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BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

3	IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	) Arizona Camponation Commission
4	ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF	) Arizona Corporation Commission
7	ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTION 40-360,	) Docket No. L-00000D-09-0161-00143
5	et seg., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF	)
	ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY	) Case No. 143
6	AUTHORIZING THE BAGDAD 115kV	)
7	TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION PROJECT,	)
_ /	WHICH INCLUDES THE RELOCATION OF A	)
8	115kV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN AN	)
	EXISTING CAPACITOR BANK STATION, 0.5 MILES WEST OF THE UNINCORPORATED	\ NOTICE OF FILING
9	TOWN OF BAGDAD, YAVAPAI COUNTY,	,
	ARIZONA, AT SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 14	<b>E-MAIL COMMUNICATION</b>
10	NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, G&SRB&M, AND AN	)
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Pursuant to the Procedural Order filed on April 8, 2009, the Chairman of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee is providing notice of filing the following e-mail communications that have occurred between the Parties to this case and the Chairman, up to this date, since the last filing on April 20, 2009.

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Subject:

RE: #143 - Bagdad Relocation Project

CC:

"John Foreman" < John.Foreman@azag.gov>, "Tara Williams" < Tara.Williams@a...

Hi Susie,

Thank you for forwarding the letter. Yes, we plan to proceed Monday, and will be prepared to address this letter during the hearing.

### Marge

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From: Susan Ellis [mailto:Susan.Ellis@azag.gov]

Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2009 11:04 AM

To: Haberman, Marjorie

Cc: John Foreman; Tara Williams

Subject: #143 - Bagdad Relocation Project

Hi Marge: The Chairman asked me to forward the attached letter, which was just hand-delivered to us. The Chairman wants to know if you plan to proceed with the Hearing on Monday.

In addition, please be advised that tomorrow, Friday, May 15th, the Chairman, Tara, and myself will not be in the office, due to the State's Budget crisis.

Please get back to the Chairman as soon as possible.

Thanking you advance... Susie

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May 7, 2009

Hon: John Foreman, Chairman ACC Siting Committee 1300 West Adams Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re:

Bagdad 115 kV Transmission Line Relocation Project

ACC Docket No: L-00000D-09-0161-00143

SLD File: 14-113067

### Dear Judge Foreman:

The Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) has been processing an application for a ROW for a power line to be built by APS in T14N, R9W, Sec: 20 and 21. It has come to our attention that a public hearing has been scheduled for May 18, 2009 on this matter and that APS has not, as of this date, received any approval from either your Committee or the Corporation Commission for a corridor.

The Department believes that, in addition to the proposed corridor, there are others available to APS that can be limited to the Section lines and that those alternatives should receive the consideration of the Committee. As it is not the desire of the Department to duplicate efforts or supersede the public process, we will delay finalizing this application until the Commission has completed its work.

It is unfortunate that there appears to be confusion on the part of APS as to the order in which these applications should be processed, and the Department regrets that it was not aware of the issue earlier. We will attempt to avoid any such issue in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Jamie Hogue

Deputy Land Commissioner

cc:

APS

ACC Docket: L-00000D-09-0161-00143

From:

Tara Williams

To:

Marjorie Haberman

Date: Subject: 5/21/2009 10:12 AM Re: Bagdad CEC

Thank you, Marge.

Thank you,
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>>> "Haberman, Marjorie" <<u>MHaberman@Irlaw.com</u>> 5/21/2009 10:10 AM >>> Tara,

Here is the Word version of the Bagdad CEC that was filed on May 20, 2009, with Docket Control.

#### Marge

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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 Docket No. L-00000D-09-0161-00143 seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY **AUTHORIZING THE BAGDAD 115kV** Case No. 143 TRANSMISSION LINE RELOCATION PROJECT. WHICH INCLUDES THE RELOCATION OF A 115kV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN AN EXISTING CAPACITOR BANK STATION, 0.5 MILES WEST OF THE UNINCORPORATED TOWN OF BAGDAD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, G&SRB&M, AND AN EXISTING MINE SUBSTATION, THREE MILES NORTHWEST OF THE UNINCORPORTED TOWN OF BAGDAD, YAVAPAI COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 9 WEST, G&SRB&M

### CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (the "Committee") held a public hearing on May 18, 2009, in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360, et seq., for the purpose of receiving evidence and deliberating on the Application of Arizona Public Service Company ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("Certificate") in the above-captioned case (the "Project").

The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present at one or more of the hearings for the evidentiary presentations and/or for the deliberations:

Hon. John Foreman

Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General, Terry Goddard

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David L. Eberhart, P.E.	Designee for Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission
Jessica Youle	Designee for Director, Energy Department, Arizona Department of Commerce
Paul Rasmussen	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Jeff McGuire	Appointed Member
William Mundell	Appointed Member
Patricia Noland	Appointed Member
Michael Palmer	Appointed Member
Michael Whalen	Appointed Member
Barry Wong	Appointed Member

The Applicant was represented by Albert H. Acken of Lewis and Roca LLP. No parties requested intervention.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, having received the Application, the appearance of the Applicant, the evidence, testimony and exhibits presented at the hearing, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted 10 to 0 to grant the Applicant this Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (Case No. 143) for the Project.

The Project as approved consists of approximately five miles of 115kV transmission line to be relocated approximately one mile south of the existing location. The Project originates at an existing capacitor bank station, located 0.5 miles west of the Town of Bagdad in Section 10, Township 14 North, Range 9 West, G&SRB&M. The Project terminates at an existing mine substation, located 3 miles northwest of the Town of Bagdad, in Section 31, Township 15 North, Range 9 West, G&SRB&M. The total right-

of-way width is 100 feet within a corridor that is 200 feet wide. A general location map of the Project is set forth in **Exhibit A**.

### **CONDITIONS**

This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

- 1. The Applicant shall obtain all required approvals and permits necessary to construct the Project.
- 2. The Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable statutes, ordinances, master plans and regulations of the State of Arizona, the County of Yavapai, the United States, and any other governmental entities having jurisdiction.
- 3. This authorization to commence construction of the Project shall expire seven years from the date the Certificate is approved by the Commission; provided, however, that prior to such expiration the Applicant or its assignees may request that the Commission extend this time limitation.
- 4. The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to identify and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio signals from operation of the transmission lines and related facilities addressed in this Certificate. The Applicant shall maintain written records for a period of five years of all complaints of radio interference attributable to operation, together with the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints shall be recorded to include notations on the corrective action taken.
  Complaints not leading to a specific action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and explained.
- 5. To the extent applicable, the Applicant shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of the Arizona Native Plant Law and shall, to the extent feasible, minimize the destruction of native plants during Project construction.

- 6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-844, if any archaeological, paleontological or historical site or object that is at least fifty years old is discovered on state, county or municipal land during plan-related activities, the person in charge shall promptly report the discovery to the Director of the Arizona State Museum, and in consultation with the Director, shall immediately take all reasonable steps to secure and maintain the preservation of the discovery. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the course of any ground-disturbing activities relating to the development of the subject property, Applicant shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify the Director of the Arizona State Museum, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-865, and any appropriate federal agency.
- 7. The Applicant shall design the transmission lines to incorporate reasonable measures to mitigate impacts to raptors.
- 8. The Applicant shall use non-specular conductor and dulled surfaces for transmission line structures.
- 9. In the event that the Project requires an extension of the term of this Certificate, Applicant shall use reasonable means to notify all landowners and residents within one mile of the Project corridor, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding, and all parties to this proceeding of the request and the time and place of the hearing in which the Commission will consider the request for extension.
- 10. Before construction on this Project may commence, the Applicant must file a construction mitigation and restoration plan ("Plan") with ACC Docket Control. Where practicable, the Plan shall specify that the Applicant use existing roads for construction and access, minimize impacts to wildlife, minimize vegetation

- disturbance outside of the Project right-of-way, and revegetate native areas following construction disturbance.
- 11. The Applicant shall provide copies of this Certificate to Yavapai County Planning Division, the Arizona State Land Department, the State Historic Preservation Office, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.
- 12. Applicant will follow the latest Western Electricity Coordinating Council/ North American Electric Reliability Corporation Planning standards as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and National Electrical Safety Code construction standards.
- 13. The Applicant shall submit a self-certification letter annually, identifying progress made with respect to each condition contained in the Certificate, including which conditions have been met. Each letter shall be submitted to ACC Docket Control on December 1 beginning in 2009. Attached to each certification letter shall be documentation explaining how compliance with each condition was achieved. Copies of each letter along with the corresponding documentation shall be submitted to the Arizona Attorney General and Department of Commerce Energy Office. The requirement for the self-certification shall expire on the date the Project is placed into operation.
- 14. The Applicant will install gates and/or cattle guards acceptable to the land owners and/or lessees at any existing fence lines crossed by new permanent access roads.

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Project is in the public interest because it aids the state in meeting the need for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power.

- 2. In balancing the need for the Project with its effect on the environment and ecology of the state, the conditions placed on the CEC by the Committee effectively minimize its impact on the environment and ecology of the state.
- 3. The conditions placed on the CEC by the Committee resolve matters concerning the need for the Project and its impact on the environment and ecology of the state raised during the course of proceedings, and as such, serve as the findings on the matters raised.
- 4. In light of these conditions, the balancing in the broad public interest results in favor of granting the CEC.

THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

John Foreman, Chairman