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NOTICE

RE: SITING CASE NO. 89 - AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY

TO: POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in Case No. 89, which has been executed by Charles Pierson, Chairman -Designee for the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee.

This matter will be placed on the Commission's Open Meeting Calendar of April 28 and 29, 1998, for consideration and approval by the Commission unless a request for review of the decision is received on or before April 24, 1998.

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Before the
ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY IN)
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS)
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES,)
40-360.03 AND 40-360.06, FOR A CERTIFICATE)
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY)
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A)
230kV TRANSMISSION LINE AND)
SUBSTATION IN MARICOPA AND PIMA)
COUNTIES, ARIZONA BETWEEN GILA BEND)
SUBSTATION WEST OF GILA BEND TO THE)
PROPOSED SUBSTATION NEAR THE)
PHELPS DODGE AJO INCORPORATED MINE)
A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 47 MILES.)

CASE NO. 89
Decision No. _____

CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee. (the "Committee") held a public hearing in Hearing Rooms 1 and 2 of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, on March 5, 1998, in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, for the purpose of receiving evidence and deliberating on the Application of Ajo Improvement Company (AIC) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in the above-captioned case.

The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present for the deliberations and vote on the Application at the March 5, 1998 hearing:

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| Charles S. Pierson | Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods |
| Steve Olea | Arizona Corporation Commission |
| Stephen Ahearn | Arizona Department of Commerce |
| Greg Workman | Arizona Department of Environmental Quality |

- 1 Arlo B. Lee Appointed Member
- 2 Wayne Smith Appointed Member
- 3 Jeff Maguire Appointed Member
- 4 Martin Sepulveda Appointed Member
- 5 Sandie Smith Appointed Member

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7 The applicant was represented by Steven M. Wheeler and Lisa A. Schuh of Snell &
8 Wilmer L.L.P., attorneys for Ajo Improvement Company. There were no intervenors or limited
9 appearances of record filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05. Letters of support for the project and
10 AIC's Application were received from the Mayor of Gila Bend, President of the Ajo District
11 Chamber of Commerce, Commander of the Pima County Sheriff's Department - Ajo District,
12 Pima County Administrator, Vice Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Habitat
13 Specialist for the Game & Fish Department, State Historic Preservation Office, President of the
14 Why Ajo Lukeville Development, and Chair of the West Pima County Community Council.
15 Public letters of support for the project were received from the President of the Ajo Country Club,
16 owner of the Copper Kettle Restaurant, the Hotel Cornelia, Del Sur Enterprises, Marceline
17 Marietti, June D. Marcus, Howard and Mary Frazer, Marvin and Barbara Silva, Richard and
18 Henrietta Daniels, Kord and Carol Klinefelter, Eric and June Marcus, Robert and Patricia
19 Hemenway. No letters in opposition to AIC's Application were filed with the Committee.

20 At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, having received the Application, the
21 appearance of the AIC, the evidence, testimony and exhibits presented by the AIC, and being
22 advised of the legal requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13, upon
23 motion duly made and seconded, voted unanimously to grant the AIC the following Certificate of
24 Environmental Compatibility (Case No. 89):

1 Ajo Improvement Company (AIC) is hereby granted a Certificate of Environmental
2 Compatibility (Case No. 89) for authority to construct a 230kV transmission line from the Gila
3 Bend Substation on the west side of Gila Bend, Arizona, to a proposed substation that would be
4 located near the Phelps Dodge Ajo Incorporated (PDAI) Mine on the southeast side of Ajo,
5 Arizona. AIC is also granted authority to construct the proposed substation that would be located
6 near the PDAI Mine near Ajo, Arizona. Finally, the Committee grants authority for construction
7 of appropriate modifications to the existing Gila Bend Substation. The approximate length of the
8 transmission line is 47 miles. The proposed route originates at the Gila Bend Substation and
9 proceeds south across Interstate 8 (I-8) and private lands to the State Route 85 corridor paralleling
the existing APS 69kV line to the north side of Ajo. North of Ajo the proposed route proceeds
east from the highway corridor along the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR), then turns south
and ties into an existing BLM designated utility corridor adjacent to the existing Ajo to Why 69kV
subtransmission line. Once the route intersects the Ajo to Why 69kV line, it then parallels the
existing Coffee Pot Connection 69kV subtransmission line, also within a designated utility
corridor, and proceeds to the proposed AIC Substation. The transmission line shall be located
within a routing corridor two thousand feet (2000') in width, the centerline of which is described in
AIC's Application and Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

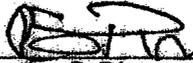
10 This certificate is granted upon the conditions that:

- 11 (1) the Applicant will comply with all existing applicable air and water pollution control
12 standards and regulations, and will follow all existing applicable ordinances, master plans
13 and regulations of the State of Arizona, the Counties of Maricopa and Pima, the United
14 States, and any other governmental entities having jurisdiction;
- 15 (2) the authorization to construct the project will expire ten (10) years from the date the
16 Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission unless construction of the
17 project is completed by that time; provided, however, that the Applicant (or its transferee,
18 assignee or successor) shall have the right to apply to the Arizona Corporation Commission
19 for an extension of this time limitation.

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21 GRANTED this 8th day of April, 1998.

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23 THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING
24 COMMITTEE

25 By


Charles S. Pierson, Chairman

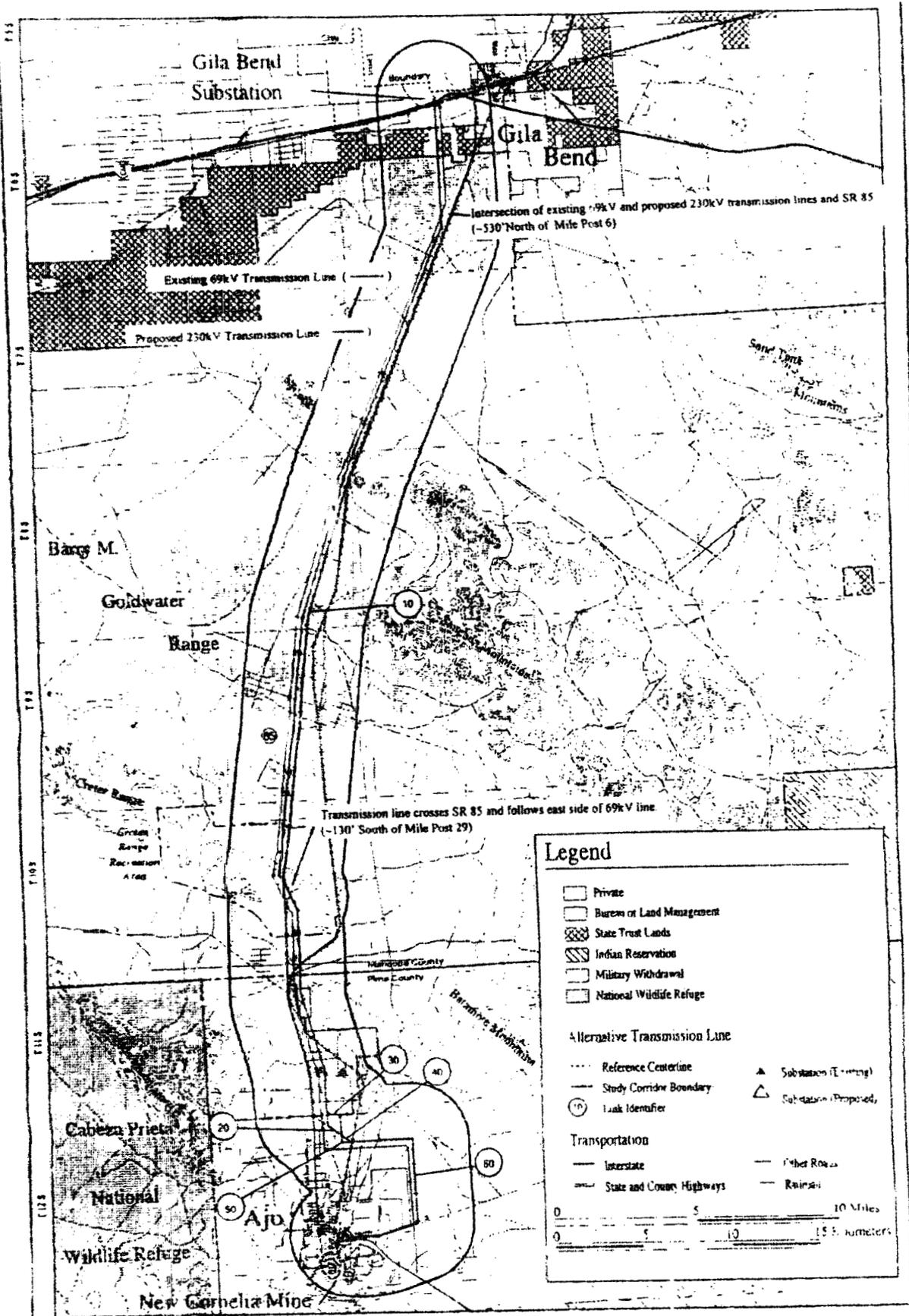
26 APPROVED BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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Chairman _____ Commissioner _____ Commissioner _____

In Witness Hereof, I Jack Rose, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, set my hand and cause the official seal of this commission to be affixed, this _____ day of _____, 1998.

By _____
Jack Rose
Executive Secretary



Jurisdiction

Gila Bend to Ajo
230kV Transmission Line Project

Annotated to Show Routing of Existing 69 kV and Proposed 230 kV Transmission Lines

Attachment 1

Bureau of Land Management
Ajo Improvement Company

