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Date: 10/19/2010

Complaint Description: 19L misc line siting
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Complaint By: Carl Triphahn

Account Name: Pipping Progress & Education Trust Fund

Home: (000) 000-0000

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Work:

City: Phoenix

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State: AZ Zip: 85040

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Utility Company: Miscellaneous ACC Questions

Division: Misc.

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On behalf of the Piping Industry Progress and Education Trust Fund (P.I.P.E.), I submit these comments to express great concern on the developments in the Hualapai Valley Solar, LLC (HVS) construction project.

P.I.P.E. represents Two Hundred (200) Arizona contractors who specialize in plumbing and pipefitting. Our organization is a professional trade association committed to upholding the highest standards of performance in the plumbing and pipefitting industry. We not only serve our member contractors with education, marketing and other resources, we also assist homeowners and businesses in locating qualified plumbing and mechanical contractors for residential, commercial, and industrial projects. And we've been doing this for 50+ years.

Because of our expertise in this area, we find it simply amazing that a project the size of the Hualapai Valley Solar power plant has not even signed an Engineering Procurement and Construction firm (EPC) for a project that may begin by the end of this year. Even if the EPC was brought on this week, it's still going to take 2 to 3 months of planning and organizing with our Arizona pipefitters and plumbers to plan and execute the construction of the solar power plant. We're talking about mobilizing Two Hundred (200) plumbers and pipefitters to install roughly One Thousand (1000) miles of pipe.

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We have a feeling that HVS is not serious about hiring Arizona plumbers and pipefitters for this project. If they were, they would be talking to us already. Unfortunately many Engineering Procurement Construction firms have to be mandated to hire local plumbers and pipefitters, something that disappoints us and doesn't sit well with the Arizona Corporation Commission, either. We have quite a few Arizona contractors desperately looking for work, and it would be a shame if such a big Arizona-based project was built by contractors from Nevada, California and Mexico. Arizona businesses and their employees have consistently been denied job opportunities while these foreign corporations utilize Arizona resources. I hope this letter is useful for you and please let me know if you have any questions.
Sincerely,

Executive Director, P.I.P.E.
End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

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