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Arizona Corporation Commission - Docket No. L-00000F-09-0190-00144 - Case #144 - Vail to Valencia

Dear Chairman Foreman and Members of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee,

I am a customer of Tucson Electric Power (TEP), webmaster of AZHighway83.com, small business Owner, and member of the Empire Fagan Coalition, a long time resident of Vail, located south and east of the Vail Substation and the proposed project. In this case I write with the following concerns that I wrote to the Commissioners regarding the TEP Line Site Case 137.

Many areas of concern were similar to the areas of concern now.

1. Public Outreach by the utility companies. In Line Site Case 144 as there was no public meeting held in Vail or Corona de Tucson.
2. Potential use of the Vail Substation as a gas fired power plant. TEP had the land up zoned by the City of Tucson for this purpose.
3. Structure color. We request any new transmission structures installed next to existing lattice structures be constructed of galvanized steel. In virginal areas with sky and mountains as a backdrop we would also request galvanized steel.

One concern I did not comment in TEP line site case 137 is the possibility of the "Vail to Kantor" line (if line site case 144 is granted a certificate an environmental compatibility) as one alternative route for a power source to the Rosemont Mine. The Vail Substation is currently pictured on TEP's Transmission Line Projects under Rosemont Mine as one of the starting locations. The Rosemont Mine is opposed vehemently in Southern Arizona.

A second concern as a TEP customer is the exporting of power to a community far south of the Vail Substation when it was mentioned several times in Line Site Case 137 that there were constraints on the Vail Substation via transmission line length. I question how much of this case is about providing reliable energy to Santa Cruz County and how much is about tying the Tucson Electric Power and UNS Electric regional grid together for future projects. Is this the basis for granting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility? I question the future cumulative environmental costs to my area, such as water and air quality, especially if a gas fired power plant, of any kind, is constructed in the vicinity of the Vail Substation.

As the member of family in a growing region already threatened by many environmental polluters, I believe and request that our community should have a proactive role in transmission planning, (particularly since the Vail Substation is projected to have many projects in the next few years) and request that a Citizens' Advisory Council, comprised of various community associations, emergency responders, and environmental groups be added to the conditions of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, should it be granted.

Thank you,  
Dated this 25th day of May 2009

  
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