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John Foreman, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
Office of Attorney General
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RE: Arlington Valley Solar Energy Projects
Docket No. L-00000PP-09-0548-00153
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State Act Consultation
SHPO-2009-1013 (75558)

Arizona Corporation Commission
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Janice K. Brewer
Governor

Mr. Foreman:

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State Parks
Board Members

Chair
Reese Woodling
Tucson

Thank you for consulting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-864 for the Arizona Corporation Commission regarding an application by Arlington Valley Solar Energy, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility [CEC] for their two new solar projects in Maricopa County, Arizona, and we offer the following comments.

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Phoenix

Walter D. Armer, Jr.
Vail

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We recommended that the project areas be inspected for cultural resources by a qualified archaeologist in order to locate and evaluate any existing cultural remains within the project areas. The two solar energy projects in Arlington Valley both appear to entail lands belonging to the Arizona State Land Department [ASLD], and should involve ASLD and consultation pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-861 through 864, A.R.S. § 41-841 through 844, Executive Order 2006-14, and other state historic preservation legislation enacted to protect and preserve Arizona cultural resources.

William C. Scalzo
Phoenix

This includes a permit from Arizona State Museum [ASM] for any archaeological activities on State Lands. It should also be stated that our advice to a county or state agency [under the state statute] should not be construed or used in any way to substitute for or limit our advice to a federal agency under federal law.

Maria Baier
State Land
Commissioner

Renée E. Bahl
Executive Director

We appreciate your cooperation with this office in considering the potential impacts of development on cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (602) 542-7140 or electronically at djacobs@azstateparks.gov.

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Sincerely,

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