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MEMORANDUM

TO: Docket Control

FROM: Matthew Rowell *MR*
Policy Advisor to Interim Chairman Doug Little

DATE: January 26, 2015

RE: Sunzia Transmission, LLC- Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Construction of Two New 500KV Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities Originating at a New Substation (SunZia East) in Lincoln County New Mexico, and Terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona. The Arizona Portion located Within Graham, Greenlee, Cochise, Pinal, and Pima Counties.

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Docket Number: L-00000YY-15-0318-00171

Interim Chairman Little received the attached emails from a constituents and believes they should be included in the above listed docket.

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Matthew J. Rowell

From: Doug Little
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 3:59 PM
To: Matthew J. Rowell
Subject: FW: SunZia Transmission Project

Matt,

Can you please file to the appropriate docket.

Best regards,

Doug

Doug Little
Interim Chairman

Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 W. Washington St.
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From: Lisa Vogel <lrvogel@live.com>
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 7:12 PM
To: Little-Web <Little-Web@azcc.gov>
Subject: SunZia Transmission Project

Dear Mr. Little-

I am writing to urge you to not support granting a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to the SunZia Transmission Project. This Project is not as it seems to be. It is not about supplying green energy to California. California has already said they do not need the energy. Instead, all indications are that it has more to do with the non-green plant in Bowie, AZ than anything else.

Even more importantly, though, is the proposed route the line would take. There is precious little wild land left in southern Arizona along the waterways. By building the transmission line through the Cascabel area very near the San Pedro, one of the last bits of wilderness would be destroyed. The result would be horrific. Right now, for instance, this area is probably the most important flyway for migratory birds in the western half of the United States. Should the transmission line be built, it would undoubtedly decrease the number of birds flying through. In addition, the habitat for the brown bears, mountain lions, coatis, and other fairly rare animals in southern Arizona would be disturbed.

We cannot continue to destroy what few wildlands exist. Please vote again SunZia.

Thank you,

-Lisa Vogel
6270 N. Cielo Azul
Benson, AZ 85602
520-212-1222

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From: Doug Little
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 4:01 PM
To: Matthew J. Rowell
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From: Linda McLean <lindammclean@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Linda McLean <lindammclean@yahoo.com>
Date: Friday, January 22, 2016 at 1:42 PM
To: RBurns-Web <rburns-web@azcc.gov>
Cc: Forese-Web <forese-web@azcc.gov>, Little-Web <Little-Web@azcc.gov>, Stump-Web <Stump-Web@azcc.gov>, Tobin-Web <Tobin-Web@azcc.gov>
Subject: SunZia

Dear Gentlemen:

I am a native Tucsonan, but I have been living in Cascabel for the past 10 years. In my 74 years I have seen so many mistakes made by government in its push for growth Tucson's growth displays a careless disregard for the infrastructure's impact on the environment. There have been other mistakes by government, but the scope of this letter is to point out the harm to the animals of the valley which will ensue if SunZia is enabled by you, as a group and individually, to carry out its plan for the San Pedro Valley.

Bisecting a flyway and installing huge towers and wires can do nothing but harm one of the most active and necessary flyways for a tremendous number of birds. (I am sure you are sick of hearing the exact number.) In addition to the importance of the north-south bird flyway, there is also the east-west traffic of animals migrating to water or between sky islands.

It would be a mistake for the corporation commission to cause the damage to the animal population and diversity of the San Pedro valley. Tucson Valley is ruined for such migrations. Do we have to also ruin San Pedro Valley?

I have many more arguments against SunZia I could make, but this project would be a totally predictable and irreversible mistake.

Thank you for your time.

Linda McLean
5787 N. Cascabel Rd
Benson AZ 85602

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On 1/21/16, 8:50 AM, "Eastoe, Christopher J - (eastoe)"
<eastoe@email.arizona.edu> wrote:

>Dear Commissioners:

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>I am a property owner at Cascabel, and a member of the Cascabel
>Conservation Association and the Saguaro Juniper ranch. I am writing
>to urge you strongly to deny permission for the SUNZIA project, because
>of the intrusion that construction and maintenance of the transmission
>line would bring to the environmentally sensitive middle reaches of the
>San Pedro valley.

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>Sincerely,

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>Chris Eastoe