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Dear Commissioners,

I am a 20 year Chandler resident writing to you because I'm deeply concerned with what's about to happen to my neighborhood. SRP wants to erect new 154 foot 230kV overhead transmission lines in Chandler. As you are aware, the proposed route will be constructed along the Union Pacific railroad tracks near Arizona Avenue, south past Hunt Highway.

SRP has been trying for several years to get these high-voltage lines erected in south Chandler to satisfy energy needs to the Price Road Corridor. Neighborhood after neighborhood has fought SRP and pleaded with the City of Chandler and SPR to not approve these lines near their neighborhoods, schools, churches, etc. Obviously, no one wants these lines anywhere near them. However, somehow the lines are approved to be erected in a stretch of Chandler that negatively affects thousands of residents. This, it is an outrage!

I attended an SRP "Open House" a few months ago at Hamilton High School. This was the first time I became aware of the power lines potentially being constructed in our area. After that I attended the Public Meetings at the San Marcos Hotel held by SRP. I have serious concerns with how SRP conducted these meetings. I found myself questioning many of the assertions made and perhaps most troubling was the obvious disdain the chairman had for residents who voiced their concerns during the "Public Comments" portion of these meetings. It was apparent that SRP representatives in attendance had their own agenda and were not interested in compromise or consensus building.

First of all, the SRP representative I met at Hamilton High told me the lines were *definitely* going in, either on the rail road tracks or AZ Ave and there was only one decision to be made "which route did I prefer?" He urged me to fill out a comment card that stated I preferred the AZ Ave route, which I did, as that would be further from my neighborhood. After educating myself in the following weeks I discovered he was manipulating me and others who came to the open house.

At the "Public Comments" portion of the meetings held by SRP there were hundreds of residents in attendance. After the first person spoke the crowd erupted in applause. The chairman immediately and in a disgusted tone shouted "I can shut this meeting down!" He told us if the applause continued it would be the end for us. Apparently he, and probably the rest of the sub-committee, had their minds made up and I knew at that time we were in big trouble.

Additionally, there were at least three residents I recall who voiced health and safety concerns of these power lines. I tell you all this because SRP blatantly dismissed our health concerns and outright ignored them. I have proof of this because the next day as the meetings continued, a question was asked if anyone at the "Public Comments" portion had any safety or health concerns. Everyone on that panel shook their heads and said "no." Many of us in the audience were dumbfounded, looking at one another in disbelief. This was in fact a concern of many who spoke only one night earlier.

For many reasons, high-voltage power lines are not appropriate for construction near residential neighborhoods. This route passes *through* dozens of neighborhoods, in some cases just *yards* away from homes, parks, churches and businesses. It even crosses through a flight path of Chandler Municipal Airport, one of the country's busiest general aviation airports. This makes no sense!

There is no question property values will be *greatly* affected along this path if these 154 foot power lines are erected. I sold real estate in the valley for ten years and I can tell you with great certainty this is a fact. Common sense tells you this, you don't need a professional opinion to determine this. However, SRP claimed in one of their community meetings that home values are not negatively affected when high-powered lines are installed near homes. This is an outrage! Once again, SRP is being dishonest and manipulative.

What's more, SRP says they cannot afford to bury these lines. I'm telling you Chandler residents can't afford for them *not* to be buried. Some of us can expect to lose well over \$100,000 in home values! In my neighborhood alone it's expected we will lose more than \$10 million combined. For the vast majority of us, our homes are our greatest financial investment. SRP can absorb the costs of burying the lines, they can even raise rates. If their one million customers paid a one-time \$30 fee that would pay to bury the lines for several miles. What can the home owners do? We will NEVER recoup our losses yet we are supposed to sit back and let SRP install these lines because it's "too expensive" to bury them? We plead with you to reject the SRP proposal to erect above ground lines – they need to be *buried* as they cross through residential areas. Again, this is common sense!

As previously mentioned, there is a grave concern among residents that these lines will create health and safety risks to our children. The risk of contracting childhood leukemia increases when children are exposed to high voltage power lines. SRP even admitted to this in their public hearings several years ago. This proposed route runs adjacent to greenbelts and parks where our children play, fly kites, etc. This is not safe! Would you raise your family 30 yards away from high-voltage lines? Is it fair to construct these lines near established neighborhoods and risk even one child's life?

We all want to see the Price Road Corridor become more attractive to local businesses, thereby stimulating the economy with job creation and increased tax revenue. In light of the power going to our "technology hub" isn't it appropriate for us to get power to this area in a modern way? This can be achieved by burying the lines so that the aesthetics of our beautiful community are not negatively impacted.

It's not fair to force high powered lines upon a smaller minority of residents, even though we number in the thousands. In doing this you are placing all the risk, burden, and home devaluation onto us. We have nothing to gain by this individually, yet we are bearing all the cost. Is this fair? Or is it fair to ask those who will benefit to bear the cost to bury the lines?

Aside from property value loss and potential health risks to our families we will be forced to look at disgusting power lines 154 tall. My family immensely enjoys our lake view where we watch the sunset every night - that's why we chose this home and paid a lot premium, to see the beautiful skyline. As they say in real estate, it's all about "location, location, location." Soon our location will be a detriment, not an asset. Our beautiful view will be forever marred as we will soon be looking out upon massive 154 foot power poles, power lines and giant orange and yellow balls dangling from them. I ask you again, is this fair to my family?

Additionally, there are potential aviation risks due to the proximity of a very well established and extremely busy airport, Chandler Municipal Airport. If an airplane or hot air balloon were to hit one of these lines it would be tragic, not to mention the potential power outage for a very large area of Chandler.

Underground transmission lines are becoming the norm in populated areas, not only in the US but across the world. One of the many benefits has to do with potential terrorist plots. There can be no tampering with lines that are buried.

Please put yourselves in our shoes and ask yourself "Would I want these high-voltage lines in my backyard?" or "Is this what's best for the good people of Arizona who have elected me to represent them?" I feel sure I can safely assert that no one voting in favor of the currently proposed route will be impacted by these massive power lines in a direct line-of-sight fashion!

Chandler is one of the most beautiful and desirable cities in all of Arizona. With your help we can keep it that way. I urge you to reject the currently proposed SRP power line plan. The lines need to be buried!

Sincerely,

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**Re: Senator McCain, South Chandler is in desperate need of your help**

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 4:48 PM**To:** Work, Case (McCain)**Cc:** Laine Schoneberger [nlschoneberger@gmail.com]MAY 06 2015  
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Dear Senator McCain,

I'm Robert Powell and I'm following up on the letter below written by Mr. Laine Schoneberger address directly to you last Friday. We have confirmation that this critical urgent matter will be taken up by the Arizona Corporation Commission on Tuesday May 12th. If approved by the ACC, all that would be left is approval by the BIA to grant right of way passage on the portion of the 230kv line that will be located on the Gila River Indian Community. If implemented, South Chandler will be forever decimated. I have been unable to reach your office today so please, contact Laine at 602-292-6287 as he is patiently awaiting your phone call. I have been a strong supporter of yours ever since I moved to Arizona nearly 11 years ago and I truly believe in my heart that you will want to help the good people of Chandler Arizona when you hear of our Cry's to the impending utter devastation that SRP is forcefully trying to impose on us.

Thank you,

Robert Powell State Elected Precinct Committeeman for LD17 (Fulton Ranch Area).

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**From:** Laine Schoneberger [mailto:nlschoneberger@gmail.com]**Sent:** Friday, May 01, 2015 1:39 PM**To:** casework@mccain.senate.gov**Cc:** rpok62a@cox.net**Subject:** Senator McCain, South Chandler is in desperate need of your help

Dear Senator McCain,

My name is Laine Schoneberger, my associate and friend Robert Powell is a State Elected Precinct Committeeman for LD17 (Fulton Ranch Area). I come to you on an Urgent matter.

SRP is eleven days away from going before the Arizona Corporation Commission to approve a 154 foot 230kv Single Circuit above ground power line with 69 KV underlay, (Docket number L-00000B-15-0059-00170). If approved by the ACC, this line will run 2.7 miles from Schrader Substation to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) land and will run right thru the heart of many upscale South Chandler area homes, churches and businesses.

This would have devastating impacts on home values in the area causing my subdivision, Pinelake Estates alone to lose millions of dollars in Home Values. Also, in addition to health & safety concerns, the Southeast Chandler Master Plan never included anything of this magnitude to the local area. This will have enormous impacts on the aesthetic appearance of our community. As of April 1, we have created the Arizona Communities United movement to help fight off SRP from putting this above ground line through the South Chandler area. To date, we have successfully rallied 26 neighborhoods all speaking with one common goal, one common message. Bury the power lines on the railroad tracks.

The Arizona Corp. commission has the ability to vote one of three ways, they can approve the project as submitted which would destroy South Chandler completely, they can vote to disapprove of the entire project which is not what we want either as this would be bad for business and growth. What we are asking

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for is a vote in favor of the project with a modification. The modification would be to simply bury the lines for the distance of 2.7 miles as I have indicated above. As you can imagine, we are hitting incredible push back from SRP. Robert and I are requesting a brief meeting with you to discuss our issue with SRP and hope that you can support us to get this power lines buried. Fortunately, the urgency on the matter is of highest concern as the Corp. commission will be voting on the matter on May 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>.

I recognize you are very busy and have far more important things to do than to negotiate between a local utility and the entire community of South Chandler however; as we pled with Chandler City Council last night, a large group of your constituents are in desperate need of help.

You can reach me on my cell phone at 602-292-6287 or by this email address. I will make myself available to you anytime, including this weekend. I look forward to hearing from you soon, have a fantastic day!

With Gratitude,

Laine Schoneberger & Robert Powell

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Sincerely,

Robert Powell

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