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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of the presentation I will give at the public hearing held by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee on August 11, 2003 at the Wigwam Resort. The hearing is in regards to an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the Arizona Public Service West Valley – South Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Seely
Governing Board President

Arizona Corporation Commission

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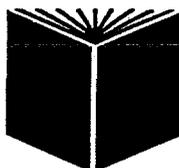
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**Presentation to the
Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee
Wigwam Resort, Litchfield Park, AZ
August 11, 2003**

Good Afternoon.

I am Scott Seely, and I am the President of the Governing Board of the Litchfield Elementary School District. This is Dr. Tom Heck, Superintendent of the School District.

We are here today to again express our concern about the chosen route for this power line. This route passes one of our schools, Scott Libby Elementary School. This school is located at 18701 W. Thomas Road. This is the Southwest corner of Thomas and Perryville Roads. According to the presentation given to the Governing Board by Mr. Steve Goodman and other representatives of APS, the power poles will be located 250 feet from the nearest building at the school. This is a classroom building, and this building is set more than 150 feet onto school property. Should the poles come down, the lines would be somewhere inside the fence line of the school, between the bus drop-off and the classroom buildings, and on the soccer fields and basketball courts.

Earlier, I used the word "again" in regards to the interaction between APS and the Litchfield Elementary School District, because the District expressed its concern to APS at three separate times during the siting process. The first time was at the School Board meeting on August 13, 2002. At that meeting Mr. Goodman and his colleagues addressed the Governing Board and displayed the four preferred routes. The School Board members expressed their concern that these poles were too close to the school. The APS representatives told us that these were only four of the nine routes being considered and that some of the others did not pass close to the school. We directed Dr. Heck to send APS a letter expressing our concern about the routes that would proceed north along Perryville Rd. A copy of this letter, dated August 14, 2002, is attached. I then attended the open house at Scott Libby School on August 21, 2002. At this Open House, I learned that all nine of the remaining routes would pass directly across the street from the school. At our Board Meeting on September 10, 2002, we again discussed the power line routes, and directed Dr. Heck to send another letter to APS expressing our concern for the safety of the students and staff of the school. This letter was dated September 11, 2002, and is also attached.

In addition to these official notifications by the School District, I expressed my personal concern over the positioning of these power lines so close to the school at both of the open houses held by APS at Scott Libby School. Other parents with children at this school tell me, that they also expressed their concern at these open houses.

I would remind you that it has been less than a year since power lines were knocked down onto a school campus in Apache Junction. Luckily there were no injuries, but the students and staff of this school were trapped inside for several hours.

We own approximately 140 acres of ground at this site. If these power lines had existed at the time the school was built, they would have been taken into consideration in the placement of the buildings and activity fields on the site, so that the safety of the students would be assured. Since this school is 20 years old, we do not have this opportunity, but you and APS have the opportunity to place these lines in a location that does not risk the safety of these children.

We ask this body to direct APS to move the siting for these power lines further to the east, and thereby away from the school. A simple solution would be to move these lines to the center of the sections between Perryville Road and Citrus, where a dirt farm road already exists.

As a point of interest, I would like to tell you that we wanted to be a party to this hearing, but we could not justify the expense. The statute that requires all parties to be represented by council causes this expense. As with all government entities in the current economic time, our budget is very tight, and taking dollars out of the classroom to pay our attorney to represent us at this hearing was not an option.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

LITCHFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT #79

August 14, 2002

Mr. Steve Goodman
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

Thank you for attending the Governing Board meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2002. The Governing Board appreciated your presentation and your willingness to share your siting information with them.

The Governing Board has directed me to express their concern over the placement of a 230/69 KV transmission line across the street from Scott L. Libby Elementary School. We request that APS seeks an alternative route.

Sincerely,



L. Thomas Heck, Ed.D.
Superintendent

cc: Governing Board

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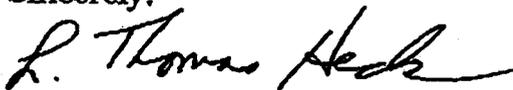
Dear Mr. Goodman:

The Litchfield Elementary School District Governing Board met on Tuesday, September 10, 2002. The Governing Board again wants to voice its opposition to the siting of the 230/69KV transmission line across the street from Scott L. Libby Elementary School.

The 250 foot distance is too close to our current play fields and bus drop-off. We are requesting that you site this transmission line a minimum of 750 feet from our property line.

Just last week, a storm knocked down power lines near a school in Apache Junction trapping the students and staff in the school for several hours. Please site the transmission line far enough away from the school to prevent this from happening to our children and staff.

Sincerely,



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