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Re: *Gila Bend Power Partners, Docket No. L-00000~~B-01-09~~, Case No. 109*

*L-00000 B-94-0026*

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Dear Chairman Woodall:

At the hearing in the referenced proceeding, you asked the applicant, Gila Bend Power Partners ("GBPP"), whether issuing a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") for the applicant's 500 kV transmission line that consolidates a segment of the Arizona Public Service Company ("APS") Liberty to Gila Bend 230 kV transmission line would require a new CEC for APS' existing 230 kV transmission line.

At your request, and although not a party to GBPP's CEC proceeding, APS provided the applicant, ACC Staff, and the Committee with a copy of the CEC issued for the Liberty to Gila Bend 230 kV transmission line in Case No. 26 and approved by Decision No. 46865 (Feb. 23, 1976). For your convenience, a copy of the Decision is also attached hereto as Exhibit A.

As stated at the hearing, GBPP is discussing a transmission interconnection with APS but the parties have not yet reached an agreement. Nonetheless, APS has suggested to the applicant the following language for its CEC as a means of clarifying that consolidating APS' existing 230 kV transmission line, if the parties should agree to such an arrangement, would not require APS to obtain a new or modified CEC for that transmission line:

The Committee has reviewed Arizona Corporation Commission Decision No. 46865 (Feb. 23, 1976), which granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Liberty to Gila Bend 230 kV transmission line in Case No. 26. The Committee finds as a matter of fact, and concludes as a matter of law, that implementation of the above-described routing and design of Applicant's 500 kV transmission line, and the related effect on the current routing and design of APS' existing 230 kV transmission line, would be consistent with the Certificate

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of Environmental Compatibility issued in Decision No. 46865 and would not require an additional Certificate of Environmental Compatibility. This finding of fact and conclusion of law imposes no obligation on APS, the owner of the Liberty to Gila Bend 230 kV transmission line.

As you also requested, APS is filing a copy of this letter in the referenced docket, as well as with Docket Control for filing in the docket for Case No. 26. If you or any member of the Committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

Snell & Wilmer



Jeffrey B. Guldner

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Attachment

cc: Docket Control, Line Siting Case No. 109 (25 copies)  
Docket Control, Line Siting Case No. 26 (25 copies)  
Paul Herndon  
Barbara Champion, Esq.  
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Teena Wolfe, Esq.

BEFORE THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS )  
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTION )  
40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE )  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR )  
PROPOSED 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE )  
FROM LIBERTY SUBSTATION (EXISTING) )  
TO GILA BEND SUBSTATION (EXISTING) )  
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Case No. 26

DECISION NO. 46865

CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("the Committee") held public hearings at Rooms N-6 and N-7, Phoenix Civic Plaza, 225 East Adams, Phoenix, Arizona on January 19 and 20, 1976, regarding the Application of Arizona Public Service Company (the "Applicant") in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes § 40-360, et seq., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing a proposed 230 KV transmission line and associated substation facilities emanating from the existing Liberty Substation and terminating at the existing Gila Bend Substation.

The following members, constituting a majority of the Committee, were present at all sessions of the hearing and for the vote at the conclusion of the hearing:

Andrew Bettwy, Jr.  
Lynn Fitz-Randolph, designee  
for Donald Gilbert  
Dave Hamernick, designee  
for Brent Brown  
Orme Lewis, Jr.  
Martin Wurbs, designee  
for Wesley Steiner  
E. H. Weigle

Peggy Spaw, designee  
for Andrew Bettwy, Sr.  
Arlo Lee  
Clyde S. Roberts  
Carl Billings, designee  
for Dr. Suzanne Dandoi  
Charles Stott, designee  
for Clifford Tabor  
Ken Rotta, designee  
for Ernest Garfield

The Applicant was represented by attorney, Ronald L. Junck. Intervenor, Sunora Development Company and Mrs. Ruth Oppenheimer, having duly served, as provided by law, their written notices of intent to become parties, were represented by attorneys, Ted Warner and Wallace O. Tanner, respectively. A limited appearance was filed by Darrell R. Bollinger, and a conditional limited appearance was filed by Sunora Development Company through its attorney, Ted Warner.

Testimony was presented by witnesses for the Applicant and for the Intervenor, the Committee was given an opportunity to examine all witnesses, and the Applicant and Intervenor were given an opportunity to cross-examine their respective witnesses.

Having considered the alternate route proposed by the Applicant, and having been fully informed in the premises, a motion was made by Martin Wurbs and seconded by E. H. Weigle. This motion, as amended by a majority vote on the further motion of Orme Lewis, Jr. and seconded by Carl Billings, was unanimously adopted by a vote of the members present. The amended motion granted the Applicant the following Certificate:

Arizona Public Service Company is hereby granted a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the construction of a 230 kV transmission line from the existing Liberty Substation near Buckeye, Arizona to and including the existing Gila Bend Substation near Gila Bend, Arizona, within a corridor one mile in width except for that portion of the corridor which traverses the Phoenix Skyline West Subdivision (Units 1 and 3) of Sunora Development Company, at which location the corridor shall extend no further north than the area immediately adjacent to and north of the existing United States Bureau of Reclamation 161 kV line and is less than one mile in width. The approved corridors are designated on the attached map, labeled Exhibit A, as Alternates 1N, 1S and 2S.

The center line of the corridor for which this Certificate is granted begins at the Liberty Substation located about 5 miles northeast of Buckeye, Arizona, between Airport and Tuthill Roads, and proceeds west adjacent to the existing Bureau of Reclamation 345 kV line. It continues in this alignment until the 345 kV line intersects the Bureau of Reclamation 161 kV line. The center line then follows the 161 kV line until it reaches Lower Buckeye Road. At this point, it follows Lower Buckeye Road west to Rooks Road. Turning south down Rooks Road, the corridor proceeds adjacent to an existing 69 kV line, down Rooks Road and across the Gila River. After passing through the Buckeye Hills the corridor center line leaves the 69 kV line near the center of Section 18 and continues south while staying to the east of U.S. Highway 80. The corridor continues south along the western edge of the Maricopa Mountains and parallels U.S. 80 about one mile to the east. The route then turns more southwesterly for approximately 2.3 miles before turning west and crossing U.S. 80 and Old U.S. 80. It then parallels Watermelon Road and an existing 69 kV transmission line for approximately 4 miles before intersecting the 69 kV line that runs north from the Gila Bend Substation. At this point the corridor turns south paralleling this 69 kV line into the Gila Bend Substation.

Alternate Route 2S begins at the juncture of the 69 kV line in Section 18, five miles south of the Gila River, and continues paralleling the existing line southwesterly, crossing the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline and U.S. Highway 80. The corridor center line continues

through the northwest tip of Rainbow Valley before turning due south paralleling U.S. 80 approximately one mile to the west. The route intersects and then parallels Old U.S. 80. The corridor's center line remains in this alignment until it reaches Watermelon Road.

This Certificate of Environmental Compatibility is granted on the condition that Applicant comply with all applicable nuclear radiation standards, air and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all applicable ordinances, master plans and regulations of the State of Arizona, and the County of Maricopa.

GRANTED THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1976.

THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION  
LINE SITING COMMITTEE

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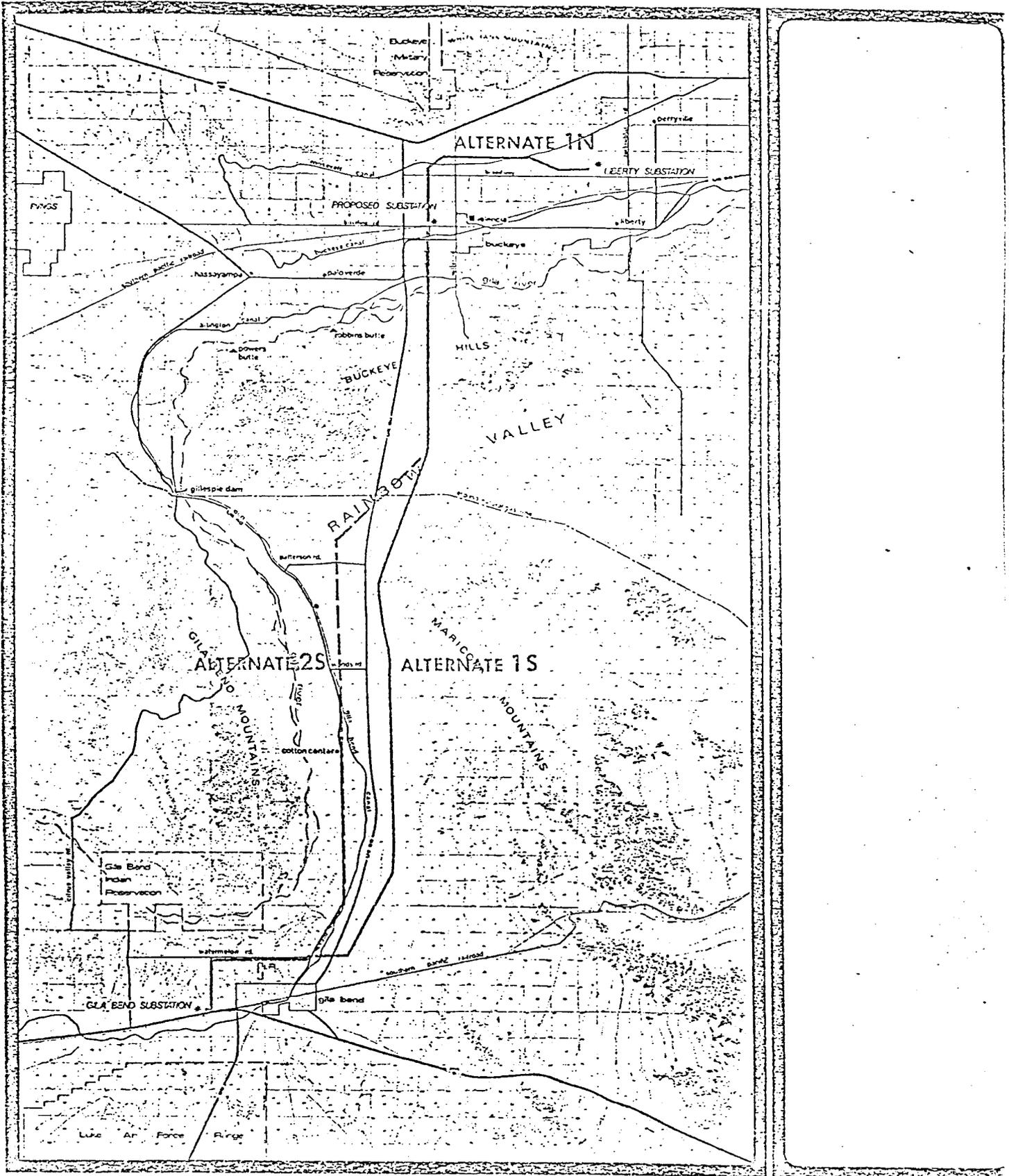
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, DONALD E. VANCE, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed, at the Capitol in the City of Phoenix, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1976.

[Signature]  
DONALD E. VANCE  
(Acting) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

EXHIBIT A



PREFERRED and ALTERNATE ROUTES

A.P.S. TRANSMISSION LINE

