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Ms. Laurie A. Woodall, Chairman  
Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Office of the Attorney General  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Hassayampa to Jojoba 500kV Transmission Line Project  
Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility

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Dear Ms. Woodall:

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) has reviewed the Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) for the Hassayampa to Jojoba 500kV Transmission Line Project. We understand that the proposed transmission line will be constructed adjacent to existing transmission lines within a Bureau of Land Management designated utility corridor. The area has been previously disturbed on both ends of the proposed development by power generation facilities and industrial developments, as well as within the corridor by the existing transmission line.

Based on our review of the standard operating procedures and mitigation measures outlined in the CEC, we understand that Gila Bend Power Partners has committed to activities that would reduce the impact to biological resources, including surveying for southwestern willow flycatchers prior to construction, employing raptor protection practices on power line structures, and keeping vegetation disturbance to a minimum. The Department supports these activities and would like to emphasize the importance of minimizing the disturbance to vegetation, particularly in drainage channels and along streambanks.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this CEC. Please contact me at (602) 789-3602 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

John Kennedy  
Habitat Branch Chief

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