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Arizona Corporation Commission

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- COMMISSIONERS**
- Gary Pierce, Chairman
- Sandra D. Kennedy
- Paul Newman
- Bob Stump
- Brenda Burns

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SEP-II, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES SECTION 40-360, et seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE MESQUITE SOLAR GENERATION-TIE 230kV TRANSMISSION LINE, ORIGINATING AT THE PROPOSED MESQUITE SOLAR PHOTO VOLTAIC GENERATING FACILITY IN SEC. 18, T.1S, R.6W. G&SRB&M, MARICOPA COUNTY, AND TERMINATING AT THE EXISTING MESQUITE GENERATING STATION 230Kv SWITCHYARD IN SEC. 15, T.1S., R.6W. G&SRB&M, IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000KK-09-0299-00147

DECISION NO. 72450

ORDER AMENDING
DECISION NO. 71320

BY THE COMMISSION:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-252, on June 20, 2011, SEP-II, LLC ("SEP-II") filed a request with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a revision to its Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the construction of a 230 kV generation-tie transmission line (the "Mesquite Solar Gen-Tie Line CEC"). SEP-II is seeking an amendment to the corridor width in a small section of the route which is located near a gas metering station operated by El Paso Natural Gas Company. SEP-II is requesting an expansion of the corridor width in this area only from 240 feet to a width of 750 feet in order to engineer construction of the gen-tie line a minimum of 200 feet away from El Paso's gas meter station.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Decision No. 71320, entered on October 30, 2009, granted SEP-II's Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") for a gen-tie transmission line running from the Mesquite Solar Project to the switchyard at the existing Mesquite Generating Station. The CEC granted SEP-II its request for both a preferred route and alternative routes for the gen-tie line,

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1 consisting of approximately 4.5 to 5.1 miles of double circuit 230 kV transmission line and ancillary
2 facilities within a 240-foot wide corridor.

3 2. On April 29, 2011, SEP-II gave notice to the Arizona Corporation Commission
4 (“Commission”) of its selection of the preferred route. The preferred route as certificated encounters
5 a gas metering station operated by El Paso Natural Gas Company.

6 3. SEP-II has stated it has been advised by El Paso Natural Gas Company that the gen-tie
7 line be offset from the gas meter station a minimum of 200 feet. Moving the line to accommodate
8 this request will necessitate leaving the certificated 240 foot corridor in the narrow area starting
9 north of the evaporation ponds on Mesquite Power’s site to the point where the gen-tie line turns
10 west into the existing 230 kV switchyard at the Mesquite Generating Station.

11 4. The Applicant is the only party affected by an expansion of the corridor width.

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13 **ORDER**

14 Upon due consideration of this matter and notice and opportunity to be heard, the
15 Commission hereby modifies Decision No. 71320 to SEP-II’s requested corridor expansion. The
16 CEC issued by the Line Siting Committee and granted by the Commission on October 30, 2010 in
17 Decision No. 71320 is modified as follows:

18 The relevant part of the existing CEC reads on page 3, lines 9-11 as follows:

19 At approximately the midpoint of Section 15, the Preferred Route turns
20 north and continues on the Mesquite Generating Station site for
21 approximately 0.8 mile before turning west at the existing Mesquite
22 Generating Station switchyard.

23 IT IS ORDERED this section will be amended to read as follows:

24 At approximately the midpoint of Section 15, the Preferred Route turns
25 north and continues on the Mesquite Generating Station site for
26 approximately 0.7 mile until reaching the northern extent of the existing
27 evaporation ponds on the Mesquite Generating Station site, at which point
28 the corridor shall expand to 750 feet in width before turning west at the
existing Mesquite Generating Station switchyard.

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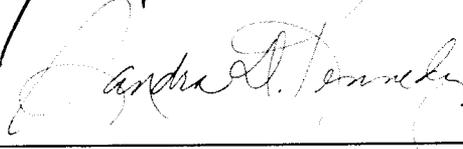
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the dimensions and layout of the requested limited expansion of the corridor will be as diagramed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto.

All other provisions in the CEC granted by Decision No. 71320 continue in effect.

BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION


CHAIRMAN


COMMISSIONER

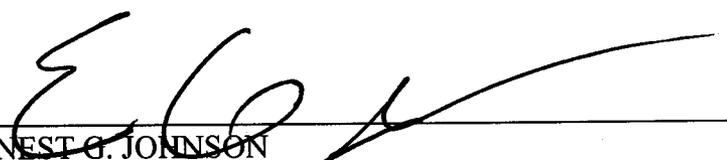

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, ERNEST G. JOHNSON, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capital, in the City of Phoenix, this 28th day of June 2011.


ERNEST G. JOHNSON
Executive Director

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NO	DATE	REVISIONS AND RECORD OF ISSUE	BY	CHK APP	ENGINEER M.L.P.	DRAWN J.B.N.	DATE 6/14/11	SEMPPRA - MESQUITE 230KV GENERATION TIE LINE MODIFICATION TO GENERATION TIE LINE AT THE GAS METER STATION	PROJECT 169394	DRAWING NUMBER SK 060911

