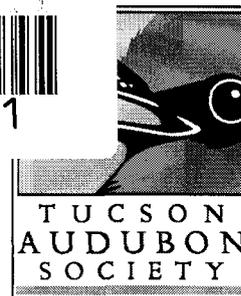


Mr. Thomas K. Chenal, Chairman
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Regarding: SunZia Transmission, LLC, Docket No. L-00000YY-15-0318-00171

09/15/15

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Dear Chairman Chenal:

Established in 1949, the Tucson Audubon Society (Tucson Audubon) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit conservation organization. We are the third largest local Audubon chapter in the nation and write to you on behalf of our membership of approximately 4,000 citizens. Tucson Audubon promotes the protection and stewardship of southeast Arizona's biological diversity through the study and enjoyment of birds and the places they live.

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Tucson Audubon has been actively engaged with the review of the proposed SunZia Southwest Transmission Line (SunZia) since it was first proposed. Tucson Audubon's focal region is southeast Arizona, where a significant portion of SunZia is proposed to be constructed.

Tucson Audubon supports the legal memorandum submitted to you by the Cascabel Working Group (CWG) on 09/14/15. This memorandum was submitted in response to your solicitation for memoranda related to whether or not qualifying non-profit organizations can participate as an interveners without being represented by an attorney (see: Item #31 of your 9/11/2015 Procedural Order).

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Item #31 of your Procedural Order sets a deadline of 10/09/15 for responses to this important outstanding issue. Given that the response deadline is also the deadline for filing to intervene, we advocate that resolution of this issue should be expedited. If this issue is not resolved well before October 9th, it will put our organization (and other organizations) at a major disadvantage.

The 9/14/15 CWG Memorandum cites the Arizona Supreme Court Rule 31(d)(28), which provides for certain exemptions to R14-3-208(F) for nonprofit corporations or associations. This is also affirmed by the Corporation Commission's instructions to potential intervenors.

We appreciate your consideration and prompt resolution of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Karen Fogas

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