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Opinion

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Date: 4/1/2015

Complaint Description:

19L misc line siting
08A Rate Case Items - Opposed

First:

Last:

Complaint By:

David

Linville

Account Name:

David Linville

Home:

Street:

Work:

City:

Chandler

CBR:

State:

AZ Zip: 85249

is: Cellular

Utility Company:

Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement & Power District

Division:

Electric

Contact Name:

Linda Coughenour

Contact Phone:

Nature of Complaint:

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Customer sent the following -

Opinion section 1

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I am vehemently opposed to the proposed route, in particular the N2 to N3 section. This stretch impacts a greater number of residential areas as compared to the alternate route. The stretch from N1 to N2 has existing 69kV power lines so this impact should be minimal. Conversely, the stretch from N2 to N3 does not have existing power lines and cuts through residential areas running alongside neighborhood green belts and common areas. Families, adults and children alike, frequently use these green belts for many activities including occasional kite flying. I'm highlighting this activity as it poses a significant safety risk to neighborhood residents who are accustomed to using these areas for this activity.

Opinion section #2

The Railroad to Arizona Avenue Alternate Route Link (N2 to N4) and the Arizona Avenue Alternate Route (N4 to N5) runs alongside property zoned as industrial use for most of the length of this route. This appears to be a much better alternative.

Although SRP is not proposing some of the alternate routes that were presented to the public, I feel it would be remiss to not push SRP to select a route that already has 230kV or 69kV lines installed. This seems to be the least impactful solution to the community as it would only alter existing power poles/lines versus installing new ones in areas that don't already have them. These options include utilizing the German Rd existing 69kV route or the Riggs Rd existing 69kV route. Why impact areas of our community when they don't have to be?

Opinion Section #3

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Lastly, I would like to address the topic of burying power lines. Obviously it is more expensive to bury power lines than to hang them on poles. However, it seems SRP is only considering total cost versus the impact on those that are unfortunate to get power poles/lines installed next to their house after they have purchased their home. There is no question power lines alongside residential areas decrease property values for those properties near the power poles/lines. This is effectively a tax, but only on those near the power lines, as their property values drop for the greater good of the community. Burying power lines would not have this unfair impact to properties alongside the power line route. Instead, the users of the utility would pay the expense. Everybody shares the cost vs those unlucky to have power lines installed near their property. This seems to be a much fairer solution.

Opinion Section # 4

I feel SRP should be pushed to present an option that buries the new power lines where they pass by residential areas that do not have existing power poles/lines. To put this in terms of dollars, only a 5% impact on property values along the N2 - N3 section of SRP's proposed route is in excess of \$1.1M when only considering the properties that are directly neighboring the proposed route (49 properties out of the 314 in the affected neighborhoods). A quick search on the internet produces several articles that reference a study of the impact of property values due to neighboring power lines, performed by Hamilton & Schwann in which 12,907 home sales were evaluated. The conclusion of this study identified a negative impact to property values of 6.3% due to proximity to power lines.

End of Complaint

Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

Comments entered for the record and filed with Docket Control.

End of Comments

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