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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF THE SOUTHWEST TRANSMISSION
COOPERATIVE, INC., OR ITS ASSIGNEES,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY FOR THE MARANA TAP
TO SANDARIO TAP TRANSMISSION LINE
REBUILD PROJECT LOCATED IN PIMA
COUNTY, ARIZONA.

CASE NO. 161

Docket No. L-00000CC-11-0127-00161

DECISION NO. 72447

**APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
OF CEC DEADLINE**

Southwest Transmission Cooperative (“SWTC”) requests an extension of the time to construct facilities authorized by the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) issued by the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee as approved and amended by the Commission in Decision No. 72447. Pursuant to CEC Condition 7, the authorization is scheduled to expire June 28, 2014, but that limitation may be extended on order of the Commission. SWTC requests the Commission extend that date to July 16, 2018.

I. BACKGROUND

This CEC involves SWTC’s rebuild of an existing 115 kilovolt (“kV”) line called the Marana Tap to Sandario Tap transmission line. The rebuild Project involves an enhanced design which will accommodate the current and future needs of SWTC’s Class A member distribution cooperatives.

The transmission line upgrade begins at the existing Western Area Power Authority (“WAPA”) Saguaro to Rattlesnake 115 kV transmission line and concludes at the existing

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1 Sandario 115 kV line located about one mile south of Manville Road (the "Project"). The
2 Commission granted a CEC for this Project in Decision No. 72447 for a term of three years.
3 SWTC's authorization to construct the Project will expire on June 28, 2014, unless the
4 Commission extends the time limitation as permitted in Decision No. 72447.

5 II. DISCUSSION

6 The Commission should approve this application because the need for this Project still
7 exists. SWTC has completed portions of the Project and remains committed to its full
8 completion because of its contributions to long-term system reliability.

9 The Project is needed to support future electric system growth generally, but, as well,
10 SWTC's ability to accommodate system failures (first contingency scenarios as studied under the
11 North American Electric Reliability Corporation Planning Standards criteria) without
12 unnecessary disruption of service. The existing transmission line was one of the first constructed
13 on the AEPCO system in 1961. To date, its conductor has not been fully upgraded.

14 A short segment of the existing line is currently at capacity. Under certain conditions, it
15 would be unable to carry additional loads without failure should an outage occur elsewhere on
16 the system. The portion remaining to be completed runs between the WAPA Saguaro to
17 Rattlesnake 115 kV transmission line and SWTC's Marana Substation. As indicated, most of
18 this upgrading has been completed. SWTC requests this time extension so it can complete the
19 remainder of the Project.

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1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 In light of the foregoing, SWTC requests that its authorization to complete this Project
3 pursuant to Decision No. 72447 be extended to July 16, 2018 by Commission order issued no
4 later than June 28, 2014.

5 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 21st day of March, 2014.

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