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BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A 230 kV DOUBLE-CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE ORIGINATING AT THE PLANNED AND PERMITTED ABEL SUBSTATION, NEAR JUDD AND ATTAWAY ROADS IN PINAL COUNTY, TO THE PLANNED AND PERMITTED RS-17 SUBSTATION, ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING MOODY SUBSTATION, LOCATED NEAR PECOS AND RECKER ROADS, IN THE TOWN OF GILBERT, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AND INCLUDING A NEW 230/69 kV SUBSTATION NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF COMBS AND MERIDIAN ROADS, IN OR ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK, ARIZONA.	Docket No. L-00000B-09-0311-00148 Case No. 148

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NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District ("SRP" or "Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the Abel-Moody 230 kV Transmission Project (the "Project").

The Project consists of approximately 20 miles of new 230 kV double-circuit transmission line and a 230/69 kV substation (referred to as RS-24) which will be located on approximately 25 acres near the intersection of Combs Road and Meridian Road. The Project will be located in the Queen Creek area. A general location map of the Applicant's preferred and alternative routes, described herein, is attached.

The hearing will be held at the ASU Polytechnic Campus, Cooley Ballroom in the Student Union Building, 7001 E. Williams Field Road, Mesa, Arizona 85212, (480) 727-1098. A map and directions to the Campus may be printed at http://www.poly.asu.edu/union/documents/uniond.pdf. The hearing is scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m., and to continue as necessary on Thursday, August 6, 2009 and Friday, August 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. on all days. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Applicant and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

The Applicant's website with Project information is: http://www.azpower.org/abelmoody/

The ACC Website is: http://www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS AND AS PERMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, A SEPARATE EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD AUGUST 5, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M., ALSO AT THE ASU POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS, COOLEY BALLROOM IN THE STUDENT UNION BUILDING, 7001 E. WILLIAMS FIELD ROAD, MESA, ARIZONA 85212.

The proposed transmission line alignments in the northwestern section of the Project area begin at the Moody and RS-17 substations at or near the intersection of Recker Road and the Union Pacific Railroad on the north and ends near the intersection of Meridian Road and the Union Pacific Railroad on the south, near the southeast corner of the Town of Queen Creek. The southern section continues from the Meridian Road intersection south to the Abel Substation site. There are four proposed alignments in the northern section, some of which contain minor variations. There are three proposed alignments in the southern section.

Northern Section:

(1) Ryan Alignment (Preferred) – The Applicant's preferred alignment begins near the Moody 69kV Substation site along the RWCD canal with an interconnection into the existing Santan-Schrader 230kV line along the canal (Nodes 1-2). The alignment then follows the Union Pacific Railroad ("UPRR") right-of-way parallel to an existing 69kV line southeast to Ryan Road (Nodes 2-43-11). The alignment then parallels Ryan Road to the east until it intersects Signal Butte Road (Nodes 11-12-13), turns south to the UPRR (Nodes 13-24) and parallels the UPRR to the southeast (Nodes 24-27). The Ryan alignment contains one sub-alternative that utilizes Meridian Road, rather than Signal Butte Road. This sub-alternative continues one-mile east on the Ryan alignment, then turns south along Meridian Road to the UPRR (Nodes 13-14-27). The Meridian sub-alternative is not part of the Applicant's preferred alignment.

(2) Germann Alignment (Alternative) – This alternative alignment begins near the Moody 69kV Substation site along the RWCD canal with an interconnection into the existing Santan-Schrader 230kV Transmission Line along the canal (Nodes 1-2). The alignment then follows the UPRR right-of-way southeast to Germann Road (Nodes 2-43). The alignment then parallels Germann Road to the east until it intersects Signal Butte Road (Nodes 43-7-8), turns south to the UPRR and parallels the UPRR to Node 27 (Nodes 8-13-24-27). The Germann alignment contains a sub-alternative that parallels Meridian Road rather than Signal Butte Road. This sub-alternative continues one-mile east on the Germann alignment, then turns south along Meridian Road to the UPRR (Nodes 8-9-14-27).

(3) North-Railroad Alignment (Alternative) – This alternative alignment begins near the Moody 69kV Substation site along the RWCD canal with an interconnection into the existing Santan-Schrader 230kV Transmission Line along the canal (Nodes 1-2) and builds new structures parallel to, then follows the UPRR right-of-way from the RWCD canal to Combs Road (Nodes 2-43-11-24-27).

(4) Ocotillo Alignment (Alternative) – This alternative alignment begins with an interconnection into the existing Santan-Schrader 230kV line along the RWCD canal at Queen Creek Road (Node 16). The alignment continues south, adjacent to the RWCD canal to Ocotillo Road (Nodes 16-87). At Ocotillo Road, the alignment turns east to Sonoqui Wash and follows the wash southeast to the intersection with Riggs Road (Nodes 87-88-81-79). The alignment then continues east to the UPRR and Combs Road intersection (Nodes 79-27). Two sub-alternatives exist within this

alternative. One extends east from the existing SRP Santan-Schrader 230kV Transmission Line along the RWCD canal using existing structures and conductor to Queen Creek Road (Node 16) and builds new structures east along Queen Creek Road, south along Higley Road to Ocotillo Road (Nodes 16-17-88). Another sub-alternative extends from Ocotillo south along Power Road to Riggs Road and then east (Nodes 81-51-79). This sub-alternative bypasses the Sonoqui Wash.

Southern Section:

(1) South-Railroad Alignment (Preferred) – The Applicant's preferred alignment parallels the UPRR right-of-way from Meridian Road southeast to the intersection of the Magma Railroad right-of-way (Nodes 27-62-98). It then continues northeast along the Magma Railroad right-of-way to the Abel Substation site (Nodes 98-36).

(2) Combs Alignment (Alternative) – This alternative alignment begins at the UPRR at Meridian Road and continues east along Combs Road to Schnepf Road (Nodes 27-61). The alignment then follows Schnepf Road south to Skyline Road (Nodes 61-63). From Skyline Road, it continues east to Quail Run Lane before extending south to Judd Road (Nodes 63-66-35). At Judd Road, the route turns east to the Abel Substation site (Nodes 35-36).

(3) Skyline Alignment (Alternative) – This alternative alignment parallels the UPRR from Meridian Road southeast to Skyline Road and then departs from the UPRR at the intersection of Skyline Road (Nodes 27-62). The alignment continues east to Quail Run Lane before continuing south to Judd Road (Nodes 62-63-66-35). At Judd Road the route turns east to the Abel Substation site (Nodes 35-36).

More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the proposed routes are available in the Application and on the Applicant's website.

The Application that includes detailed maps of the proposed Project is on file with the Docket Control Center of the ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix Arizona, 85007. Copies of the Application and Transcripts will also be available for inspection at the following locations:

Southeast Regional Library (Maricopa County): 775 N. Greenfield Rd., Gilbert, AZ 85234

Queen Creek Branch Library: 21802 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ 85242

Florence Library: 1000 S. Main St., Florence, AZ 85232

The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes – most likely to occur on August 6, 2009 starting at 8:30 a.m. If a tour is conducted, a map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings. Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles. During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the stops and the relevance of the location and view to the proposed routes of the transmission line in the Application. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur. A court reporter will transcribe any testimony taken on the tour.

Depending on the issues raised and the number of intervenors appearing during the hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess, at which time and place the hearing will be resumed. These dates and places will be posted on the Project and ACC websites.

At the discretion of the Committee, such resumed hearings may be held at a date, time and place designated by the Committee or its Chairman.

NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN. PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed Project and desiring to become a party in the proceeding must file with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote customer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become a party to the certification proceedings must file with the ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceeding.

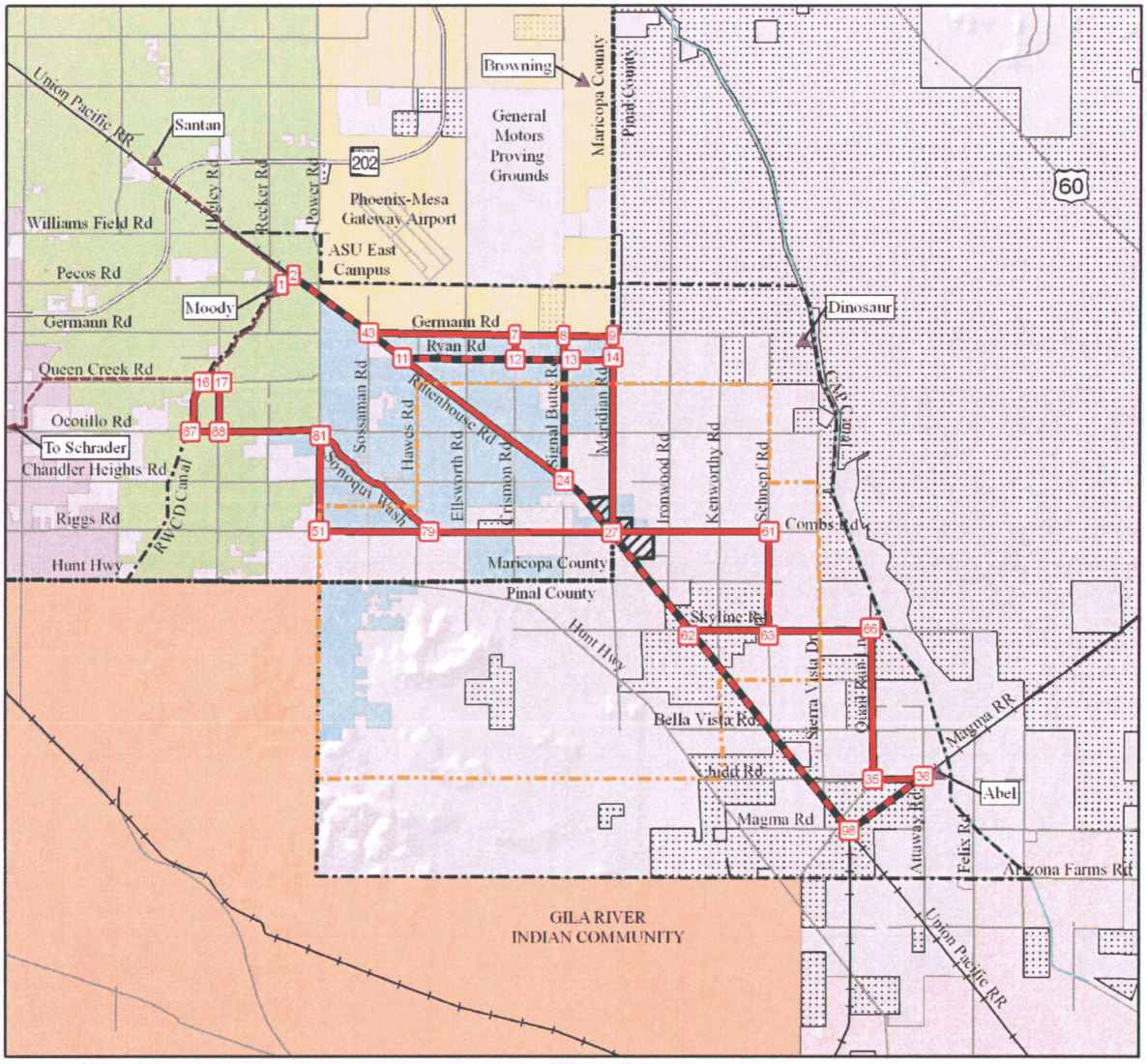
Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before a date set for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

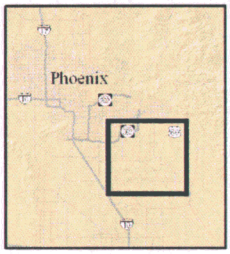
This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the ACC must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

ORDERED this 16th day of June, 2009.

John Foreman

John Foreman, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee
Assistant Attorney General





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- Project Study Area
- RS-24 Service Area
- Alternative Alignments
- Preferred Alignment
- Substations
- Nodes
- RS-24 Potential Substation Sites
- Santan-Schrader 230kV Transmission Line
- Town of Gilbert
- City of Mesa
- Town of Queen Creek
- Town of Florence
- City of Chandler
- Unincorporated County
- Gila River Indian Community
- State Trust Land

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Project Area
Abel-Moody 230kV Transmission Project

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