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Hon. John Foreman, Chairman  
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Assistant Attorney General  
1275 West Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Hearing Notice, Arizona Corporation Commission Docket No. L-00000CC-09-0543-00152  
Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for Southwest Transmission  
Cooperative, Inc. (SWTC) & Central Arizona Project (CAP) Joint Projects  
SHPO-2009-1788-1794 (75479)

Dear Mr. Foreman:

Thank you for the hearing notice regarding Docket No. L-00000CC-09-0543-00152.

Review of our records indicates that on November 3, 2008 we received a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping letter regarding seven separate projects, some of which are named in the hearing notice. In response to my request for more information, Crystal Kuntz P.E., of ECI Environmental Services informed me that the USDA Rural Utilities Service and would fund the projects and would be the lead agency for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. Ms. Kuntz also said that during the NEPA analysis, cultural resources records searches and pedestrian surveys would be done of the proposed project areas. A copy of my December 1, 2008 requesting that cultural resources survey reports be submitted to our office for review and comment is enclosed for your information.

As of December 28, 2009, we have not received a report(s) of the results of records searches and actual pedestrian surveys in support of any of the proposed projects. At this time, the minimum requirements for compliance with federal law have not been met. Once the alternative is chosen, the lead federal agency should provide our office with reports of the results of agency efforts to identify historic properties that might be affected by the proposed project(s) and any treatment measures that may be required to minimize or mitigate harmful impacts/effects to those historic properties.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (602) 542-7142 or at [jmedley@azstateparks.gov](mailto:jmedley@azstateparks.gov).

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Medley  
Compliance Specialist/Archaeologist  
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Enclosure

cc: Dennis Rankin, USDA Rural Development-Rural Utilities Services, Washington, DC  
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Survey report required

December 1, 2008

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Attention: Crystal Kuntz, P.E., Environmental Project Manager

RE: Projected Power Needs of the Central Arizona Project (CAP); RD-RUS  
SHPO-2008-1788 through 1794 (38222 through 38228)

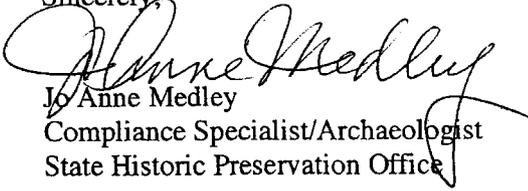
Dear Ms. Kuntz:

This is in response to the November 3, 2008 scoping letter from Southwest Transmission Cooperative (SWTC) regarding the above referenced project, which would consist of three new 115kV transmission lines between the existing Valencia, Rattlesnake and Sandario Substations, and equipment upgrades within those substations. Thank you for providing additional information per our e-mail request. We understand that this is a federal undertaking and that Rural Development-Rural Utilities Services (RUS) is the lead federal agency and thus consultation with our office is required according to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and implementing regulations at 36 CFR Part 800. At this point (i.e., conceptual planning), we have designated separate SHPO project numbers to the projects as listed in the SWTC letter.

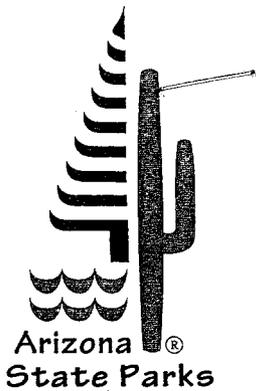
RUS should submit a copy of the supporting cultural resources survey report(s) for our review and comment. The cover letter should describe the project, list parties that have been consulted (federal, state, county, and municipal governments, Indian Tribes, and interested parties), summarize the results of the responses, and request our concurrence with adequacy of identification effort, eligibility determinations, finding of effect, and treatment measures that may be required.

We look forward to continuing consultation pursuant to federal regulations. Please feel free to contact me at 602/542-7142 or [jmedley@azstateparks.gov](mailto:jmedley@azstateparks.gov).

Sincerely,

  
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Cc: Dennis Rankin, USDA Rural Development-Rural Utilities Services, Washington, DC



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