

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

In the matter of the Application of Southline Transmission, L.L.C., in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes 40-360, et seq., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing construction of the non-WAPA-owned Arizona portions of the Southline Transmission Project, including a new approximately 66-mile 345-kV transmission line in Cochise County from the Arizona-New Mexico border to the proposed Southline Apache Substation, the associated facilities to connect the Southline Apache Substation to the adjacent AEPCO Apache Substation, and approximately 5 miles of new 138-kV and 230-kV transmission lines and associated facilities to connect the existing Pantano, Vail, DeMoss Petrie, and Tortolita substations to the upgraded WAPA-owned 230-kV Apache-Tucson and Tucson-Saguaro transmission lines in Pima and Pinal counties.

Docket No. L-00000AAA-16-0370-00173

Case No. 173

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

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**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of Southline Transmission, L.L.C. (“Southline” or “Applicant”) for modification of the existing Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC 173”) approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) in Decision No. 75978 (February 24, 2017), as amended by Decision No. 77890 (January 22, 2021), to authorize the rebuild of a 115 kilovolt (“kV”) line to a double-circuit 230/345 kV configuration (the “Upgrade Section”) for the Southline Transmission Project (“Project”) in Cochise County and Pima County, Arizona. The scope of the public hearing will be limited to the Committee’s consideration of (1) extending CEC 173 to include the entire Upgrade Section and (2) if CEC 173 is extended to include the entire Upgrade Section, then to delete Condition 31 from CEC 173 as moot.

1 The Upgrade Section will involve the upgrades to approximately 57 miles of an  
2 existing Western Area Power Administration 115 kV line, rebuilding it to a double-circuit  
3 230/345 kV configuration. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

4 The hearing will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Tucson - Reid Park, 445  
5 South Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711. **The hearing will begin on Monday, January**  
6 **12, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.,**  
7 **and then will continue as necessary through Friday, January 16, 2026, beginning at**  
8 **9:00 a.m. each day through the completion of the hearing.** If any revisions to the  
9 hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project webpage at:  
10 <https://southlinetransmission.com/>, and on the ACC website at:  
11 <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/hearings-and-meetings>.

12 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**  
13 **SESSION ON MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**  
14 **TELEPHONE, ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON -**  
15 **REID PARK, 445 SOUTH ALVERNON WAY, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85711.**  
16 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH**  
17 **HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE**  
18 **DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

19 **THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTEN TO THE**  
20 **HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, OR ATTEND IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in  
21 advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well  
22 as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing  
23 schedule will be noticed on the Project webpage at <https://southlinetransmission.com/>.

24 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be  
25 announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and  
26 place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project  
27 webpage and the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING**  
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**WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

No tour is planned at this time. If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project and ACC websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary. If the Committee decides not to take a tour, the hearing will continue as scheduled.

Maps of the Project site and detailed information about Project facilities are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,  
1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Willcox Community Library, 100 N Curtis Ave., Willcox, AZ 85643
- Benson Public Library, 300 S. Huachuca Street, Benson, Arizona 85602
- W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library, 10931 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way,  
Tucson, AZ 85747
- The Project webpage: <https://southlinetransmission.com/>

The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and webpage.

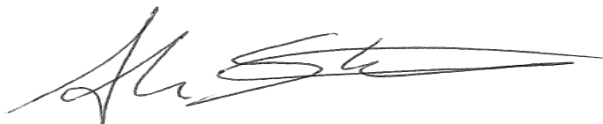
Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

1 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to  
2 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or  
3 other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to  
4 represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the  
5 area in which the Project are located that desires to become a party to the proceedings  
6 shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent  
7 to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street,  
8 Phoenix AZ 85007.

9 The Committee may make other persons parties to the proceedings at any time.  
10 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing  
11 with the Director of the Utilities Division, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix  
12 AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix,  
13 AZ 85004, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making  
14 a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-  
15 examine witnesses.

16 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to  
17 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive  
18 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.  
19 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. §  
20 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the  
21 ACC must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

22 ORDERED this 21st day of November, 2025.

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27 Adam Stafford, Chairman  
28 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Assistant Attorney General

1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

2 Original e-filed this 28th day of November, 2025, with:

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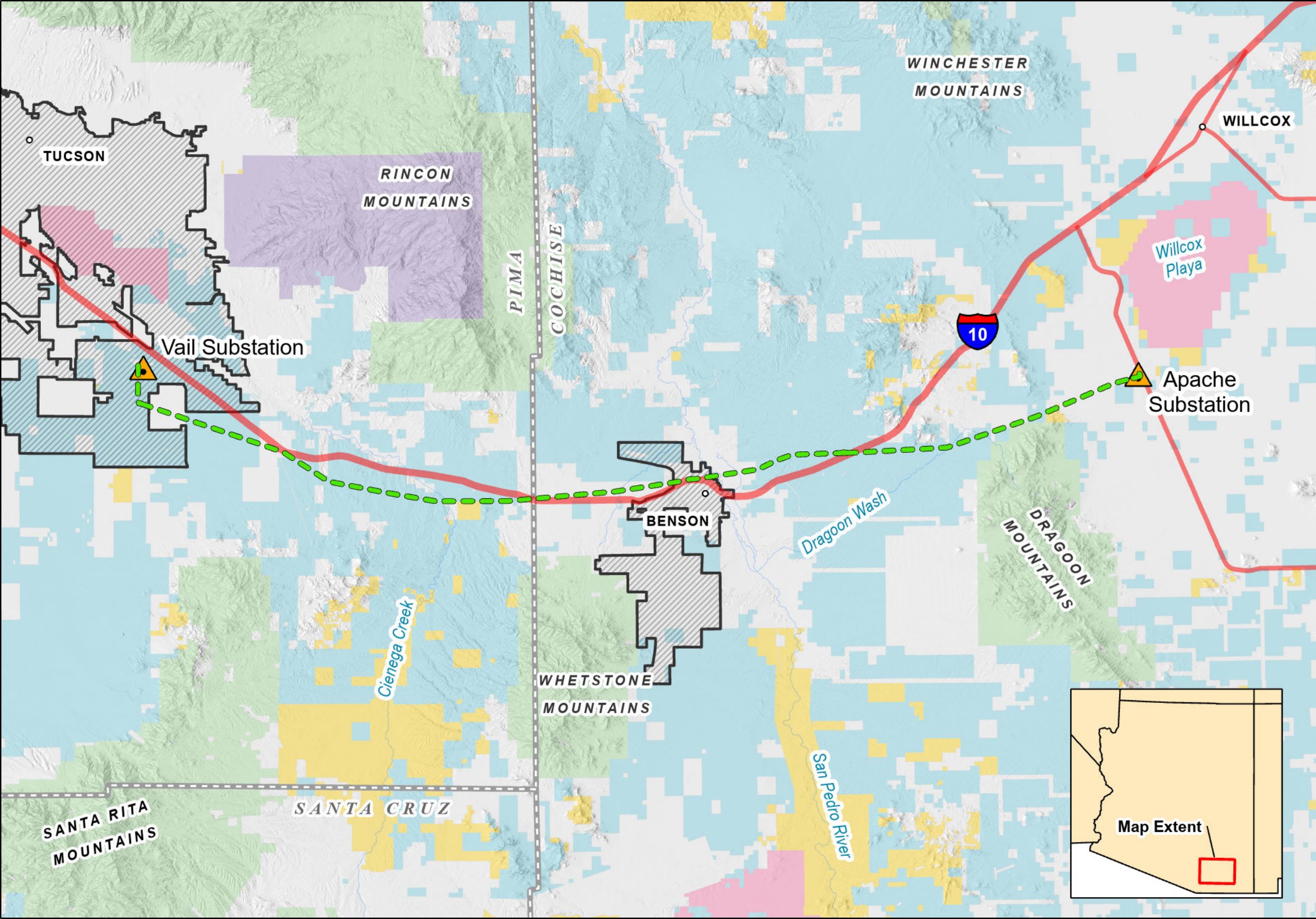
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Exhibit A

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CEC Apache to Vail Upgrade Route Centerline

Existing Substation

Interstate

US or State Highway

Major Road

Municipal Jurisdictional Area

Land Ownership

Bureau of Land Management

Department of Defense

National Park Service

Private/Municipal

State

US Forest Service

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US Feet

SOUTHLINE

TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Apache to Vail Route Overview

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