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Public Comment

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

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I am a customer of Tucson Electric Power (TEP) and have some concerns regarding the proposed Vail to Valencia case before the Committee. My concerns are prefaced by the following. A couple of years ago I was lucky enough to read Commissioner Kristin Mayes guest opinion in the Sunday Star speaking about TEP's Sun Share Solar program. I was so impressed with Commissioner Mayes and wowed by this idea that my wife and I installed the system on our house. (An energy efficient stabilized adobe home). We received the rebate and are thrilled with the system. We do believe large companies can work with the public to help the environment and the economy.

That said, I do feel an obligation to express these views. My wife and I are long time residents of Vail in the Empire Mountains SE of the proposed project. We are members of the Hilton Road Community Association which is a registered Neighborhood Association with Pima County in the direct vicinity of the project. (Please see the attached Pima County GIS map) We pride ourselves on being strong members of our community and are activists for a variety of important causes.

Here are areas of specific concern and some suggestions for the future:

- 1. Public Outreach by the Utility Companies:** In Line Site Case 144 there was no public meeting held in Vail or Corona de Tucson. If a meeting is to be held in an area outside of our community, I would suggest that the notification given be done in a timely manner so that we may prepare and carpool. Or the Company could provide a shuttle. I would also suggest that meetings start later in the day so that our community would have time to arrive home or arrive at the meeting after work. 5:30pm is too early. 6:00-6:30pm is more reasonable for a community that has many younger members.
- 2. Advertisement of Open Houses:** Another important aspect of public outreach is clear concise information in the advertising for the meetings. Advertising construction of a completely new transmission line from a TEP substation after disconnecting it from a non-TEP substation to supply non-TEP customers as an *"upgrade that would involve only a few changes to the existing transmission line route"* is disingenuous. And that is how it was advertised in the newspaper for the May and Dec 2008 Open Houses in Tucson.
- 3. Availability of Information to TEP Customers.** This project will use shared equipment between two utility companies and travel through TEP's service territory. I would suggest that future joint projects have a listing on both websites just as the Sahuarita to Nogales project is listed on both websites rather than the link I saw today. I would also suggest putting the website information on the newspaper advertisements for the Open Houses.
- 4. Cooperating with other agencies.** I suggest that the Committee work with the BLM, on whose land the Nogales substation sits and where the preferred alignment in Segment 1A would cross. There are cumulative impacts associated with several transmission lines, structures, and future projects in our area. Additionally, the NEPA process *requires* social, economic and rural lifestyle issues to be considered while Arizona only *allows* them to be considered. I sincerely hope you will take these factors into consideration under Total Environment when you make your decision about granting your conditions in this Certificate.

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5. Vail to Kantor Line: The potential of this line to be used as Option 1 and 3 in Rosemont Mine's plan of Operations. As of today, June 13th 2009, the Vail to Kantor line which still does not exist, is listed on Augusta Resources website as two possible alternatives. It is my understanding that TEP has asked Rosemont to remove these two options from Augusta Resource's website but they still have not done so.

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This creates great unease about this project among residents in my community, as if TEP/UNS Electric is being disingenuous about this aspect as well.

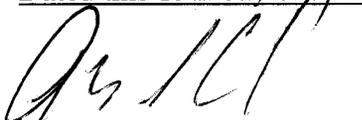
6. Structure color. I request any new transmission structures installed next to existing lattice structures be constructed of galvanized steel. In virginal areas with sky and mountains as a backdrop we would also request galvanized steel.

7. 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.

Another 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 (Cienega) 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.

My wife and I live in a growing region already threatened by many environmental polluters. I recommend our community have a proactive role in transmission planning, (particularly since the Vail Substation is expected 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 is added to the conditions of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, should it be granted.

Thank you,
Dated this 13th day of June 2009



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