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From: Platt, John <jhplatt@swlaw.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 12:51 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Cc: Platt, John
Subject: SRP 230 KV lines in Chandler, near Pinelakes com



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Dear Susan Bitter Smith,

In the coming days it will be placed before you to approve SRP's request to run new 230KV powerlines from the Schrader substation, south down the railroad tracks near Arizona Ave, out on to the GRIC, and back down to the Price Corridor. Members of the Pinelakes community (a very nice community of homes in the \$500k – \$900k price range) have been trying to be heard, but we feel that SRP and the City of Chandler have ignored our voices and are not being straight with us or you. We have lived here over 13 years.

It makes no sense to run power lines over 12 miles in a circle when they could be run in a straight line down Germann Road where powerlines already exist. But if they have to be run by our houses, they could bury them.

There are almost 100 homes within 500 feet of the proposed power lines in Pinelakes, some will be as close as 50 feet! Can you imagine living in a house, sitting in your backyard, looking up and hearing the crackle and pop of those 230kV power lines? The homes will for sure go down in value, and who will compensate them for the loss of home value? Are they supposed to "take one for the team" so the rest of Chandler and SRP can enjoy the benefits of some big businesses getting power over at the Price Corridor? If the lines are buried, the home values will not be affected, the families in them will not have the noise pollution from the electricity, not to mention the unsightliness of the lines and towers.

We are only asking to bury the lines for less than one mile, from the Schrader substation until Chandler heights, along the side of the railroad tracks. This is just dirt, no streets to tear up. It can't be that hard to do. Now I think it makes entirely more sense to abandon the route entirely and go north on existing poles, and west down Germann Road with the existing poles. Because that is the shortest route, and no one would be getting something they don't already have in their backyard.

You are our last and only hope. I know you are there to protect the rate payers, but also to make sure that these powerful monopolies don't trample on the citizens that get in their way. Please protect us.

Thank you,
John Platt
Chandler, Pinelakes.

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From: Robert <rpok62a@cox.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Re: SRP 230KV Power Lines

My name is Robert Powell and I have been a resident of the great community of Pinelake Estates since 2004 along with my wife and children. We moved to the community of Pinelake Estates which was established in 2002 for the scenic beauty, the wild life revolving around the big beautiful Lake and knowing we would have lots of room to raise a family. We had no idea that 10 years after moving here, SRP with approval of the Chandler City Council, would want to install 230KV lines along the Railroad tracks. The city's position stated by Rick Heumann is basically it's a win for everyone. I would sure like to know if the city would back that up in writing because to the people of Pinelake, everyone else will be a winner here at our expense. I do not know of anyone who feels comfortable of living under these large powerlines and I strongly believe that a well established community like Pinelake Estates should not have this imposed on us! I have not heard of one person saying no to supply Electricity to an area miles away from here that I or no one I know of in this community even works at. We all understand of the need for business to help a city thrive. What we are saying is if you are going to run 230kv Power lines south along the west side of Pinelake Estates, that SRP simply bury the lines. I have heard numerous times that it will cost too much. Well, I say that's bologna. A less than one mile stretch is all we are asking for. Today the sitting committee adopted

the SRP application and will be presenting their findings to you shortly.
Please, do not allow final approval of the new SRP power lines
from Schrader Substation without the condition of having to bury the lines
at least for the duration of Pinelake Estates. Thank you!

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From: Paula and Alex <mcstege@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:29 PM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Web; RBurns-Web
Subject: Additional Security Issues for SRP 230kv routing in Chandler

Dear Members,

As a follow up to my earlier email and with yesterday's hearing on the proposed routing for above ground power lines, versus underground lines, I have heard little on what specific security risks the above ground lines might pose to residents living as close by as 30-40 feet away, let alone how they would be addressed and managed by SRP and other authorities - and the cost for doing so.

Unfortunately, we live in a world of terrorism where the FBI takes an active role in monitoring hundreds of potential leads for both organized and lone wolf perpetrators. The proposed above ground lines lie within a designated flight path of the Chandler airport, and as such, either by accident or intent, the lines could be impacted. Due to their planned proximity close to housing, any accident or sabotage could have deadly consequences for those individuals close by, in addition to having a major power grid being knocked out.

All of these concerns and related costs both in dollars and human life could be remedied by having the lines buried 2.7 miles from Schrader station west on Ocotillo Road over to the new substation planned near Intel, rather than having over 14 miles of above ground dual 230kv/69kv lines being constructed among long standing residential neighborhoods.

Also of note, the details of the financial compensation being made to the Gila River Indian Community by SRP and any potential discounted rate plans have not been made public. Indeed, offset payments to certain members of the GRIC, in conjunction with assured homeowner property devaluation for over 20,000 Chandler residents is inherently unfair.

And, as stated by SRP representatives last night, once the towers have been built on the Gila River nation, legal jurisdiction of those towers is now held by GRIC and not by Arizona county or state authorities. Why would anyone invest in building out a substantial public asset, even with a lease in place, and turn over rights and jurisdiction to another governing body?

All of these issues can be addressed with a simple solution: Bury the lines directly west for 2.7 miles from Schrader substation on Ocotillo Rd to the intended substation adjacent to Intel.

While the initial capital outlay CAPEX may be more expensive for burying the lines, overall OPEX over the course of time is greatly reduced with buried lines, along with increased safety for local residents, and no economic devaluation of homes in the area.

Kind regards,

Paula McCarty
Chandler, Arizona

From: Paula and Alex

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2015 8:14 AM

To: Forese-web@azcc.gov ; Little-web@azcc.gov ; BitterSmith-web@azcc.gov ; Stump-web@azcc.gov ; Rburns-web@azcc.gov

Subject: PLEASE READ SRP 230kv routing in Chandler

Dear Members of the Arizona Corporation Commission,

I am writing to you representing hundreds of citizens in the South Chandler area who are opposed to the current routing being proposed by SRP for over 14 miles of above ground 230kv power lines, when the same power needs could be accomplished by an underground route approximately 2.7 miles in length.

First, a little about my background. I am pro development and pro growth for the state of Arizona. I have spent my entire career working for major Fortune 100 technology corporations. I am a resident of the Pinelake Estates subdivision and Vice President of the HOA. Our development will be most greatly impacted by this project more so than any other, as we will be bounded on two sides of our development by the 230 kv lines.

When we purchased our home in this area in 2004, the Master Plan for this area, as developed by the City of Chandler Planning Commission, was intended to be an area of large homes, large lots, keeping tradition with Chandler's agricultural history and rural-feeling. This area was sold and marketed to tens of thousands of residents on this basis. The concept of SRP installing overhead 230kv and 60 kv power lines adjacent to homes and permanently visible for miles and miles is not only unacceptable, but a travesty that will be fought and a precedent for all other Arizona taxpayers to watch and learn from.

Two years ago, when discussions started about potential expansion of power lines from the Schrader substation, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny appointed Councilman Rick Heumann to lead a Council sub committee task force to gather public input for the Council. I and others find it reprehensible that to this date, Councilman Heumann has never contacted the Pinelake Estates Homeowners Board to gather our input. Many of our homeowners have reported to me that when trying to discuss our perspective and viewpoint, he has shut them down and appears to have made a recommendation to the Council over 18 months ago for a proposed southbound route.

Approximately two years ago, I sent all of the Chandler City Council members individual emails proposing that they consider the northbound/westbound route up Arizona Avenue and then across Germann Rd, which was much more direct and shorter than the route currently being proposed. In addition, there also are in place high voltage lines already constructed along that route. Instead, I received quite a sharp response from Councilor Heumann that appeared to indicate that he had his mind made about the route – prior to a series of town meetings held by SRP.

What is most interesting to many of us, is why the northbound Germann Road was not selected. Currently, along Arizona Avenue, there are no single family homes that would be impacted. And, along Germann Road, there already exist concrete towers and high voltage lines in place. Some have indicated that individuals in positions of authority have either indirect or direct interests along that route. If that were to be the case, I would hope that those officials would have properly recused themselves from weighing in on any routing decisions.

As with any above ground power line project, SRP and Chandler's City Council have pitted neighborhood against neighborhood and have been successful in dividing and conquering the masses. However, what unifies all the communities in this area is **the desire to have these lines buried** – directly (approximately 2.7 miles)

from the Schrader substation straight down Ocotillo, and then once over near Old Price Rd, SRP could go above ground, as that land is wide open and not populated.

SRP has given unsubstantiated cost estimates for burying the lines and never wanted that as an option. Yet, they have spent the last year negotiating with the Gila River Tribe to use their land for above ground routing. With this deal, likely comes a quid pro quo power pricing discount deal for GRIC over many years, at the expense of our neighborhoods in South Chandler.

While burying the lines may initially be more expensive than going above ground for SRP, costs could be amortized over a 30+ year period and further offset by not discounting rates for the GRIC. Most, if not all major power utilities bury these types of 230kv high voltage lines in populated areas. As the population and density of the Valley continues to grow, power requirements will also need to increase. New and improved methods of delivering power to businesses and residents will have to take hold – including the cost of building underground power lines. SRP must face this reality for the future, and realize that if they want to be a good corporate citizen, they can't just string up power in the most expeditious, low cost manner available without destroying homeowner neighborhoods and negatively impacting citizens' single largest investment – their home's value.

I urge all of you to deny approval of the current SRP route being proposed, south along Arizona Avenue and then onto the Gila River Tribal Nation. Here's the bottom line: 14+ miles of above ground unsightly power lines, versus 2.7 miles of underground power over to the R-27 substation behind Intel. Let common sense prevail.

I would personally welcome you to visit our neighborhood and show you firsthand the routes that you likely have seen on 2-D paper maps, and how they will impact the community.

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Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 12:44 PM
To: Forese-Web; Little-Web; BitterSmith-Web; Stump-Stump-web@azcc.gov; RBurns-Web
Subject: FW: Docket Number = L-00000B-15-0059-00170 Public Comment
Attachments: PublicComment.pdf; PublicComment.pdf

Importance: High

Hi - attached are comments for my wife and I on Docket Number = L-00000B-15-0059-00170.

These power lines MUST be buried for the sake of keeping Chandler a top rate city, beautiful and livable and for the safety of the 1,000s of residents who live and work nearby. This is not an industrial site - it is residential surrounded by 1,000s of homes.

In addition to the reasons to bury the lines on the attached and above I would like to add that unfortunately, we live in a world of terrorism where the FBI takes an active role in monitoring hundreds of potential leads. The proposed above ground lines lie within the flight path of the Chandler airport, and as such, either by accident or intent, the lines could be impacted. Due to their close planned proximity close to housing, any accident or sabotage could have deadly consequences for those individuals close by, with a major power grid being knocked out.

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Thank you!

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Public Comment Form

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Opinion:
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From: Lisa Summers <lisasummers@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2015 8:50 PM
To: BitterSmith-Web
Subject: PLEASE BURY THE LINES!

I have lived in Pinelake Estates for the past 10 1/2 years, and have been a proud Chandler resident for 13 years, after moving here from the Bay Area. I am writing to plead to you to please do what is best for the residents of this beautiful community, and for your constituents, and not just the cheapest option. PLEASE BURY THE POWER LINES. Not only are the power lines an awful eye sore, but an enormous health risk (especially to young children), a huge factor when we are considering property (de)valuations, and a threat to our security with increased terrorism risks associated with above ground power lines. How are you planning to manage and address the costs associated with those security risks? ALL of these concerns can be alleviated by burying the power lines. They simply MUST be buried. I do not see how I can safely live in a community with above ground power lines running right by my neighborhood. PLEASE BURY THE LINES!

Sincerely,
Lisa Summers