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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ.,  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE 138  
KILOVOLT (KV) SANTA RITA CONNECTION  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH  
INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW  
138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE ORIGINATING  
AT THE EXISTING SONORAN SUBSTATION  
(SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 S, RANGE 14 E),  
AND TERMINATING AT THE PLANNED  
SANTA RITA SUBSTATION (SECTION 29,  
TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E), EACH  
LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,  
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Case No. 261

**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 Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP” or “Applicant”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of the Santa Rita Connection Transmission Line Project (“Project”).

The Project will involve the construction of a new, approximately 13-to-17-mile 138 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line in Pima County, Arizona from the existing Sonoran Substation to the planned Santa Rita Substation. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A.**

The hearing will be held at the Desert Diamond Casino Conference Center, 7350 S. Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Arizona 85756. **The hearing will begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue as necessary through Friday, May 29, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day at the same location until the completion of the hearing.** If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project webpage at: <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>, and on the Arizona

1 Corporation Commission (“ACC”) website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/hearings-and-meetings>.

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3 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**  
4 **SESSION ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**  
5 **TELEPHONE, ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE DESERT DIAMOND CASINO**  
6 **CONFERENCE CENTER, 7350 S. NOGALES HWY, TUCSON, ARIZONA 85756.**  
7 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE**  
8 **HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE**  
9 **COMMITTEE.**

10 **THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTEN TO THE**  
11 **HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, OR ATTEND IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in  
12 advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well  
13 as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing  
14 schedule will be noticed on the Project webpage at <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>.

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

22 If the Committee decides to conduct a tour of the Project, notice that includes a  
23 map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project  
24 and ACC websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During  
25 the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible  
26 at the stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other discussion  
27 or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or  
28 recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public

1 health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary. If the  
2 Committee decides not to take a tour, the hearing will continue as scheduled.

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

- 5 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,  
6 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- 7 • Sahuarita Library, 670 W Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- 8 • Conrad Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 N La Cañada Dr, Green Valley, AZ  
9 85614
- 10 • The Project webpage: <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>

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

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

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

26 The Committee may make other persons parties to the proceedings at any time.  
27 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing  
28 with the Director of the Utilities Division, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,

1 AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix,  
2 AZ 85004, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making  
3 a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-  
4 examine witnesses.

5 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 40-360 to  
6 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive  
7 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.  
8 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to  
9 A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter  
10 before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

11 ORDERED this 17th day of April, 2026.

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16 Adam Stafford, Chairman  
17 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee  
18 Assistant Attorney General  
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1 CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

2 ORIGINAL of the foregoing e-filed this 22nd day of April, 2026 with:

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Exhibit A

