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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE TS-5 TO TS-9 500/230 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH ORIGINATES AT THE FUTURE TS-5 SUBSTATION, LOCATED IN THE WEST HALF OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 4 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST AND TERMINATES AT THE FUTURE TS-9 SUBSTATION, LOCATED IN SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

CASE NO. 138

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STAFF'S REPLY

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Staff filed its closing brief on March 6, 2015 in this matter. As noted by Staff, it was aware of, but did not participate in discussions between parties interested in the routing modifications requested by Arizona State Land Department ("ASLD"). Staff was aware of some aspects of the proposal and, as indicated in closing, Staff tentatively expressed no objection to the further modifications to that portion of the routing modification request, pending the receipt of further details.

Upon reading the closing briefs of the settling parties which help to more fully understand the specifics of the modified routing to accommodate ASLD, Staff believes that the revised routing modification request being made by ASLD will not detrimentally impact the reliability or need for the transmission project approved by Decision No. 70850.

For that reason, Staff does not object to the routing modifications adopted by the settling parties with regard to the ASLD routing accommodation.

1 **III. CONCLUSION**

2 For all the above stated reasons and those expressed in Staff's Closing Brief filed on March
3 6, 2015, Staff recommends the extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility term and
4 adoption of the routing modifications requested by APS. Further, Staff has no objection to the
5 routing modification made to accommodate ASLD, as agreed upon by the parties.

6 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 13th day of March, 2015.

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