BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON
COMPANY AND ITS ASSIGNEES IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED
STATUTES SECTIONS 40-360.03 AND
40-360.06 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A
500kV ALTERNATING CURRENT
TRANSMISSION LINE AND RELATED
FACILITIES IN MARICOPA AND LA PAZ
COUNTIES IN ARIZONA ORIGINATING
AT THE HARQUAHALA GENERATING
STATION SWITCHYARD IN WESTERN
MARICOPA COUNTY AND
TERMINATING AT THE DEVERS
SUBSTATION IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

Docket No. L-00000A-06-0295-00130
Case No. 130

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of
Southern California Edison Company (“SCE”) for a Certificate of Environmental
Compatibility authorizing the Palo Verde Hub to Devers No. 2 500kV Transmission
Project (“Project”) in Maricopa County and La Paz County, Arizona. The hearing will be
held at The Wigwam Resort, 300 Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield, Park, Arizona 85340 (623-
935-3811), beginning on June 26, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. and continuing on June 27, 2006, at
9:30 a.m. The hearings will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. Additional hearing days,
if necessary, will be noticed on the Project and Arizona Corporation Commission
(“ACC”) websites. The Project website is
www.sce.com/powerandenvironment/goalsandimprovements/dpv2. The ACC
website is www.cc.state.az.us/utility/electric/linesiting-calendar.htm. Additional
materials can be found at the following websites:
www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/aspen/dpv2/dpv2.htm
www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings/A0504015.htm
www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings/I0506041.htm
www.blm.gov/ca/palmsprings
Public comment will be taken at the beginning of each hearing day. Public comment also will be taken in a special evening session on June 26, 2006 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at The Wigwam Resort, 300 Wigwam Blvd., Litchfield Park, Arizona.

The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area, proposed route and sub-alternative route on a future date. The map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles. During any tour, the Committee will not discuss or deliberate in any manner concerning the Application.

A general location map of the Project study area, Applicant’s Proposed Route and Alternative Routes are set forth below.

**Proposed Route**

The Arizona portion of the Project would consist of the construction of 102 miles of 500kV transmission line from the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard (Line Siting Case No. 96) to the Colorado River, as illustrated in Figure 1. The transmission line would exit the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard located in Maricopa County, Section 31, Township 2 North, Range 8 West and parallel the existing Harquahala-Hassayampa 500kV line (Line Siting Case No. 96) in an easterly direction for approximately 5 miles within a 1,000-foot-wide corridor centered on the existing line.

The remainder of the Project would be located within a nominal 130-foot-wide right-of-way on BLM and state land and a nominal 160-foot wide right-of-way on private land adjacent to the existing Devers to Palo Verde No. 1 500kV transmission line (“DPV1”) (Line Siting Case Nos. 34 and 48) right-of-way. The Project right-of-way will be to the west and south of the DPV1 right-of-way east of Copper Bottom Pass, and on the east and north side of the DPV1 right-of-way between Copper Bottom Pass and the Colorado River.

At a point 5 miles east of the Harquahala Generating Station where the route meets the DPV1 transmission line, the route would then turn north and parallel DPV1 for approximately 2.7 miles to Interstate 10 (“I-10”), where it would cross I-10 and proceed to a point 1 mile northwest of Burnt Mountain. The route would then turn west and roughly parallel the I-10 and Central Arizona Project (“CAP”) Canal for approximately 20 miles through the Big Horn Mountains and across the Harquahala Plain to a point 0.5 mile north of I-10. The route would then turn southwest, crossing I-10, and proceed approximately 5 miles to intersect the El Paso Natural Gas Company’s existing pipeline just north of its Wenden Pump Station north of the Eagletail Mountains. The route would
then parallel the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline and DPV1 line for approximately 56 miles, crossing the Ranegras Plain, through approximately 25 miles of the Kofa National Wildlife Refuge ("NWR"), La Posa Plain, and Arizona State Highway 95, through the Dome Rock Mountains to the summit of Copper Bottom Pass. The route would then turn southwest away from the pipeline, descending the western slope of the Dome Rock Mountains and proceed approximately 9 miles to a crossing of the Colorado River in La Paz County, Section 5, Township 2 North, Range 22 West.

An additional interconnection option is to originate the line at a new Harquahala Junction Switchyard (Line Siting Case No. 128) located in the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 8 West rather than at the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard. If this interconnection option is used, the Applicant will not construct the 5 miles of 500kV line parallel to the existing Harquahala-Hassayampa 500kV line.

**Harquahala-West Subalternate Route**

This subalternate route would exit the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard directly to the west for 12 miles within a 1,000-foot-wide corridor centered on section lines, beginning on the section line between Sections 30 and 31 in Township 2 North, Range 8 West, and ending at the section line between Sections 29 and 32 in Township 2 North, Range 10 West. This sub-alternate route would then follow the El Paso Natural Gas pipeline corridor northwest for 9 miles to its intersection with the Proposed Route. This portion of the sub-alternate route would be located in a designated BLM utility corridor within a 130-foot-wide right-of-way adjacent to the north of the existing pipeline right-of-way.

**Palo Verde Subalternate Route**

The Palo Verde Sub-alternate Route would originate at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station ("PVNGS") Switchyard (Line Siting Case Nos. 22 and 24) in Maricopa County, Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 6 West, rather than at the Harquahala Generating Station Switchyard. This alternative would require the construction of an additional 10 miles of 500kV transmission line parallel to the DPV1 transmission line on the east and north of the DPV1 right-of-way to the PVNGS switchyard. The majority of this alternative will be within a BLM designated corridor.

More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the proposed and alternative alignments are available in the Application itself and on the
Project website. The Application, including detailed maps of the proposed Project, is on file with the Docket Control Center of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007. Copies of the Application also are available for inspection at the following locations:

Buckeye Public Library
310 N. 6th Street
Buckeye, Arizona 85326
(623) 386-2778

and

Quartzsite Public Library
465 N. Plymouth Avenue
Quartzsite, Arizona 85346
(928) 927-6593

Depending on the issues raised and the number of interveners appearing during the hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. These dates and places will be posted on the Project and ACC websites. At the discretion of the Committee, such resumed hearing may be held at a date, time and place designated by the Committee or its Chairman.

NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN. PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed Project and desiring to become a party to the proceeding, shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing, file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party.

Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become a party to the certification proceeding, shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing, file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party.
The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings.

Any person may make a limited appearance at the hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. This proceeding is also subject to the *ex parte* rules, including the proposed amendments to AAC R14-3-113 and R14-3-220 currently under review by the Attorney General. No substantive communication relative to this proceeding not on the public record may be made to a member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee shall be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

ORDERED, this 2 day of May, 2006.

Signature
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Chairman, Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee