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Investigator: Guadalupe Ortiz

Phone: [REDACTED]

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Priority: Respond Within Five Days

Opinion No. 2009 - 77036

Date: 2/26/2009

Complaint Description: 19L misc line siting
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

First:

Last:

Complaint By: Troy

Hunter

Account Name: Troy Hunter

Home: [REDACTED]

Street: [REDACTED]

Work:

City: Wickenburg

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: [REDACTED]

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Division: Electric

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Contact Name: [REDACTED]

Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

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Nature of Complaint:

2/23/09 - Email Forwarded from Reg Lopez C/o Utilities Division:

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RE: Docket No. L-00000D-08-0330-00138

Email from Customer, Troy Hunter sent to Teri Raml, District Manager of BLM Arizona - Phoenix District (cc: Commission):

RE: Docket No. L-00000D-08-0330-00138

From: troy hunter [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Saturday, February 14, 2009 1:14 PM
To: webmaster@maricopaadubon.org
Cc: [REDACTED] Tamara Thomas; [REDACTED] Utilities Div -
Mailbox; [REDACTED]
Subject: COPY - Urgent Notification _ SR74 Scenic Corridor Under Assault

RE: ACC POWER LINE SITING IMPACT ON SENSITIVE AND SCENIC STATE & BLM LANDS IN THE PHOENIX NORTHWEST VALLEY

Dear Teri Raml,

This notification to each of you urges immediate attention and input. The Arizona Corporation Commission's Line Siting Committee has held public hearings over a several month period in latter 2008 concerning the C.E.C. application by APS (Arizona Public Services) for their proposed TS5 - TS9 500/230 KV Transmission Line Project to be constructed in the Northwest Valley along State Highway 74, a designated Scenic Corridor and one of the last pristine regions of Sonoran Upland Desert in the greater Phoenix area. Despite overwhelming opposition to any of the proposed routes and alternatives, including that of the State Lands and an army of

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lawyers for some 17 interveners, the ACC granted this C.E.C. for Alternative Route 3 on December 29, 2008, placing these highly controversial towers just 500 feet south along this SR 74 Scenic Corridor. APS itself is against this ruling for Alternative Route 3, citing many technical and cost implications, as well as the inevitable challenges by the Federal & State Agencies which own most of the lands to be included in this Route, and with APS further stating that the decision was for the benefit of a few private developer interests at the expense of public lands. APS filed a Request for Review to the ACC Line Siting Committee on January 13, 2009. During the weeks that follow, various parties will then file for motions to be heard and the ACC Line Siting Committee then sets the rules and dates for testimony and public comment. Letters and formal protests (via email address below) must be sent to the Corporation Commission immediately so they can be presented during these hearings. Your correspondence must be received no later than February 15, 2009, in order to be included in the public proceedings that begin on February 19, at 2 p.m. The hearings are open to the public and we encourage anyone who can attend to do so, although no general public comment will be allowed at this time. However, there will be opportunity to speak out during the next public meeting on March 2.

It is critical that you voice opposition to this line siting anywhere near SR 74 and on State and BLM public lands in the interest of the greater public, wildlife corridors and existing Resource Management Plans. It took over six years and alot of public hearings and public monies to devise the Agua Fria/Bradshaw/Harquahala RMP and Final E.I.S. I was a very vocal presence at our public meetings some years ago addressing the many aspects of this plan. APS had plenty of time and notification, as did the various private landowner/developers affected, to voice input, objections and options for utility corridors at that time and failed to act. Now, are we supposed to undo this critical and time-consuming Federal RMP in the interests of a few greedy developers? Let us also not forget that it is preposterous to consider these types of developments at this historic time in our nation's economic turmoil, and that it is precisely these types of developers which overbuilt, devalued and destabilized the entire housing market, especially in the most hard-hit real estate market in the U.S., that being Phoenix metro.

My perspective on this controversial project is from that of an environmental activist, as well as a public and private sector development consultant with over 25 years of experience in local, state and federal government regulatory interface, working with the Department of Energy, Nuclear Regulatory Agency and many others concerning environmental regulations and mitigation. I have consulted to several energy companies, including electricity production and distribution planning and development throughout several western states, with focus on the E.A.'s, E.I.S.'s and other environmental regulatory processes associated with the energy and mining sectors, as well as other large developments including convention centers, high-rise towers, master planned communities and golf resorts. I have also been involved with several environmental groups and projects in several states, including Hawaii, California and Arizona, and am active with three environmental groups in California and Arizona, having founded "Friends of Butts Canyon" and "Friends of the Sonoran Upland", and am now representing a coalition of groups to lead the fight against this power line. It is my firm belief that we can develop natural resources, build communities and associated infrastructure in harmony with our environment and in the best interest of taxpayers and the future of humankind, by utilizing existing infrastructure corridors and the mandated "best available technologies".

Please join us by using your important voice and influence on this most urgent matter. Please also read the attachments herewith to understand more particulars about the past ACC proceedings and testimony in this case, and don't hesitate to contact me for further information and assistance. Thanks also for your efforts toward the responsible governance we so desperately need at this critical juncture in our state and nation's history.

Arizona Corporation Commission - Line Siting Committee - (Ref. Case No. 138) at: www.cc.state.az.us ;
(Public Comment Form) at: www.mailmaster@azcc.gov ; ACC Line Siting Committee Chairman John Foreman
at: john.foreman@azag.gov ; Committee Member William Mundell at: www.mundell-web@azcc.gov

Other Links to our state and local governments are:
www.azsenate.gov/senators.asp
www.azhouse.gov

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www.blm.gov/az/st/en/res/rac.html
www.land.state.az.us/index.html
www.cc.state.az.us

Respectfully submitted by,

Troy Hunter
Friends of the Sonoran Upland

[REDACTED]
Wickenburg, AZ 85358
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CC: Government Agencies, Environmental Groups, Media Outlets

3 Attachments
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

2/23/2009 - Email from Reg Lopez c/o Commission:

From: Reg Lopez
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2009 12:19 PM
To: Guadalupe Ortiz
Subject: FW: COPY - Urgent Notification _ SR74 Scenic Corridor Under Assault

Lupe, I am sending this to you to see if you just want to attach the following to your OPINION 2008-73567 for the same customer. Thx!

2/26/2009 - Email to Customer:

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Your correspondence regarding the Arizona Public Service Company ("APS or Company") Line Siting case sent to District Manager, Teri Raml, copied to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); will be placed on file with the Docket Control Center of the Commission to be made part of the record.

The Commissioners will have the opportunity to consider your comments before a decision is rendered in the Company's application.

Staff appreciates the time you have taken to express your comments and interest taken in this matter.

Sincerely,

Guadalupe Ortiz
Public Utilities Consumer Analyst
Arizona Corporation Commission
Utilities Division
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End of Comments

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