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

My name is Mary Ann Cleveland and I am TEP Customer. I am also one of the first Rita Ranch residents, support staff for Greeter Scheduling for the historic Saint Rita Shrine in the Desert (located between the tracks in down town Vail, AZ) and a very vigorous community activist. One of my proudest accomplishments was never giving up hope in my three year quest to see a road built to connect the communities of Rita Ranch in the City of Tucson and Vail in Pima County for the safety of our children.

That said, we still have much work left to do. Elizabeth Webb and I have worked on many community projects together in the past; the 2008 Pima County Bond to advocate for a library, community center and parks for our area, historic preservation on the two remaining oldest buildings left in downtown Vail and have attended Vail School District town halls, business, Pima County Board of Supervisor, City Council meetings and more.

I write today with the following concerns about LS case 144 and TEP's plan to acquire a large portion of a new transformer with another company. Eight years ago, Tucson Electric Power met with us about plans for a gas fired power plant at their location south of I-10 off Rita Rd. located less than 3 miles from our community in Rita Ranch and their plans to apply to the City for their property to be rezoned to Industrial Use. The TEP guys were extremely vague in their plans for the area. Then, they went in front of the City of Tucson and said something different. They received their rezone. TEP's spokesman Bill Norman said reserve amounts of electricity would need to be generated in preparation for the Southeast side's expected population boom. When are companies going to have to be accountable for statements they make regarding population growth when receiving permits and equipment? I still have the same concerns about water and air pollution associated with any future growth at the Vail Substation that I had then.

In this case there was no meeting held in Rita Ranch, Vail or Corona de Tucson. Rita Ranch is still located less than 3 miles from the Vail Substation. Children from as far away as Sonoita in Santa Cruz County attend high school at Empire HS which is located next to Rita Ranch. We have held plenty of meetings in our area at the schools. The Vail School District is very accommodating. The newspaper advertisement for the project is very vague and it is very difficult to know about proposed new construction when a project is called an upgrade.

My family lives in a growing region already threatened by many environmental polluters. I recommend our community have a proactive role in transmission planning 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 17th day of June 2009

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