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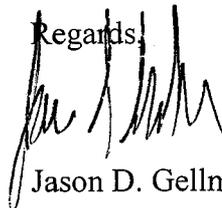
Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR: (1) THE RECONFIGURATION OF AN EXISTING TEP 138 kV LINE TO AN SWTC 115 kV LINE FROM THE EXISTING SAGUARO SUBSTATION IN SEC. 15, T.10S., R.10E. TO THE EXISTING TORTOLITA SUBSTATION IN SEC. 23, T.10S., R.10E., PINAL COUNTY, AND (2) THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO EXISTING TEP 138 kV LINES AND THE ADDITION OF ONE TEP 138 kV LINE AND ONE SWTC 115 kV LINE FROM THE EXISTING TORTOLITA SUBSTATION TO THE EXISTING NORTH LOOP SUBSTATION IN SEC. 9, T.12S., R.12E. IN THE TOWN OF MARANA, PIMA COUNTY.

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Notice of Hearing signed by Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Chairman John Foreman regarding the Application to the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for approval of the above-captioned Project. This Application was filed pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 40-360 through 40-360.13, and A.A.C. R14-3-201 through R14-2-219. This letter is being provided as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.04. This matter will be heard by the Committee on October 6, 7, and 8, 2009. The hearings will take place at The Omni Tucson National Resort, 2727 West Club Drive, Tucson, Arizona.

Please contact me at (602) 256-6100, if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,



Jason D. Gellman

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY AND
SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION
COOPERATIVE, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR: (1)
THE RECONFIGURATION OF AN EXISTING
TEP 138 kV LINE TO AN SWTC 115 kV LINE
FROM THE EXISTING SAGUARO
SUBSTATION IN SEC. 15, T.10S., R.10E. TO
THE EXISTING TORTOLITA SUBSTATION IN
SEC. 23, T.10S., R.10E., PINAL COUNTY, AND
(2) THE RECONSTRUCTION OF TWO
EXISTING TEP 138 kV LINES AND THE
ADDITION OF ONE TEP 138 kV LINE AND
ONE SWTC 115 kV LINE FROM THE
EXISTING TORTOLITA SUBSTATION TO THE
EXISTING NORTH LOOP SUBSTATION IN
SEC. 9, T.12S., R.12E. IN THE TOWN OF
MARANA, PIMA COUNTY.

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Case No. 149

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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 Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") and Southwest Transmission Cooperative, Inc. ("SWTC") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing (1) the reconstruction of an existing TEP 138 kV line to an SWTC 115 kV line from the existing Saguaro Substation to the existing Tortolita Substation in Pinal County; and (2) the reconfiguration of two existing TEP 138 kV lines and the addition of one TEP 138 kV line and one SWTC 115 kV line from the existing Tortolita Substation to the existing North Loop Substation in the Town of Marana, Pima County ("Project"). The hearing will be held at The Omni Tucson National Resort, 2727 West Club Drive, Tucson, Arizona. The hearing is scheduled to begin on October 6, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will continue as necessary on October 7, 2009, at 8:30 a.m., if a tour is taken, otherwise it will begin at 9:30 a.m. If the hearing has not concluded, it will continue on October 8, 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 Applicants and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

The Applicants' website with Project information is:
<http://www.tep.com/company/news/SA2NL/index.asp>

1 and

2 <http://www.southwesttransmission.coop/metadot/index.pl?iid=2306&isa=Category>

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4 The ACC Website is: http://www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant.

5 Copies of the Application and Transcripts will be available for inspection at the following locations:

6 Geasa-Marana Branch Library – 13370 N. Lon Adams Road, Marana, Arizona 85653.

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8 Nanini Branch Library – 7300 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, Arizona 85741.

9 **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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009, AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE OMNI TUCSON NATIONAL RESORT, 2727 WEST CLUB DRIVE, TUCSON, ARIZONA.**

10 The Project consists of two segments: The first segment involves reconfiguring about 1.3 miles of a single-circuit TEP 138 kV line to a single-circuit SWTC 115 kV line on steel monopole structures within an existing right-of-way. This segment will originate from the existing Saguaro Substation, in T.10S, R.10E., Section 15 (owned by Arizona Public Service Company) to the vicinity of the existing Tortolita Substation in T.10S., R.10E., Section 23 (owned by TEP). Both substations are located in Pinal County

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12 The second segment involves removing two existing TEP 138 kV lines from wooden H-frame structures and reconstructing those lines on new structures – as well as adding one TEP 138 kV line and one SWTC 115 kV line. This Segment would originate from the existing Tortolita Substation in Pinal County to the existing North Loop Substation, in T.12S., R.12E., Section 9, in the Town of Marana, Pima County. The Project will interconnect two existing TEP Substations (Tortolita and North Loop). The Project will also interconnect the SWTC 115 kV line to the Saguaro Substation and to the proposed SWTC Adonis Substation (located entirely on State Land).

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16 TEP and SWTC propose three options in the Application for the second segment:

- 17 • Preferred Option: Construction of one series of quad-circuit transmission line steel monopoles in the existing 360-foot-wide TEP transmission line corridor consisting of multiple rights-of-way from Tortolita to North Loop Substations (14.4 miles long).
- 18 • Alternative Option 1: Construction of two adjacent series of double-circuit transmission line steel monopoles in the existing 360-foot wide TEP transmission line right-of-way (“ROW”) from Tortolita to North

1 Loop Substations (14.4 miles long).

- 2 • Alternative Option 2: Construction of one series of quad-circuit
3 transmission line steel monopoles within the existing 360-foot-wide TEP
4 transmission line ROW to the intersection of that ROW and the Central
5 Arizona Project ("CAP") canal. From that point south to the intersection
6 of the CAP canal and Tangerine Road, the route would traverse in a new
7 100-foot-wide ROW adjacent to the east edge of the existing CAP canal.
8 From that point the line would head east along the north side of
9 Tangerine Road until it intersects the existing TEP transmission line
10 ROW. From the intersection the line would be constructed in the
11 existing 360-foot wide ROW to the North Loop Substation. (15.9 miles
12 long).

13 More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the
14 proposed route are available in the Application and on the Applicants' website.
15 The Application that includes detailed maps of the proposed Project is on file with
16 the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
17 Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix Arizona, 85007, and 400 West Congress
18 Street, Suite 221, Tucson, Arizona 85701 in addition to the two library locations
19 listed above.

20 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes. If a
21 tour is conducted, a map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings.
22 Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles.
23 During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from
24 one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the
25 stops and the relevance of the location and view to the proposed routes of the
26 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 interveners 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 Applicants 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

1 less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

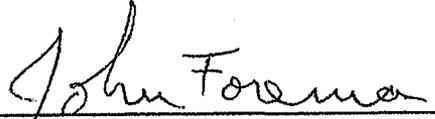
2 Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to
3 promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal
4 health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote customer
5 interests, to represent commercial and industrial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

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

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

18 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to
19 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. No
20 substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member
21 of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the
22 Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person
23 intending to be a party before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be a
24 party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

25 ORDERED this 10th day of August, 2009.

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

