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ACC Chairman Bitter-Smith

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Dear Chairman Foreman and Bitter-Smith:

I own a residence in South Chandler and I am the managing member of the Germann Action Team (GATE). GATE is a grassroots organization created to protect the quality of life of residents that live along Germann, Dobson and Ellis Roads (Germann Corridor of roads) and represents the wishes of the residents in this area. Our community is the gateway to South Chandler and is filled with thousands of people. The Germann Corridor is unique with its mix of family residences, apartments, churches, schools, day cares, children's community centers, restaurants, and businesses. The membership of GATE reflects the diversity of our community and includes:

Homestead HOA

Arden Park HOA

Sienna Heights HOA

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Brittany Heights HOA

Germann Country Estates HOA

Talante HOA

Stonefield HOA

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I made South Chandler my home because of its easy access to work, entertainment, and its well-planned communities. I first became aware of SRP's power needs in June of 2013 when I noticed a Facebook post about proposed high voltage power lines going down the streets of Chandler. My first reaction was "Not In My Backyard!" I set out to educate myself about SRP's route lines and slowly a larger picture emerged. I am convinced that Germann, Dobson, and Ellis Roads are the wrong place for 230kV power lines for many more reasons than just aesthetics. A GRIC route is a true win-win scenario for all communities involved, including GRIC. GATE and all of the communities that we represent approve SRP's GRIC route and here are the reasons why:

1. Our community consists of thousands of multi-generational families that live here all year round. Chandler streets are beautiful, lined with wide roads, lush landscaping, picturesque neighborhoods, churches, schools, retail shops, restaurants, and public parks. The City of Chandler has carefully planned this area to make it appealing for residents. SRP's proposed GRIC route will protect the City of Chandler's well-designed plans for our streets.
2. The Germann corridor has over 3000 children that live or attend daycares and schools along Germann Road. Many members in our community, including me, don't trust inconclusive studies on EMF effects. SRP's GRIC route is an emotional relief for individuals and families considering pregnancy and living year around with young children along German Road.
3. Germann Road is home to two of the largest churches in the state of Arizona. Both Chandler Christian Church and Tri-City Baptist have schools as a function of their church mission. A third church, Chandler Presbyterian is also home to a children's center. The presence of 230kV lines along Germann Road would put children at all three churches directly under the lines, year round. Chandler Christian Church, Tri-City Baptist, and Chandler Presbyterian join with our homeowners to support a GRIC route to ensure that concerned parents do not remove their children from their schools because of 230kV power lines.
4. The GRIC route supports the small, local businesses along Germann Road. Business along Germann Road is booming. Parking lots are filled with cars and people are once again shopping and going out to restaurants. A large construction project will damage business by interrupting normal traffic flow along Germann Road. As proven in previous large road construction projects, once traffic is re-directed consumers do not return. This leaves a permanent impact on local business. Businesses such as Greulich's Automotive Repair and The Shops at Pecos Ranch support SRP's GRIC route to protect their small businesses and allows stores to flourish unimpeded by a large construction project.
5. Putting 230kV power lines along the built out, densely populated Germann Corridor would set a statewide precedence. These power lines are traditionally placed along highways, open areas, undeveloped land, canals, and railroads. Historically, the power lines go first, and communities are built around them, giving homeowners and parent's a choice. There is also no

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impact on home values, as the poles came before the community, and price adjustments are already factored in. The placement of 230kV power lines along Germann Road will take the choice away from parents and families and negatively impacts home values.

6. The placement of lines through GRIC has already been voted on and agreed to by the members of the tribe. They want the high voltage power lines on their lands. Their vote to allow power lines provides an economically challenged community a chance to have access to new technology. Allottees will financially benefit from SRP's addition of the 230kV power lines. This is a unique, positive opportunity for the members of the tribe. This is a true win for their community.

SRP has found the balanced solution for everyone. The GRIC route is a true win-win scenario. It protects the majority of the high-density population in South Chandler and Sun Lakes from the deleterious impacts of high voltage power lines while providing economic benefit to a community that voted to include 230kV power lines on their land. I commend SRP for their hard work and diligence as they move closer to siting the 230kV power lines on GRIC land. The elimination of the private land routes along Germann, Dobson, and Ellis Roads has the support of HOA groups, schools, daycares, churches, retail businesses, as well as the City of Chandler.

Supporters of GATE call on the ACC to vote for the SRP's proposed GRIC route.

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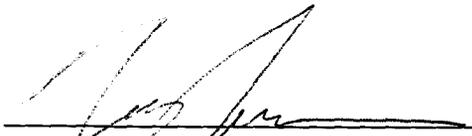
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