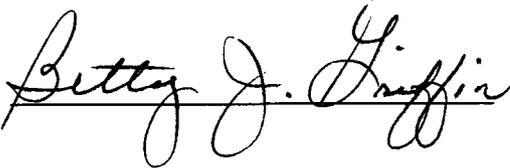
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Mr. Paul Herndon  
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Dear Mr. Herndon:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is aware that the Arizona Corporation Commission intends to conduct hearings during the week of February 16, 2009, on a proposal by Arizona Public Service Company (APS) to construct a transmission line project in the area administered by our Hassayampa Field Office. In March 2008, our staff met with Mike DeWitt of APS and Jennifer Frownfelter of URS Corporation to discuss the proposed dual-circuit 500-230 kV power line between Transfer Station 5 (TS-5) and Transfer Station 9 (TS-9) and the various alternatives/alignments that APS was investigating.

At that time, one of the alternatives that APS was considering (Alternative 3) would have crossed lands administered by the BLM, approximately two miles on the south side of State Route 74.

At the March meeting, BLM informed Mr. DeWitt that the only alignment within the TS-5 to TS-9 study area that would be consistent with the (BLM) Phoenix Resource Management Plan (RMP) would be within the designated Central Arizona Project utility corridor. This corridor has been recognized by the BLM for a number of years and has been carried forward as a utility corridor in the Proposed Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). In developing this RMP/EIS over a six year period, the public, including APS, was invited to participate in the development of alternatives, including the identification of utility corridors. Additionally, the Department of Energy and the BLM (in response to the Energy Policy Act of 2005) have been working together since 2005 in developing the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Designation of Energy Corridors on Federal Lands in 11 Western States (WWPEIS). This process also invited the public, as well as the utility industry, to help identify utility corridors that have not been identified in other BLM planning documents.

The Transmission Line Siting Committee of the Arizona Corporation Commission conducted public hearings in August, 2008 to begin evaluating the alternative routes proposed by APS.

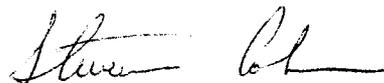
Following the release of the BLM's Proposed RMP/EIS in August, 2008, the City of Peoria filed a formal protest to the RMP, citing the absence of a utility corridor along Highway 74. On February 2, 2009, the Director of the BLM made the decision to dismiss the protest, because this issue had not been raised by Peoria during the planning process. With the resolution of the protests that we received on this RMP, we hope to have a Record of Decision, which approves the RMP, signed by the BLM Arizona State Director sometime this summer. In addition, the Record of Decision for the WWPEIS was signed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior on January 14, 2009. Neither of these Plans include a utility corridor being identified along SR-74.

We understand that the Arizona Corporation Commission is considering the approval of the Line Siting Committee's recommended route that would include lands administered by the BLM along the north and/or south sides of SR 74. Upon our request, your contractor (URS Corporation) provided this office with GIS data as well as a pdf file that has allowed BLM to evaluate the Line Siting Committee recommended route in relationship to our RMP decisions.

Should the Commission approve the Committee's recommended route through BLM-administered lands along SR 74, we anticipate that APS will apply for a right-of-way authorization, with a request that the BLM amend the Bradshaw-Harquahala RMP to include a corresponding utility corridor. Normally, if an action is not in conformance with the Land Use Plan, the proposal would be denied. Though the Bureau's planning regulations do allow for the consideration of a plan amendment, the decision would have to take into account the extensive time and public involvement that led to the decisions in the RMP and WWPEIS, specifically the decisions relating to placement of utility corridors.

Thank you for providing the information that we requested. We would be happy to meet with APS staff to provide further clarification relating to our Resource Management Plan in relation to the proposed TS-5 to TS-9 project. If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact me at (623) 580-5530 or Jim Andersen at (623) 580-5570.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Cohn  
Field Manager