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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ms. Colleen Ryan
Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission

FROM: Laurie A. Woodall
Chairman, Line Siting Committee

LAW (TMP)

DATE: November 18, 2002

RE: APS - North Valley, Docket No. 120

Attached is a letter recently received from the Arizona State Parks in the above-referenced docket. Please file in correspondence.

Thank you.

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SHPO-2002-1521 (12808)
general comments

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November 15, 2002

Laurie A. Woodall, Chairperson, Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee
Assistant Attorney General, Environmental Enforcement Section,
Office of the Attorney General
1275 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

RE: Proposed North Valley 230kV Transmission Line, Maricopa County, Arizona

Dear Ms. Woodall:

Thank you for having the committee's applicant (i.e., Arizona Public Services Co.) submit a copy of their application for a certificate of environmental compatibility. The proposed state plan entails the construction of approximately 31 miles of overhead utility lines and access roads as needed between three existing substations: Westwing, Raceway, and Pinnacle Peak. I reviewed the documents submitted and offer the following comments pursuant to the State Historic Preservation Act (i.e., A.R.S. § 41-861 to 41-864) and the committee's factors to be considered (i.e., A.R.S. § 40-360.06.A.5).

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At this time, a proposed route and four alternative routes are being evaluated. Based on background research, all of the proposed routes cross portions of three archaeological districts: Calderwood Butte, New River Dam, and Cave Creek Dam, although the Proposed Route and Alternative Routes 1 & 2 occur along the north edge of the New River Dam Archaeological District, Alternative 4 crosses through the district following a modern canal. Overall, the estimated archaeological site density within the route corridors is similar. One known historic-period property, the Beardsley Canal, is also present in all of the corridors.

Based on the scoping-level identification efforts conducted to date, the five proposed routes exhibit similar, relatively moderate, levels of possible impacts to historic properties (i.e., any prehistoric or historic district, site, structure, object, or Traditional Cultural Place included in, or eligible for inclusion in the State or National Registers of Historic Places).

We look forward to reviewing a cultural resource survey for the selected route, so that we can make a detailed evaluation of the plan's impacts to historic properties. We appreciate the committee's cooperation with this office in considering the effects of state plans on cultural resources situated in Arizona. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 542-7137.

Sincerely,

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Arizona State Historic Preservation Office