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APS-4	Witness Summary of Paul Trenter (filed September 24, 2021)
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APS-7	Witness Presentation Slides
APS-8	Corridor Map and Narrative – Preferred Route
APS-9	Affidavit of Publication of Notice of Hearing
APS-10	Proof of Delivery of Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Transcripts to Public Locations
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APS-14	Postcard announcing Notice of Hearing
APS-15	Compass Letter of Support – dated August 31, 2021
APS-16	Summary of Public Outreach Efforts
APS-17	Proposed CEC with Corridor Map and Description
APS-18	Arizona Game & Fish Department Letter dated September 17, 2021
APS-19	Arizona State History Preservation Office representative David Jacob's email to Teresa O'Neil dated September 8, 2021
APS-20	City of Goodyear e-mail to APS dated August 26, 2021
APS-21	Commission Staff Letter dated September 27, 2021
APS-22	Combined Alternative Routes Map

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APS-23	ADOT Letter to Line Siting Committee dated September 21, 2021 and ADOT email to APS dated September 30, 2021
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Application

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Certificate of Environmental Compatibility

THREE RIVERS 230kV POWER LINE PROJECT

Prepared for: State of Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

> Submitted by: Arizona Public Service Company

THREE RIVERS 230kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT DOCKET NO. L-00000D-21-0292-00193

WITNESS SUMMARY of David Wiley

September 24, 2021

Mr. Wiley is the Supervisor of Transmission Planning & Engineering at APS. He will provide testimony regarding his educational and professional background and his role in the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project).

At the hearing, Mr. Wiley will provide an overview of the APS service territory and electric facilities in the area surrounding the proposed Project site located in Goodyear and Avondale, Arizona. He will also describe the Project's purpose and needs for serving a new data center, including an overview of the substation. Mr. Wiley will also provide an overview of APS's noise and electric and magnetic fields (EMF) analysis for the Project.

Mr. Wiley may provide background on data centers and their electric service requirements.

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WITNESS SUMMARY of Stephen Eich

September 24, 2021

Mr. Eich is the Project Manager for the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project). He will provide testimony regarding his professional background and his role in the Project.

At the hearing, Mr. Eich's testimony will include a description of the Project, including its general characteristics, proposed location, transmission facilities and structures, and the anticipated cost. Mr. Eich will also discuss the Project's origination and development, including the public engagement process. Mr. Eich will outline APS's Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Application, including a description of how it was prepared and what it contains. Mr. Eich will present testimony regarding compliance with notice requirements.

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WITNESS SUMMARY of Paul Trenter

September 24, 2021

Mr. Trenter is the Principal at Environmental Planning Group (EPG) the environmental consulting firm retained by APS for the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project). He will provide testimony regarding his educational and professional background and his role in the Project.

Mr. Trenter served as one of the Environmental Managers for this Project. His testimony will include a discussion of the environmental studies conducted by EPG and the results of those analyses. He will also provide testimony regarding the compatibility of the Project with biological resources and cultural resources in the area, as well as the existing plans for other developments in the Project area vicinity.

Mr. Trenter will also guide the virtual flyover of the Project. The virtual tour will provide an overview of the Project site, a view of the surrounding area, and simulations of the transmission lines and structures.

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WITNESS SUMMARY of Teresa O'Neil

September 24, 2021

Ms. O'Neil is an Environmental Planner at Environmental Planning Group (EPG), the environmental consulting firm retained by APS for the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project). She will provide testimony regarding her educational and professional background and her role in the Project.

Ms. O'Neil served as one of the Environmental Managers for this Project. Ms. O'Neil will provide testimony regarding the compatibility of the Project with the surrounding land uses and visual resources in the area.

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WITNESS SUMMARY of Chris Curtis

September 24, 2021

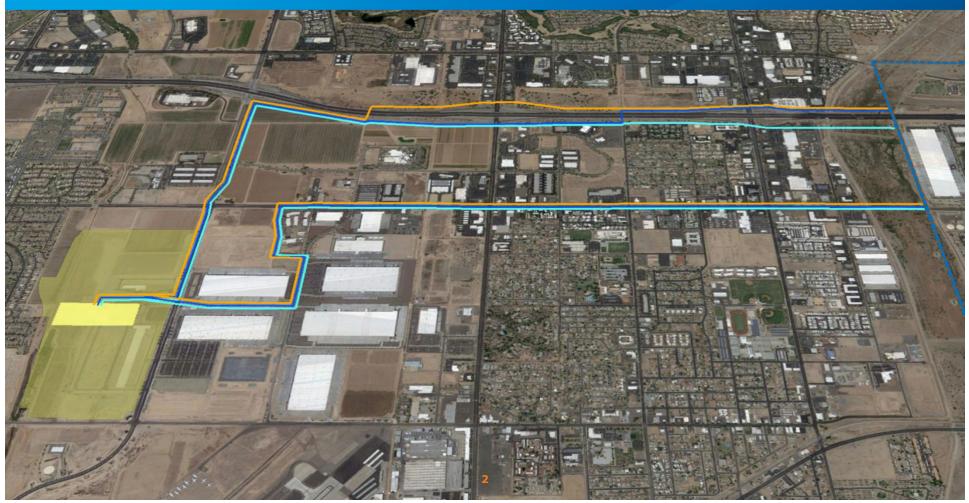
Mr. Curtis is Sr. Vice President, Development & Acquisitions, Compass Datacenters (Compass). Mr. Curtis' testimony will cover Compass's operations, the data center's system reliability requirements and anticipated load. Mr. Curtis may also provide information about data centers generally, and in particular Compass Datacenters, as well as the economic benefits for the state of Arizona anticipated from Compass's operations in the state. Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project

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Introduction of Witness Panel





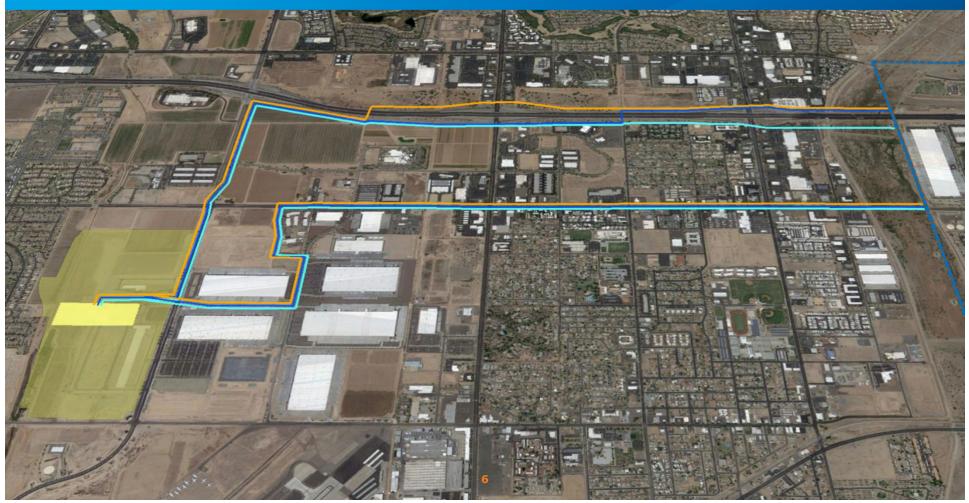


David Wiley, P.E.

Supervisor Transmission Planning & Engineering

Arizona Public Service Company





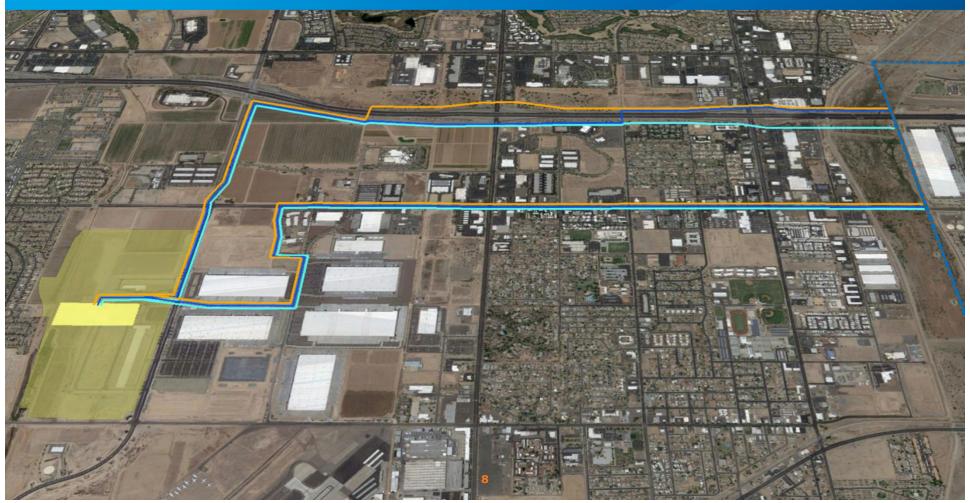


- Education
 - Arizona State University
 - Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (2013)
 - Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (2014)
- Professional Experience
 - Seven years with APS
 - Transmission Planning Engineer
 - Currently Supervisor of Transmission Planning & Engineering

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– Licensed Professional Engineer in Arizona







- Industry Experience
 - Member of various WECC committees
 - Member of WestConnect's Planning Management Committee
 - APS subject matter expert for 11th BTA
 - Phoenix Chapter Chair of IEEE Power and Energy Society (2017-2018)





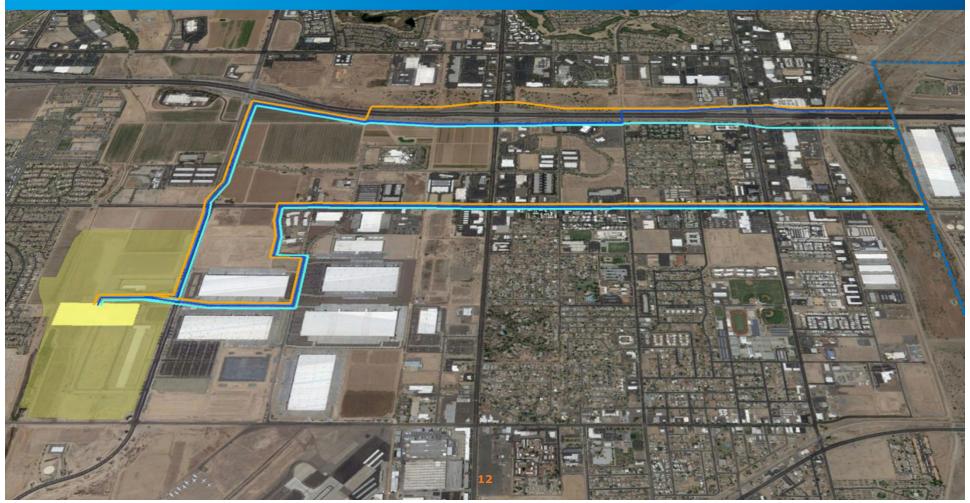


Stephen Eich, SR/WA

Project Manager Transmission and Facility Siting









- Professional Experience
 - 15 years of experience at APS
 - Survey Instrument Operator (Customer Construction)
 - Service Coordinator (Customer Construction)
 - Right of Way Agent
 - Land/Easement acquisition
 - Government permitting (Federal/NEPA, State & Local)
 - Transmission and Facility Siting Consultant
 - International Right of Way Association (IRWA)
 - Senior Right of Way Professional









Paul Trenter

Principal









- Education
 - University of Wisconsin
 - Bachelor of Science, Landscape Architecture
- Professional Experience
 - CEO and Principal
 - More than 30 years of experience in utility planning and permitting
 - Provided testimony and/or supervision on more than 20 siting cases before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee







Teresa O'Neil

Environmental Planner





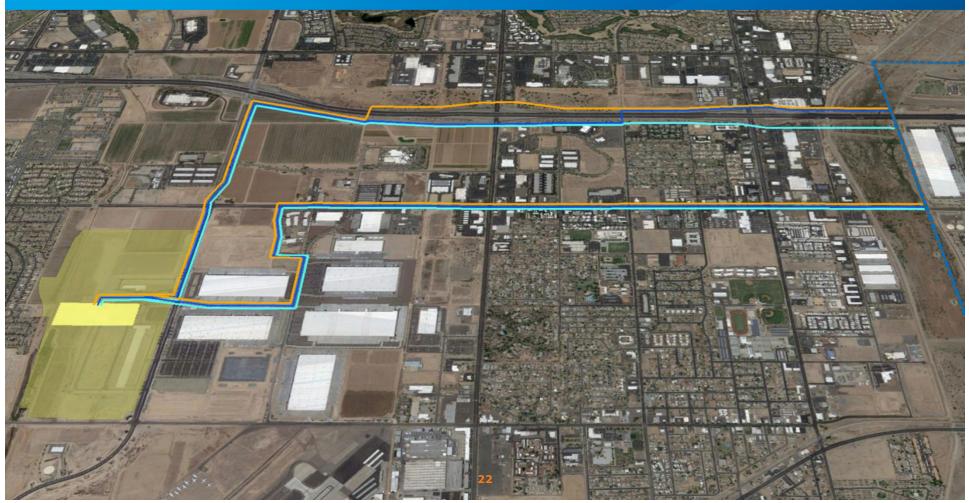




- Education
 - University of Illinois
 - Bachelor of Science, Landscape Architecture
- Professional Experience
 - Project manager and environmental planner
 - 15 years experience with utility, transportation, and planning studies
 - Managed or participated in more than 40 environmental planning projects









APS Service Territory and Transmission System

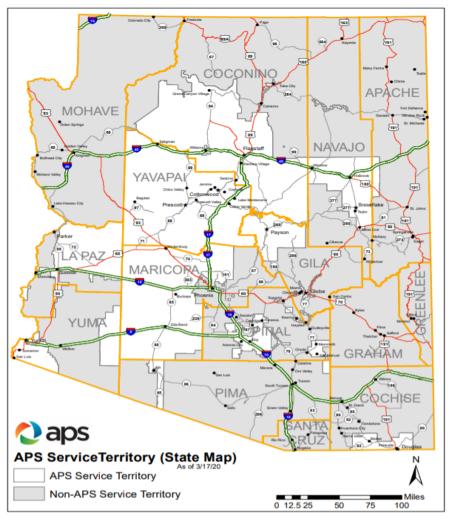






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- Serving about 1.3 million customers
- Peak demand of 7,700MW (7/30/2020)
- Nearly 500 substations, roughly 300,000 transformers, and more than 550,000 poles and structures
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- > 11 of Arizona's 15 counties
- > 34,646-square-mile service area

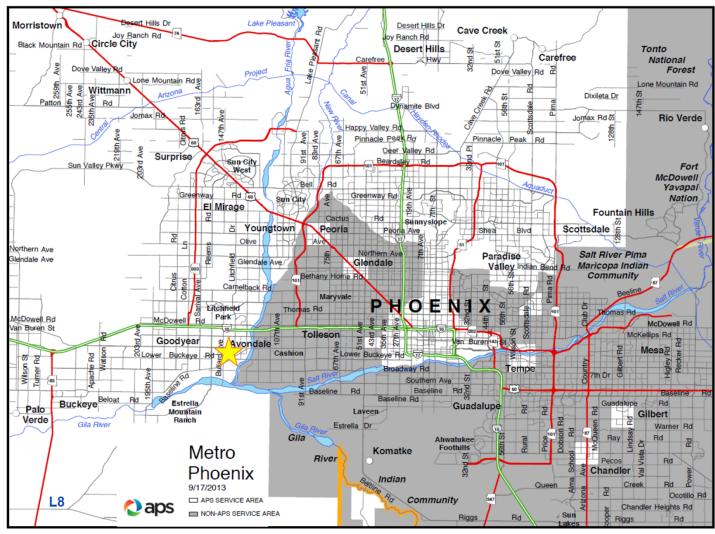






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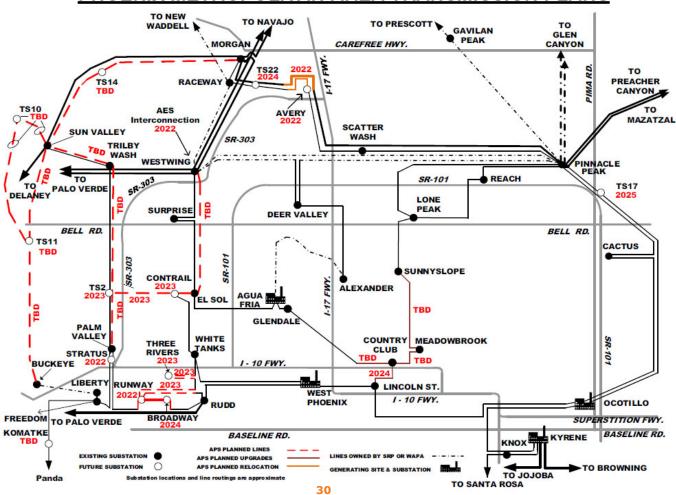
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- Three 230/69/12kV substations
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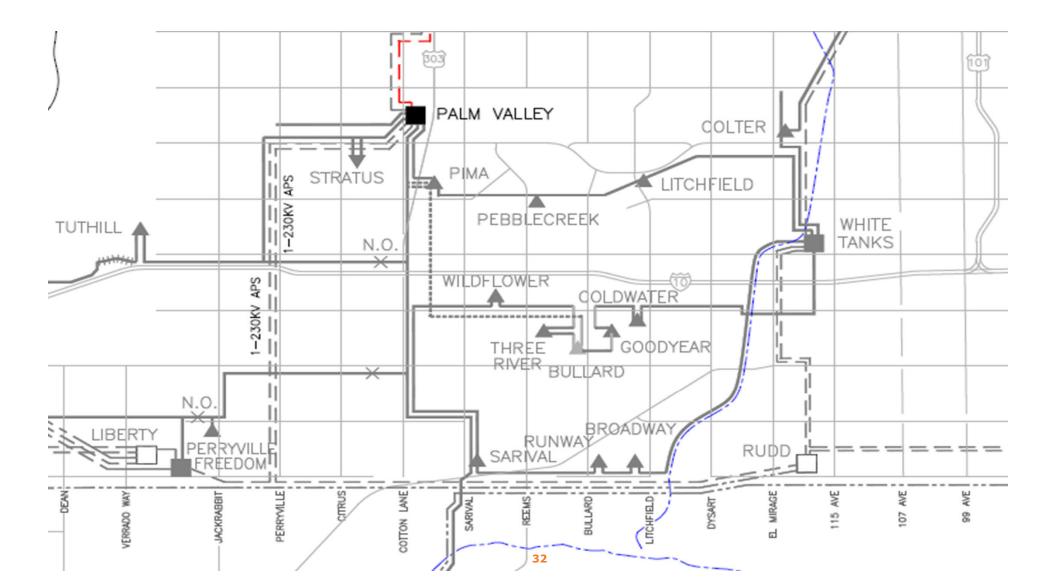


PHOENIX METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSMISSION PLANS



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Compass Datacenters







Chris Curtis

Senior Vice President Development & Acquisitions









Purpose and Need

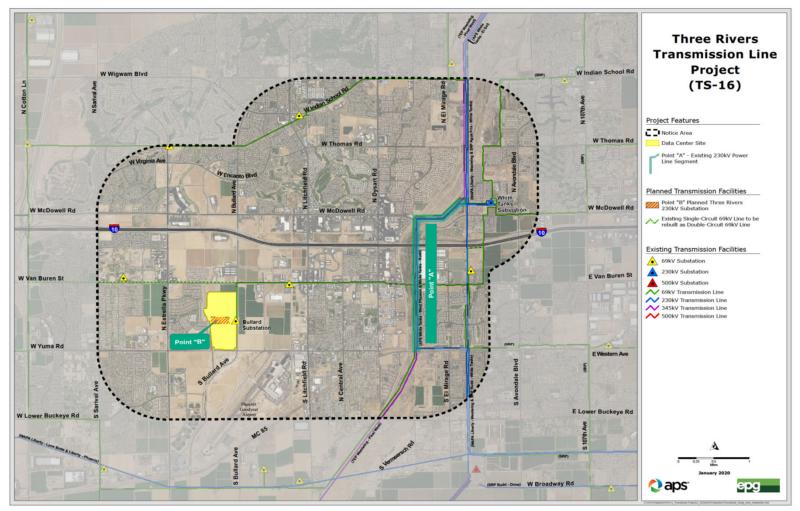






Purpose and Need

- Serve new data center load in Goodyear
 - Compass Datacenters (360MW at full build-out)
- > 230kV facilities needed to serve loads of this size
 - Initial service is being served from the 69kV system
 - Limited load serving ability at 69kV



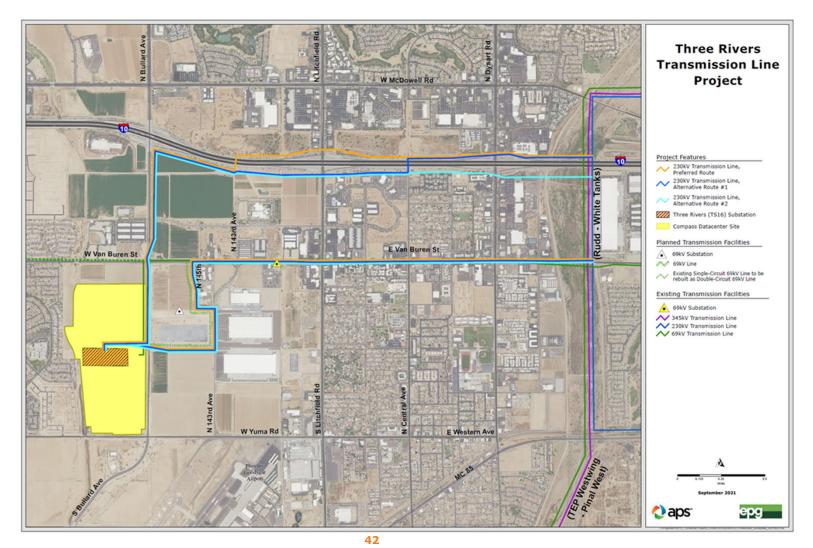
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Purpose and Need

- Service from 230kV system meets long term needs for customer and continuing growth in surrounding area
 - Reliability of 69kV and 230kV systems are maintained with service from the 230kV

- 230kV is designed to handle larger power transfers
- Minimizes impacts to the 69kV system
- Preferred route and alternatives meet the need
 - No load loss for single contingencies



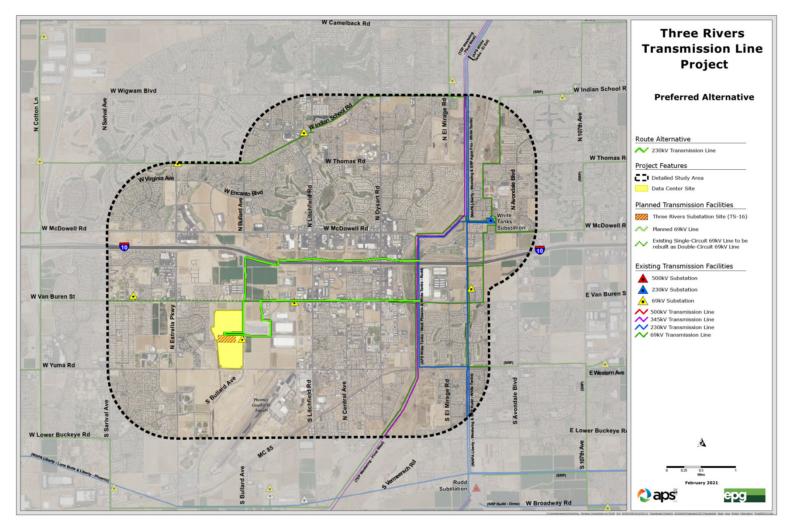
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Substation Overview

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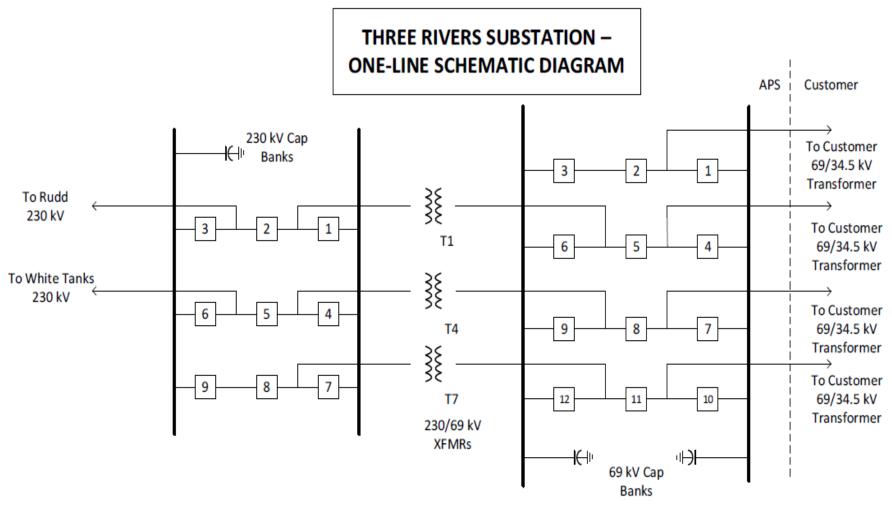
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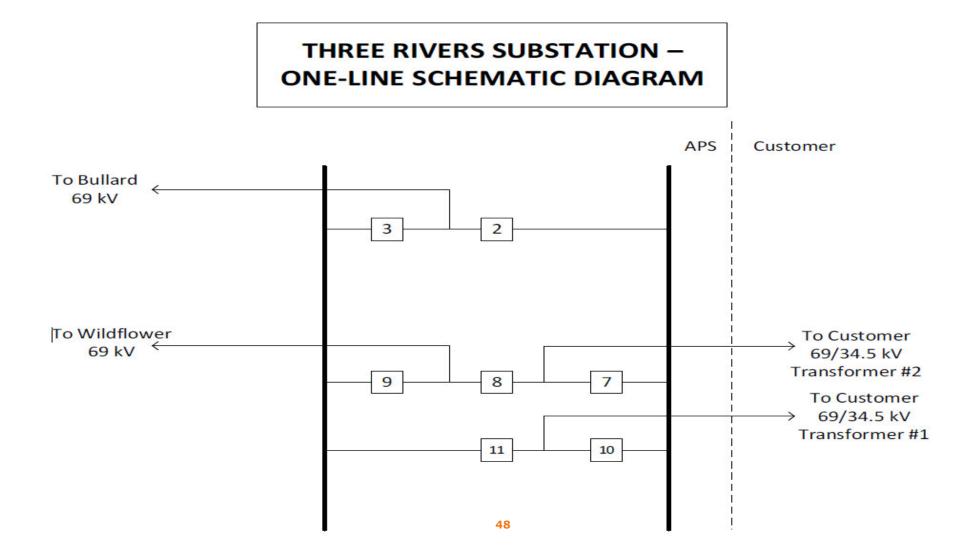


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Development Status

- June 2020, APS energized the 69kV switchyard
- Looped into the Wildflower Bullard 69kV line
- Two 69kV feeds
- Provides service to the first phase (90 MW)
- 230kV construction planned to begin in 2022





APS Ten-Year Plan

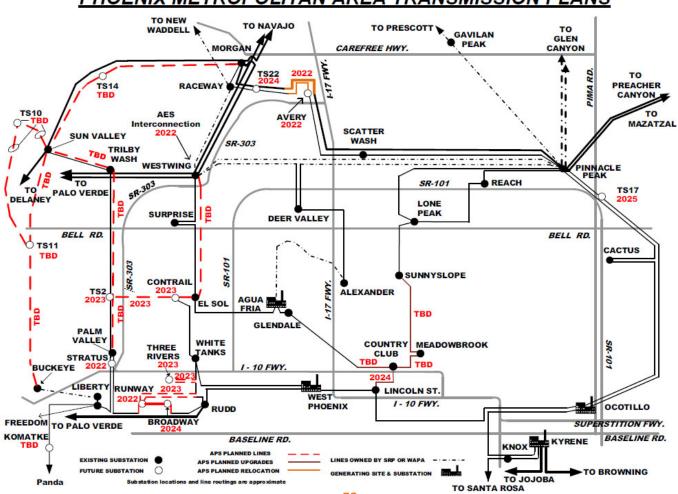






Inclusion in APS Ten-Year Plan

- First filed on June 12, 2019 as a supplement to APS's Ten-Year Plan
 - Included in subsequent filings on January 31, 2020 and January 29, 2021

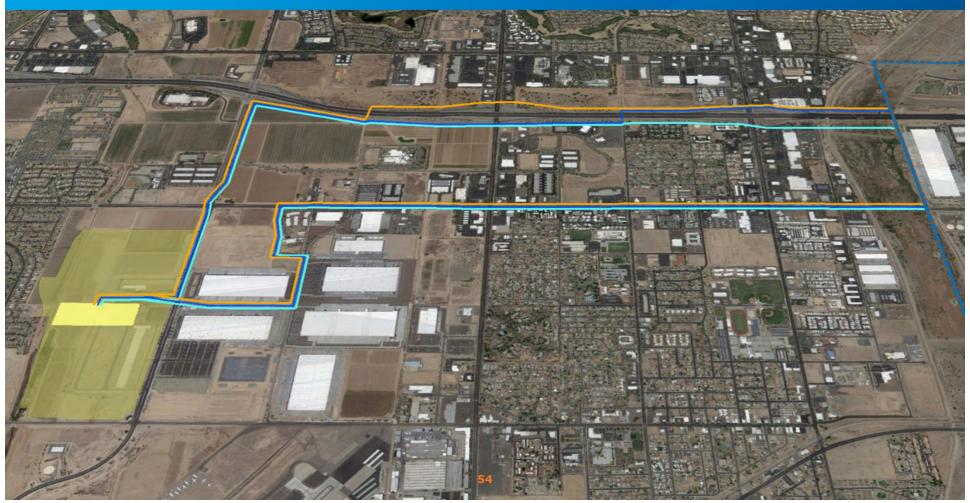


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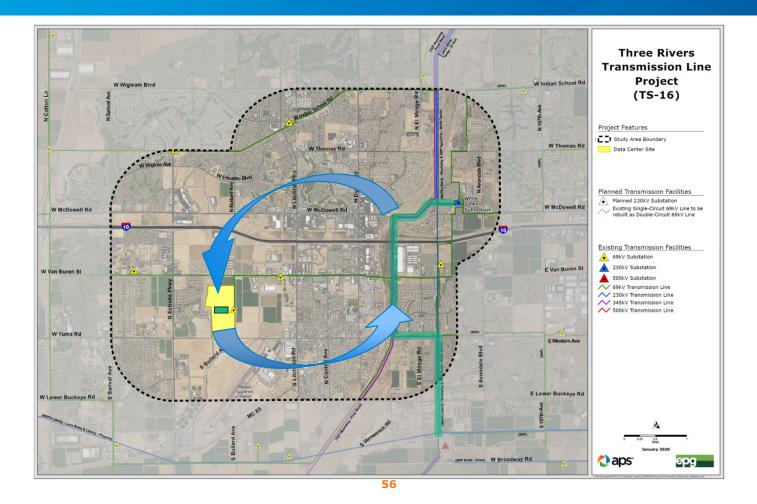


Project Overview

- Two separate single-circuit 230kV lines
- Connecting APS's Rudd-White Tanks 230kV transmission line to the Three Rivers Substation
 - Northern connection
 - Southern connection
 - Both connections form one entire route
- Substation located approximately 3 miles to the west of the existing Rudd-White Tanks 230kV line





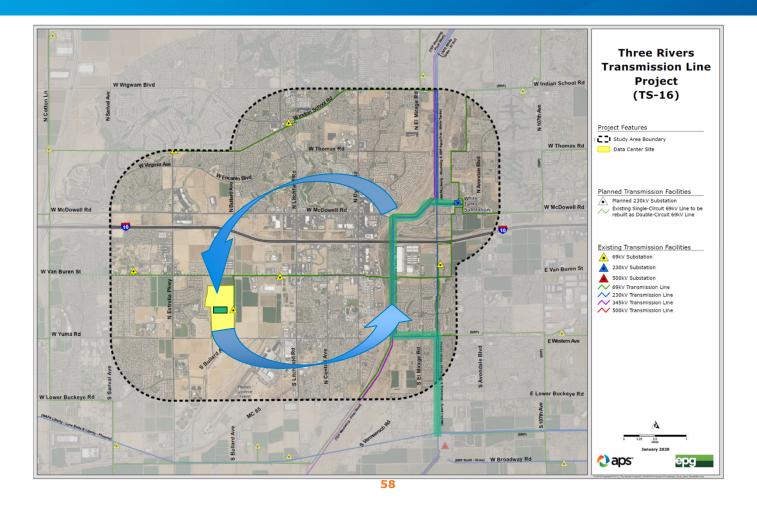




Project Overview

- Two locations planned as double-circuit 230kV
 - Entering and exiting substation
 - Freeway crossing (I-10)
 - Only one circuit to be energized for this project
 - 2nd circuit for future project(s) not energized







Key Elements







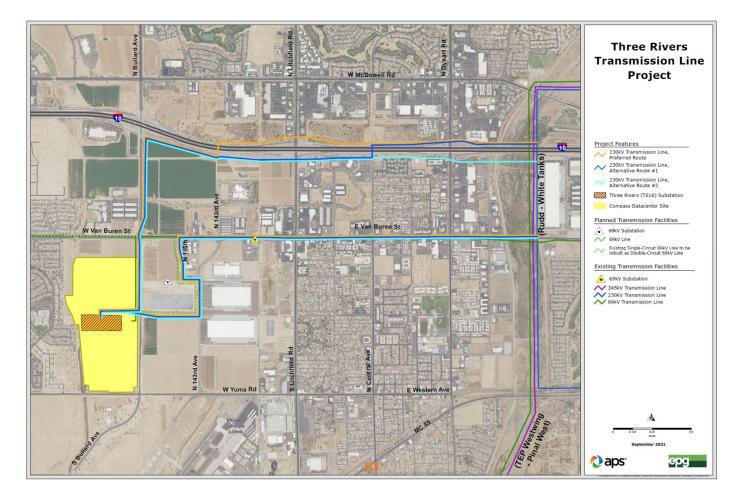
Key Elements

- Three Alternatives
 - Preferred Route (Orange)
 - Alternative Route #1 (Dark Blue)
 - Alternative Route #2 (Cyan)
- > Alternatives differ only along I-10
- > Approximately 70% of each alternative in common



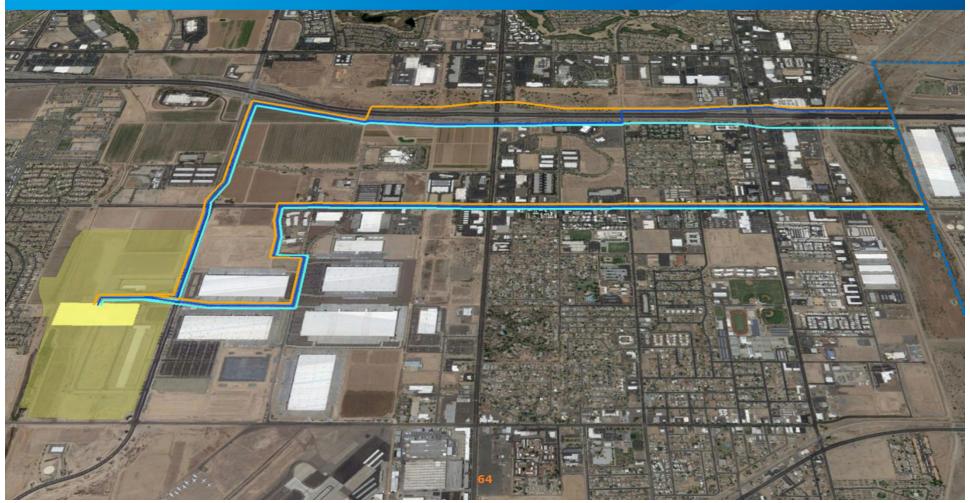


Aerial Overview



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Project Planning and Development



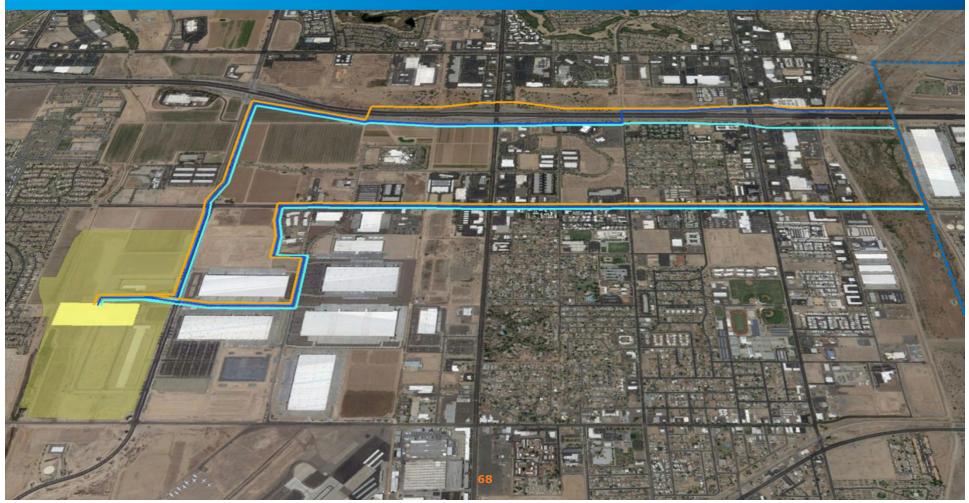




Planning and Development

- Preliminary Links and Study Area
- Feasible Links and Refined Study Area
- Preliminary Alternative Route Development
- Refined Alternative Routes

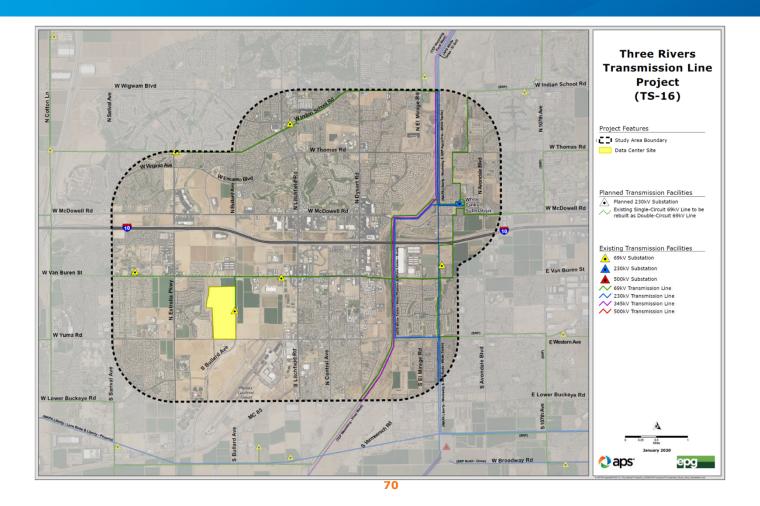






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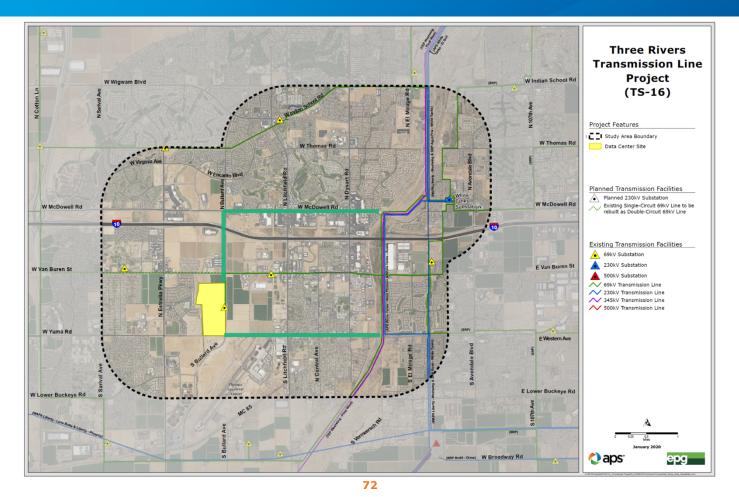




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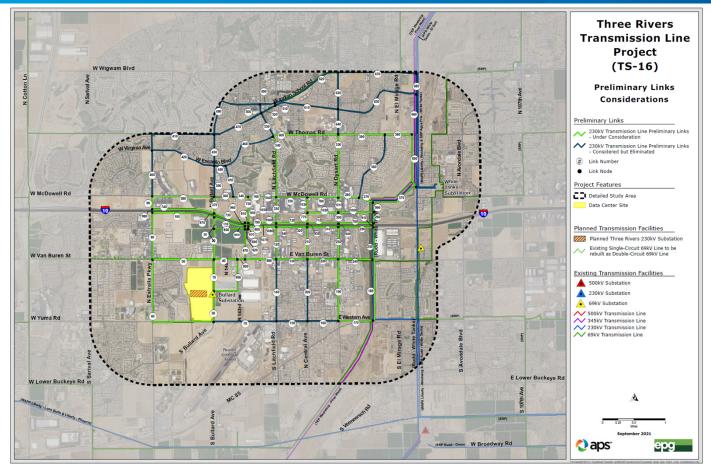




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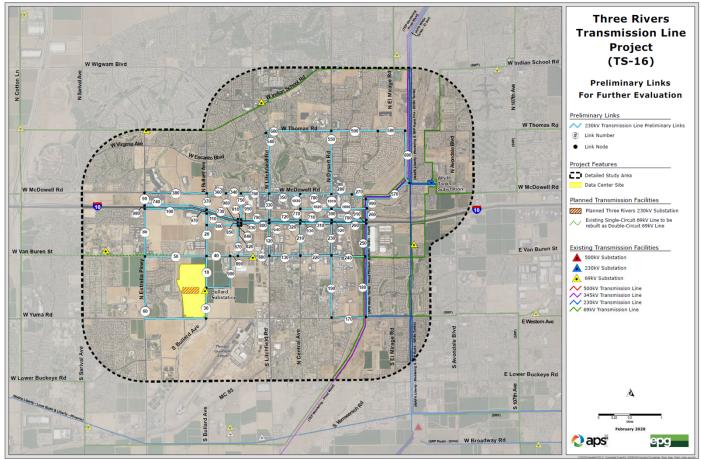




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- Identify 1-mile buffer surrounding feasible links



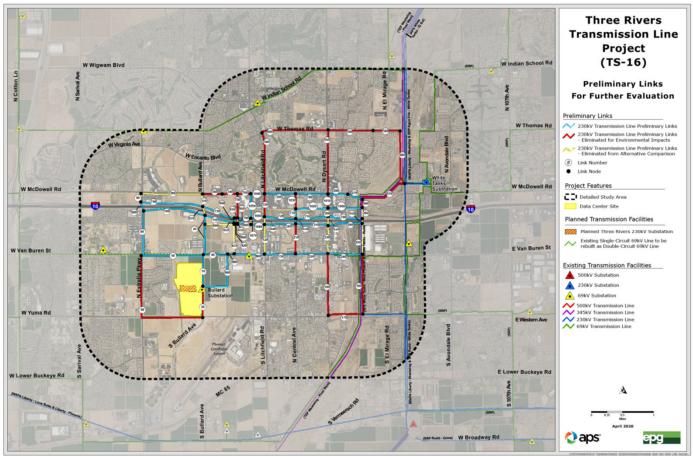




Refined Links

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 - Locating along I-10
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- Select group of links remained to begin the next phase of route development





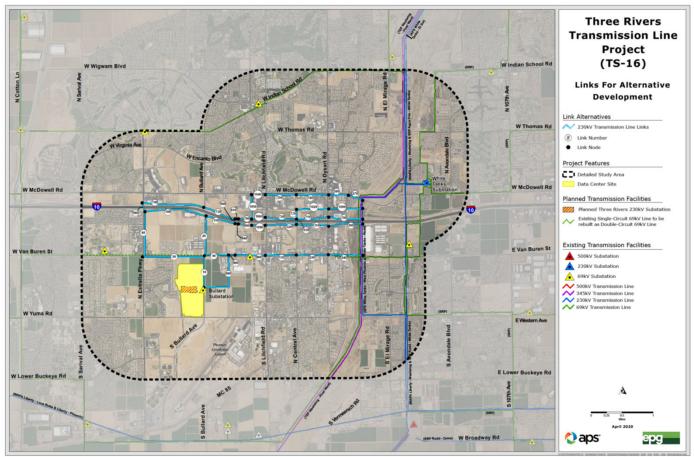


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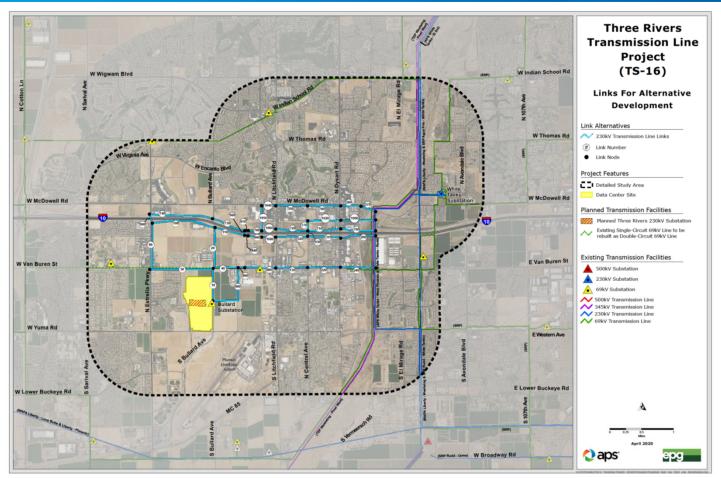


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Route Development

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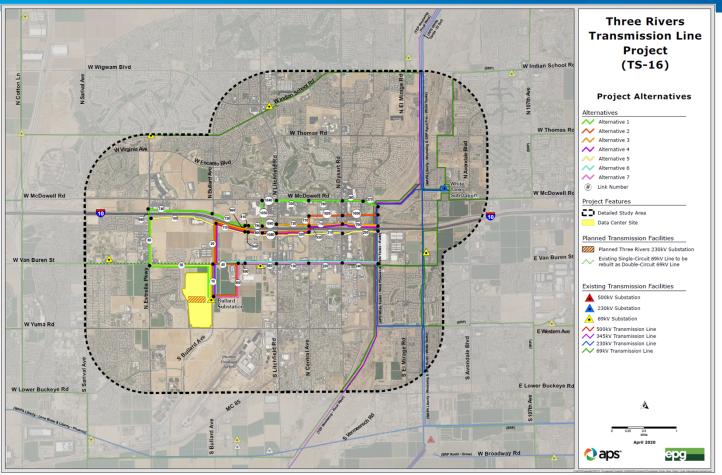


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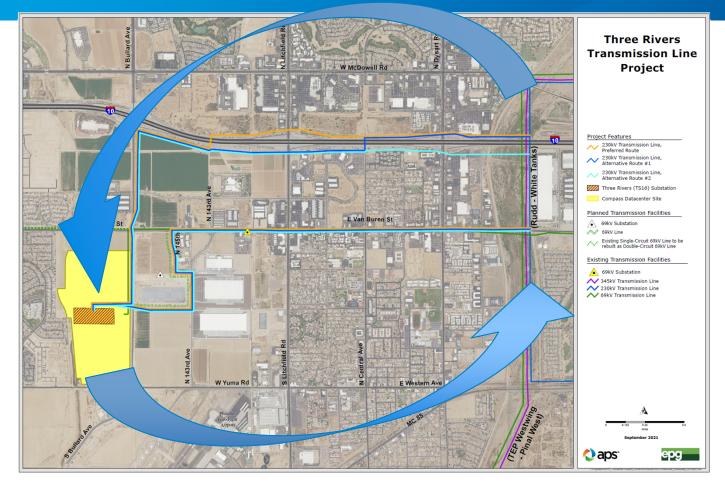


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- Resulting in 3 refined route alternatives:
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 - Alternative Route #1
 - Alternative Route #2



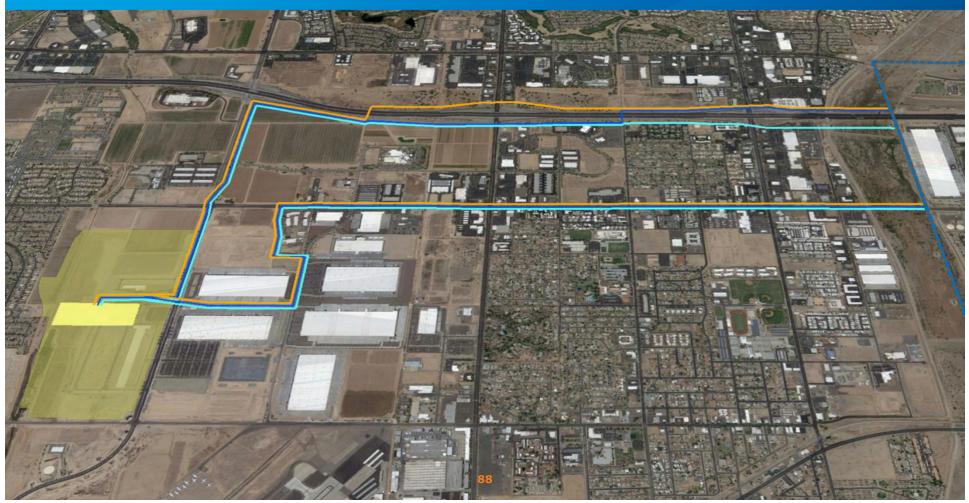
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The Routes

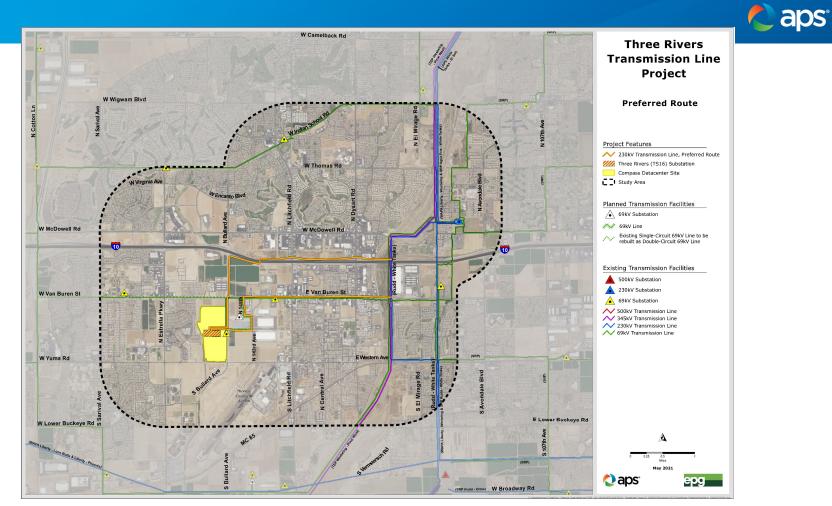






Preferred Route

- 7.55 miles
- I-10 alignment
 - Differs from other alternatives
 - Located primarily on north side of I-10, crossing mostly City of Goodyear parcels
 - Minimizes number of developed businesses crossed
 - Furthest from residential houses and apartments
 - Crosses I-10 at 143rd Ave. alignment
 - As requested by Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
 - Farmland/future development south of I-10 crossing

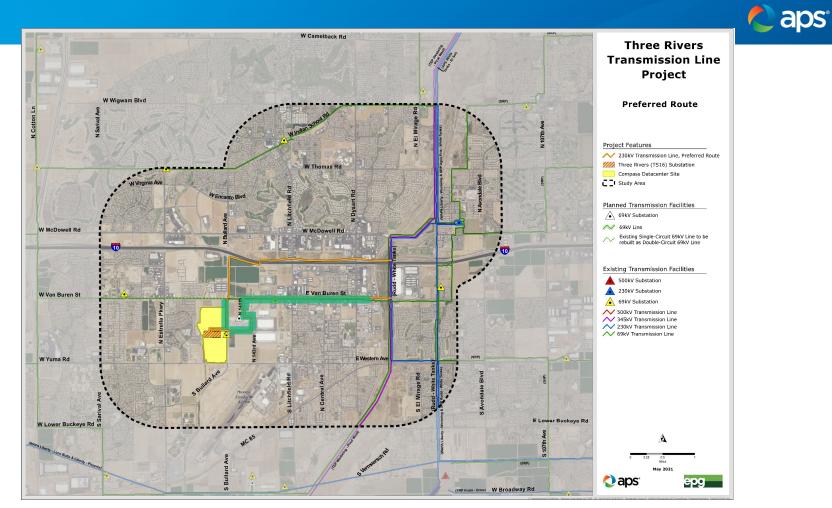


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Preferred Route

South of I-10

- Common with all alternatives
- Mostly agricultural land along east and west sides of Bullard Avenue to Van Buren Street
- Most of the alignment would rebuild and co-locate 69kV with new 230kV lines
 - Approximately 45% of all routes would be co-located
 - Would not be able to co-locate within Agua Fria River
- Southern connection would primarily cross commercial and industrial properties



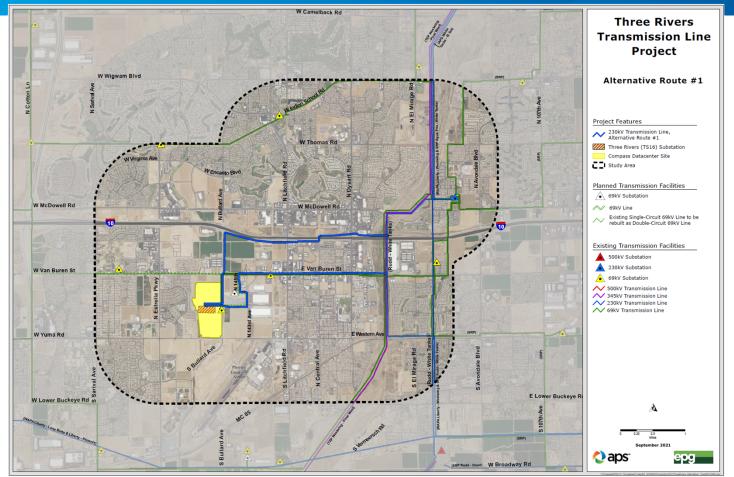


Alternative Route #1

- 7.55 miles
- I-10 alignment
 - Begins on north side of I-10, but cross fewer City of Goodyear parcels
 - Crosses I-10 at Central Ave. alignment/existing power line
 - Would rebuild and co-locate existing power line at crossing
 - Avoids main intersections, as requested by ADOT
 - Would cross additional businesses along south side of I-10
 - Would be closer to residential neighborhoods and apartments



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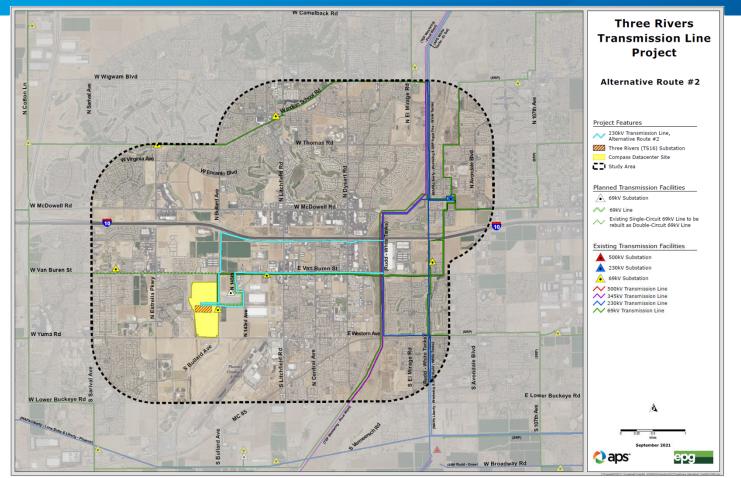
Alternative Route #2

- > 7.45 miles
- I-10 alignment
 - Runs entirely along south side of I-10
 - Additional businesses located on south side of I-10

- Construction challenges
- Closer to residences

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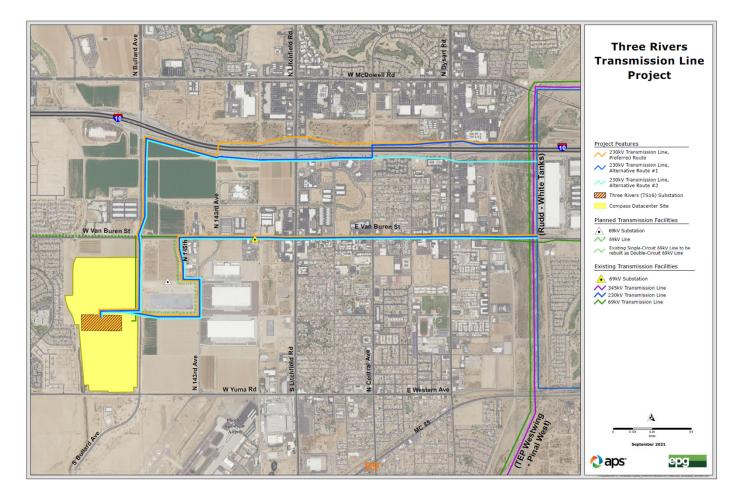


Virtual Tour





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Corridors and Right-of-Way

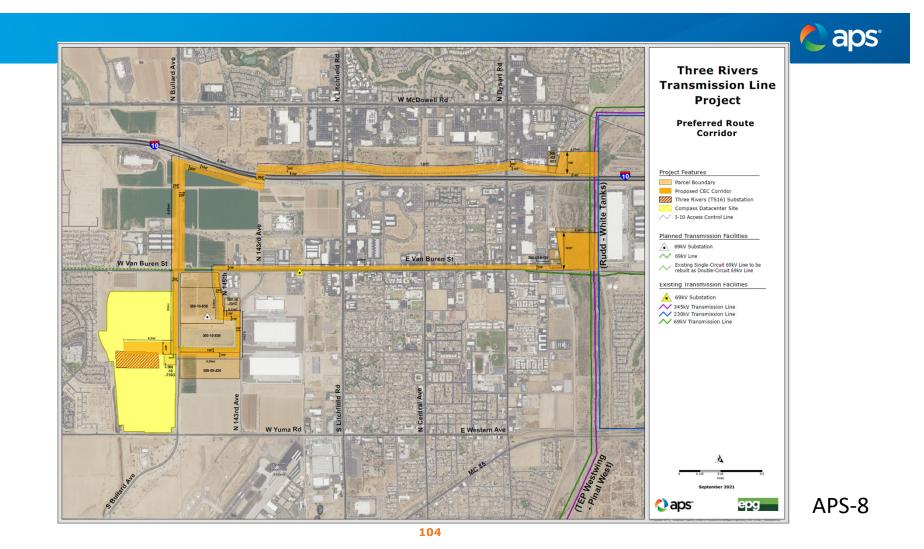






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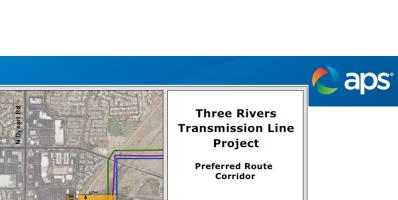
- Corridor varies from 150 to 400 feet
- > Wider within Agua Fria River
- Right-of-way width of up to 120 feet

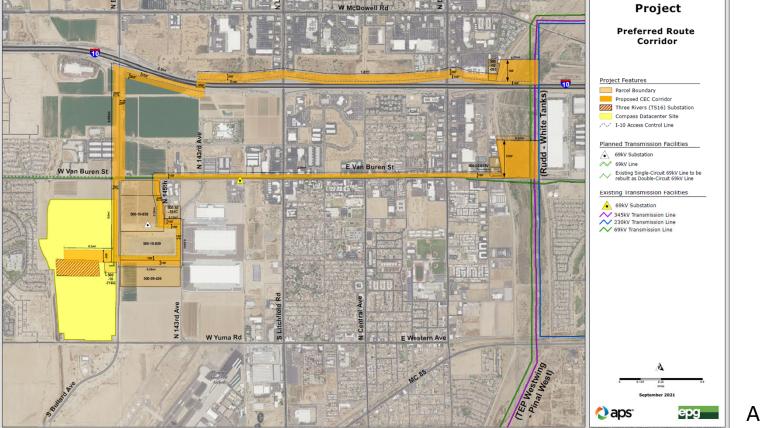




Preferred Corridor

- I-10 alignment
 - Differs with all alternatives
 - 800-feet wide in Agua Fria River
 - 300-feet wide along I-10 to Bullard Avenue
 - Alignment based on Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Access Control line





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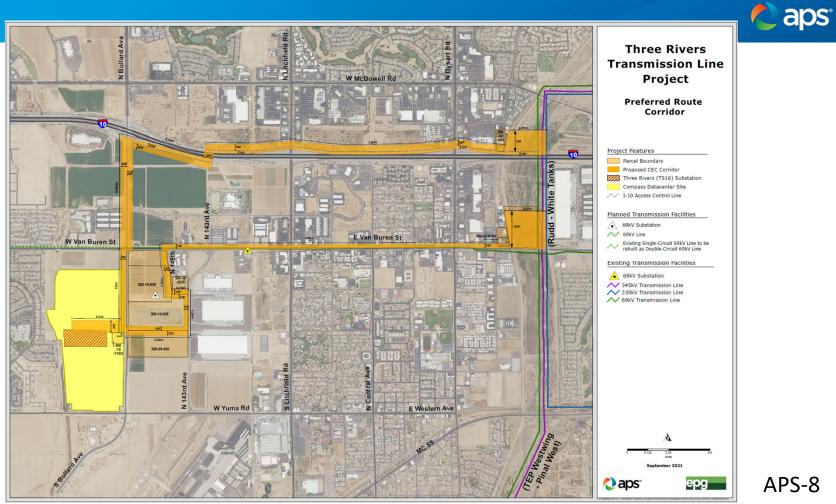
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Preferred Corridor

- South of I-10 alignment
 - Common with all alternative corridors
 - Width varies
 - 200 to 400-feet wide along Bullard Avenue
 - 400-feet wide on Compass Datacenter site
 - 150 to 300-feet wide along property lines, 143rd Avenue, and 145th Avenue
 - 150-feet wide along Van Buren Street
 - 1,200-feet wide within Agua Fria River





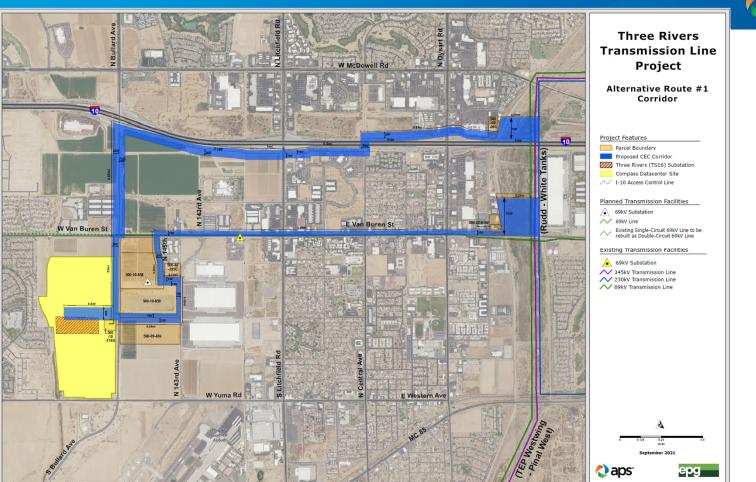


Alternative Route #1 Corridor

I-10 alignment

- Differs with all alternatives
- 800-feet wide in Agua Fria River
- 300-feet wide along north side of I-10 to Central Avenue
- 250-feet wide along south side of I-10 to Litchfield Road
- 300-feet wide along south side of I-10 to 143rd Ave. alignment
- Alignment Based on ADOT Access Control line





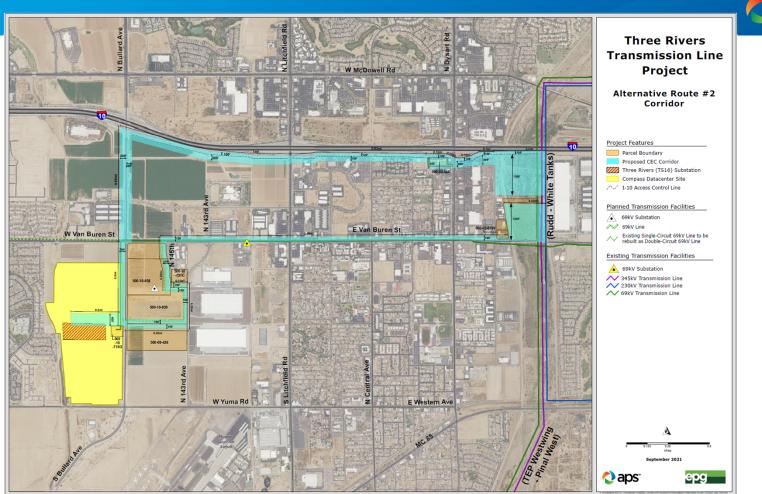
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Alternative Route #2 Corridor

I-10 alignment

- Differs with all alternatives
- 1,400-feet wide within the Agua Fria River
- 300 to 500-feet wide along south side of I-10 on/off ramps at Dysart Road
- 250-feet wide along south side of I-10 to Litchfield Road
- 300-feet wide along south side of I-10 to 143rd Avenue alignment



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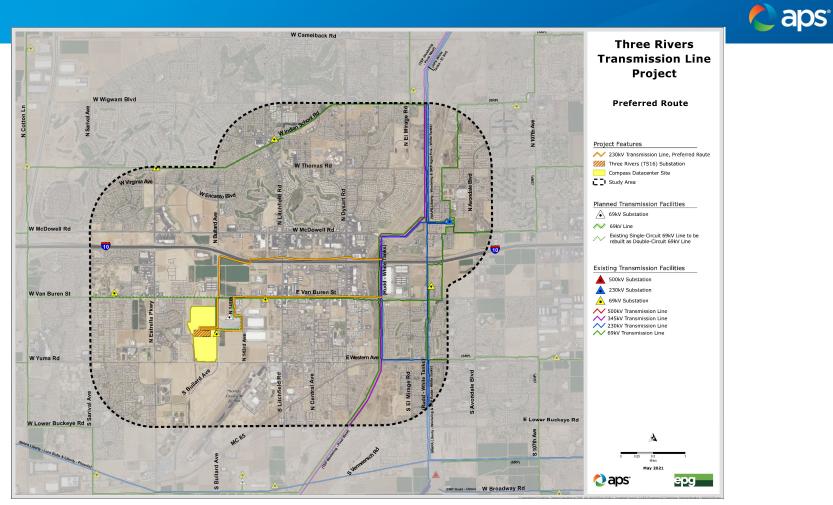






Why the Preferred Corridor

- Minimizes residential visual impacts
- Results in the smallest number of private landowners directly affected by the Project
- Minimizes impacts to commercial properties
- Follows the alignment supported by the majority of public and stakeholders





Project Costs and Facilities







Transmission Line Costs

Transmission Line Alternative	Total Length of Transmission Line (miles)	Rights-of-Way Costs (\$ millions)	*Construction Costs (\$ millions)	Total Rights-of Way and Construction Costs (\$ millions)
Preferred Route	7.55	10.5	18	28.5
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Alternative Route #2	7.45	10.4	18	28.4





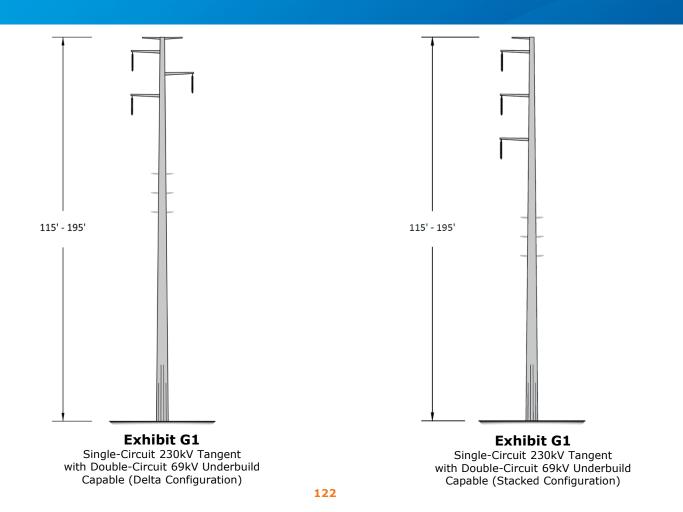


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- Steel monopoles, Cut-in structures, and H-frames
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- Compatible with Phoenix Goodyear Airport
- Span lengths
 - 500 1,200 feet







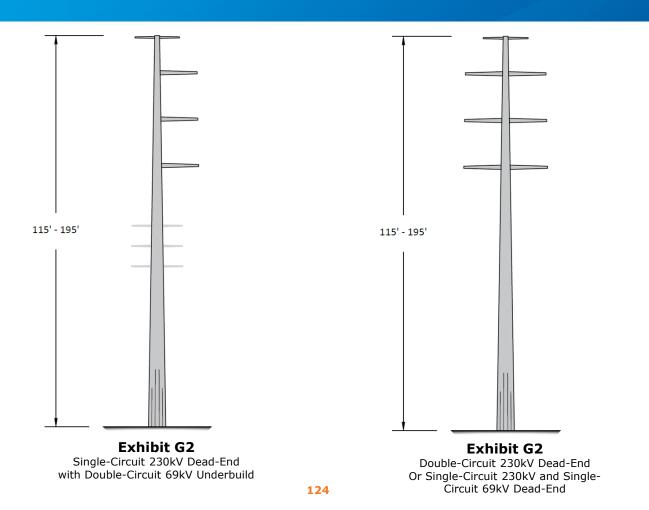


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Facilities

- Steel monopoles, Cut-in structures, and H-frames
- Height of structures
 - 115 195 feet
 - Cut-in structures for cutting in to existing 230kV line and crossing under Tucson Electric Power (TEP) transmission lines
 - H-frames for crossing over existing 69kV line
- Compatible with Phoenix Goodyear Airport
- Span lengths
 - 500 1,200 feet





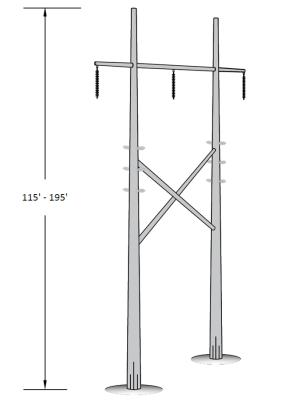


Exhibit G3 Single-Circuit 230kV H-Frame with Double-Circuit 69kV Underbuild Capable

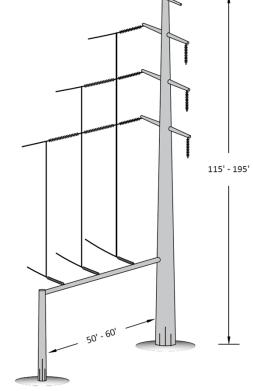


Exhibit G4 Single-Circuit 230kV Cut-In / Single-Circuit 230kV Tangent



230kV Cut-In / 230kV Tangent (example photo)





Environmental Planning Group

- Is an interdisciplinary environmental planning and permitting firm
- Has provided testimony before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee on more than 30 previous cases
- Assisted APS in the preparation of the Application for the CEC for the Project









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Overview and Results of Environmental Studies

CEC Application

- ✓ Land Use (Exhibits A and B)
- Biological Resources (Exhibits C and D)
- ✓ Visual Resources (Exhibit E)
- Cultural Resources (Exhibit E)
- Recreation Resources (Exhibit F)
- Existing Plans (Exhibit H)

Virtual Tour







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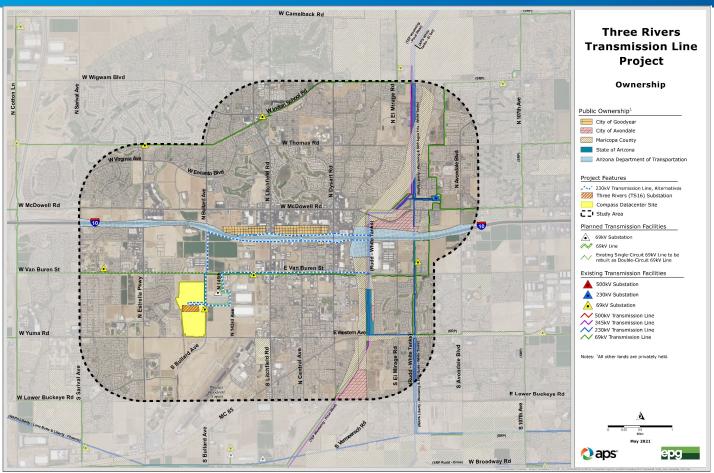


Public land

- ADOT
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County
- City of Goodyear
- City of Avondale
- Predominantly private land

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Ownership – Exhibit A-1



Jurisdiction

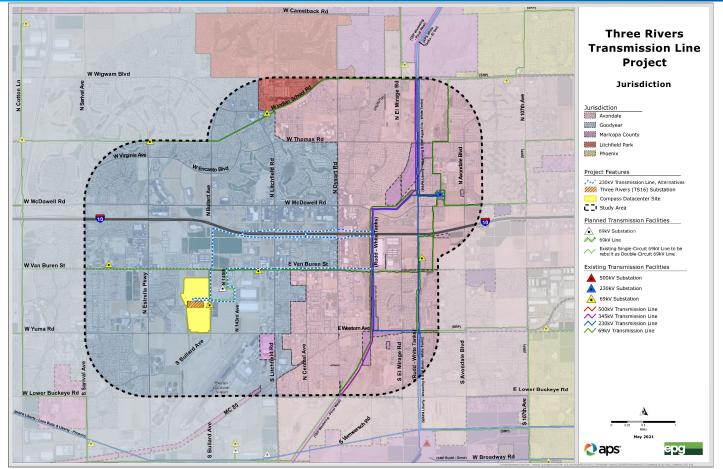


> Alternatives

- City of Goodyear
- City of Avondale
- Study Area
 - Maricopa County
 - City of Litchfield Park

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Jurisdiction – Exhibit A-2

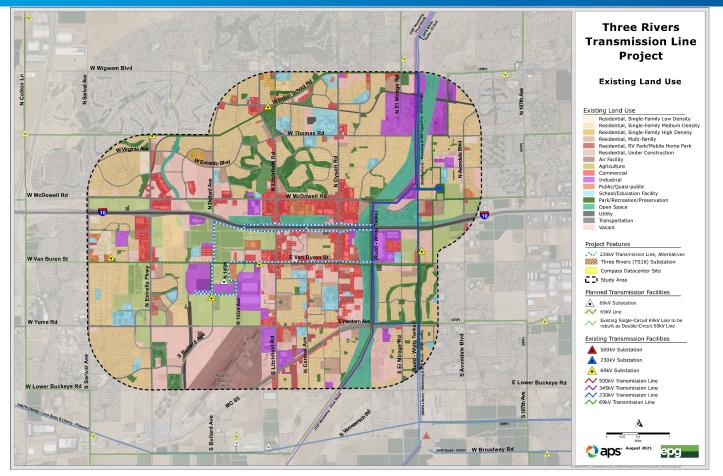


Existing Land Use



- East commercial focused along I-10 corridor and major roadways
- West transitioning from agriculture to light industrial
- Residential development
- > Open space
- > Utilities
- Transportation

Exhibit A-3



Compatibility with Existing Land Use

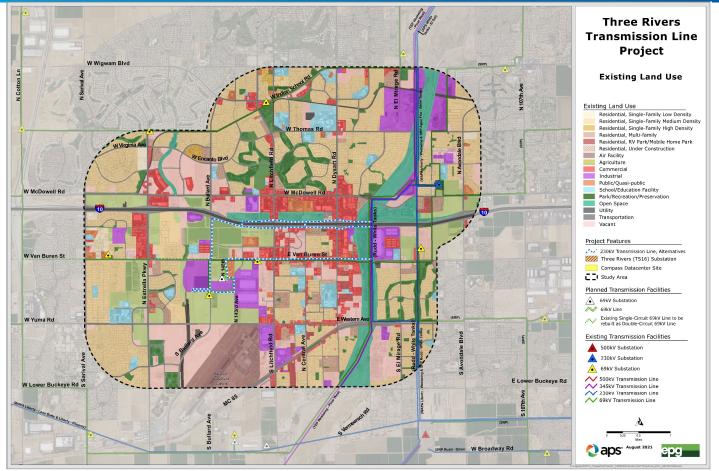
All Alternatives

- Co-located with existing linear features
- Compatible with existing land use
- Require no right-of-way on residential properties
- Minimize impacts to commercial properties along Van Buren Street
- Outside of ADOT controlled access plans, except for aerial crossings
- Compliant with Phoenix Goodyear Airport Master Plan and FAA requirements

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Exhibit A-3



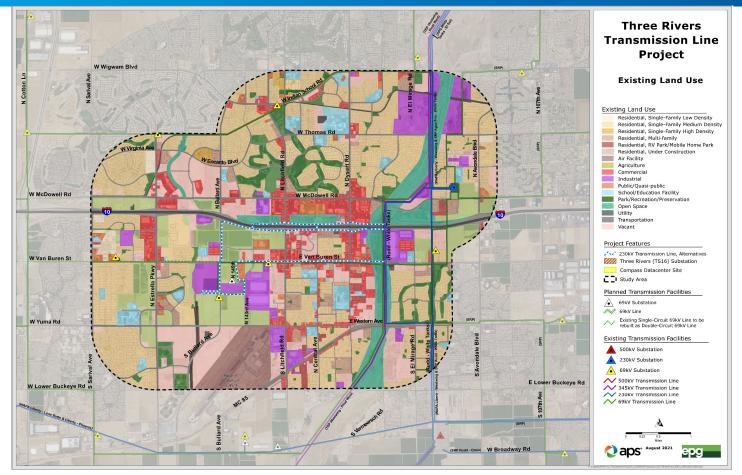
Compatibility with Existing Land Use



Preferred Route

- Requires right-of-way on fewer properties
- Impacts fewer commercial properties along I-10

Exhibit A-3

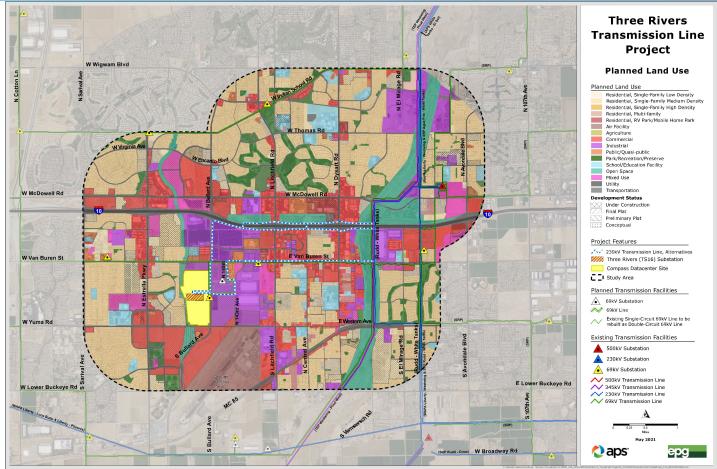


Planned Land Use



- Located within City of Goodyear's and the City of Avondale's designated Growth Areas
 - Targeted job centers:
 - I-10 Corridor
 - Phoenix Goodyear Airport
 - Redevelopment area
 - South of I-10 throughout study area

Exhibit A-4



Compatibility with Planned Land Use

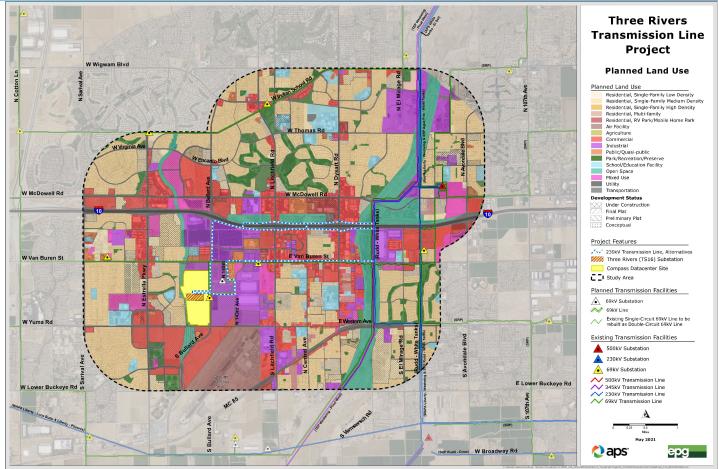


- City of Goodyear
 - Business and commerce
 - Industrial
- City of Avondale
 - Commercial
 - Open space



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Exhibit A-4





Biological Resources Exhibits C and D





Biological Resources – Exhibits C and D

- Obtained information
 - Arizona Game and Fish Department
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Conducted field survey
- Within the Study Area:
 - No areas protected for the benefit of wildlife
 - Highly developed or utilized for agriculture
 - Suitable habitat identified for burrowing owl (special status species) associated with agricultural lands

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Biological Resources – Exhibits C and D



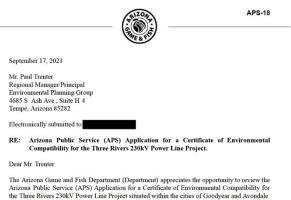


Compatibility with Biological Resources

- No adverse effects to threatened and endangered species or associated habitats
- All alternative routes compatible with wildlife and plant species, as well as the affected habitat
- Project will be built to the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) suggested practices
- > Will comply with AZ Game and Fish recommendations



Biological Resources – Exhibits C and D



the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project situated within the cities of Goodyear and Avondale The Department understands that the project consists of two new single-circuit 230kV transmission lines between 3.5 and 4 miles in length that will connect the existing APS Rudd-White Tanks 230kV transmission line to the Three Rivers Substation (formerly TS16). The Project is anticipated to be constructed primarily with steel, monopole structures that will be a mix of single-circuit and double-circuit. The majority of the Preferred and Alternative Routes identified in the Application are situated along roadways that pass through urban developed lands (primarily industria), as well as agricultural cropland. Both of the Preferred Routes also cross the Agua Fria River adjacent to existing roadway infrastructure

Under Title 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Department, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Commission), has jurisdictional authority and public trust responsibilities to protect and conserve the state fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the Department manages threatened and endangered species through authorities of Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and the Department's 10(a)(A) permit. It is the mission of the Department to conserve and protect Arizona's diverse fish and wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. For your consideration, the Department provides the following comments based on the agency's statutory authorities, public trust responsibilities, and special expertise related to wildlife resources and recreation.

As noted in your application, the western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), a special status species that is regulated under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), is known to occur in the vicinity of your project. The Department supports the application's recommendation

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Hi David,

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Thank you for the memo and the investigation into wildlife species that may inhabit the bridges. Given the height of the built transmission line, we wouldn't have concerns about the operation of the line.

During construction, if you end up needing to construct a tower within the Agua Fria River during the swallow breeding season (March -July), and the tower or construction equipment is situated within 100 feet of the bridges, I recommend contacting our Avian Coordinator, Tracy McCarthey (Inccarthey@azqfd.gov), to determine if any conservation measures would be necessary. An example of a conservation measure might be to remove the old nests from the bridge before the swallows migrate back to Arizona to start nesting, just to ensure that disturbance (noise and vibration) from construction doesn't cause the swallows to abandon their nests.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, Thank you, CHERI BOUCHÉR | PROJECT EVALUATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

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Visual Resources Exhibit E





Visual Resources – Exhibit E



Setting

- Scenery/Scenic Quality
- Sensitive Viewers
- Project features
 - Degree of visual contrast and change with the existing setting
 - Simulations compare the project visual modifications with existing setting





Visual Resource Compatibility

- All Alternatives
 - Co-location with existing 69kV transmission lines, for 3.4 miles or 45% of the project
 - Co-location with I-10 corridor for 2.6 miles or 35% of the project
 - Minimizes visual impacts
- Preferred Route
 - Location along the north side of I-10, further minimizes visual impacts to sensitive residential viewers









Cultural Resources Exhibit E





Cultural Resources – Exhibit E



- Conducted inventory of previously identified historic sites and structures, and archaeological sites in support of the State Historic Preservation Act
- Alternative routes are not expected to directly or indirectly affect historic sites, structures, or archaeological sites
- Received State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) concurrence

Cultural Resources Compatibility



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O'Neil, Teresa

From: Sent: To: Subject: David Jacobs Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:46 AM O'Neil, Teresa APS Three Rivers CEC application

Teresa-

Thank you for sending a copy of the CEC application for review. We concur with the discussion, conclusions, and recommendations on pages E-6 through E-8 regarding cultural resources. Please send our office the Case # when it is assigned for the project. David Jacobs, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office

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Recreation Resources Exhibit F





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Recreation Resources – Exhibit F

- Conducted inventory of existing and planned recreational areas
- Preferred Route and Alternative Route #1 cross City of Goodyear open space
 - designated growth area for business and commerce
- All Alternatives would cross open space associated with the Agua Fria River, but would not conflict with existing or planned recreation facilities



Hey Jessica,

We no longer call it Wellspring Park and there are no plans at this time for developing that area. The Wellspring Park Board no longer exists either. I've copied Nathan in case I've missed something.

Wynette Reed

Deputy City Manager City Manager's Office City of Goodyear, Arizona 190 N Litchfield Road Goodyear, AZ 85338

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Existing Plans Exhibit H





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Existing Plans – Exhibit H

- Arizona Department of Transportation
- > Arizona Game and Fish Department
- > Arizona State Historic Preservation Office
- Arizona State Land Department
- City of Avondale
- City of Goodyear
- > City of Litchfield Park
- City of Phoenix
- City of Phoenix Aviation Department
 Planning and Environmental Division
- Flood Control District of Maricopa County

- Gila River Indian Community
- > Maricopa County
- Maricopa County Department of Transportation
- Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department
- Maricopa County Water District
- Roosevelt Irrigation District
- Salt River Project
- Tuscon Electric Power
- Western Area Power Administration



Existing Plans – Exhibit H

February 15, 2021

Julie Arendall City Manager City of Goodyear 190 N. Litchfield Road Goodyear, AZ 85338

Subject: Arizona Public Service Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the APS Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Julie Arendall,

Arizona Public Service Company (APS) plans to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) for a customer-driven 230 kilvovit (kV) transmission line project with the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Sting Committee in April of 2201. This project is referred to as the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project). The Project would include development of a 230kV transmission line and associated substation facility needed to serve a new data center located west of Bullard Avenue between Van Buren Street and Yuma Road. The proposed project is designed to connect the new Three Rivers Substation, located near Bullard Avenue and Van Buren Street in Goodyear, to an existing 230kV transmission line along the Aqua Fin River in Avondale.

APS and its consultant, Environmental Planning Group, implemented a comprehensive public siting process to identify and evaluate suitable locations for proposed transmission line routes. Through this process, an APSpreferred route and two alternative routes were identified that will be brough thefore the Stiling Committee (see attached maps). APS will request Sting Committee approval for the CEC for the preferred transmission line route.

Arizona Administrative Code Rule R14-3-219 directs an applicant to include in its CEC application an Exhibit H addressing the following: "To the extent the applicant is able to determine, state the existing plans of the state, local government, and private entities for other developments at or in the vicinity of the proposed site or route."

Your organization is invited to provide information or written comments regarding development plans in the vicinity of the proposed Project (as depicted on the maps). If you have already provided information on the project, that information is included as part of the project record. APS requests your comments be submitted in writing, specifically including your organization's existing or future development plans that you have identified or are known to you at this time.

To allow your information to be included in APS's CEC application(s), please forward your written comments to me by Tuesday, February 26, 2021 via email at or by physical mail at 4685 South Ash Avenue, Suite H-4, Tempe, A2 82582.

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Sincerely,

Paul Trenter, Regional Manager/Principal Environmental Planning Group

cc: Stephen Eich Enclosure

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Existing Plans – Exhibit H

Responses

- Support for all Alternative Routes (City of Goodyear)
- Support for the Preferred Route (City of Avondale)
- Appreciation for consideration of critical airport/FAA safety surface in the siting analysis (City of Phoenix Aviation Department)
- Acknowledged need to continue coordination on I-10 (ADOT)
- No plans or future plans that conflict with Alternative Routes (Maricopa County Parks and Recreation)

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Existing Plans – Exhibit H

City of Goodyear Office of the Mayor and Council



Ginna Carko Peny, Jeusica Eich, Steohen K RE: Three Rivers Alternative Route Update Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:05:33 PM

Subject: Date: Hi Jessica –

From

To: Cc:

Thank you for sharing this and for being so responsive and helpful with our additional questions. The City remains supportive of all three routes, and is okay with the preferred route being changed.

Please let me know if you may need anything additional from us.

Talk to you soon,

Ginna

From:	Raul Amavisca <ramavisca@azdot.gov></ramavisca@azdot.gov>
Sent:	Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:40 PM
To:	O'Neil, Teresa
Cc:	Stephen.Eich@aps.com; Trenter, Paul
Subject:	Re: Three Rivers - Corridor illustrations and preliminary alignment

ADOT Central District understands that APS may need to do an aerial crossing of I-10 and accepts this need. We also agree that the 100' overlap in ADOT controlled access may include an aerial overhang into the ADOT controlled access for specific constrained areas. We understand that APS's intent is that all transmission structures will remain outside of the ADOT controlled access. Any actual crossing in our freeway Right of Way or aerial overhang will require prior approval.

Raul G. Amavisca, PE

Engineering Administrator

ADOT Central District 2140 W. Hilton Avenue, Mail Drop PM00

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March 2, 2021

Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Letter of Support APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Transmission Lines Siting

Chairwoman Lea Marquez Peterson and Commissioners,

The City of Goodyear Council supports APS' application for a certificate of environmental compatibility (CEC) and APS' selection of their preferred route and the two identified alternate routes to connect new power lines and a substation into an existing 230kV transmission line to serve a new data center, located west of Bullard Avenue between Van Buren Street and Yuma Road.

This project will provide power to important business locates that will benefit our community significantly through increased revenue and quality jobs, as well as serve as a catalyst for additional economic opportunities for our growing city.

The City of Goodyear appreciates APS' dedication to this project, as well as their continued support as a valued community partner. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Georgia Lord

Mayor City of Goodyear, Arizona





Environmental Conclusions







Environmental Compatibility

All Alternatives

- Conform with applicable management plans
- Within designated growth areas for industrial and business
 & commerce development
- Co-located with existing and planned 69kV transmission lines for 3.3 miles (45%) and Co-located with I-10 for 2.6 miles (35%)
- Result in minimal effects to existing and planned land use, recreation, visual, cultural, and biological resources
- > All alternatives are environmentally compatible







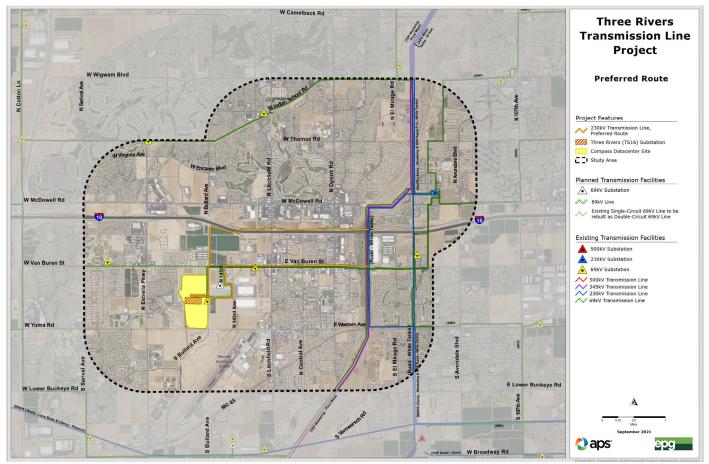
Environmental Compatibility

Preferred Route

- Supported by City of Goodyear and City of Avondale
- Compliant with FAA requirements
- Compliant with ADOT controlled access plans
- Minimizes visual impact to sensitive residential views
- Minimizes impacts to commercial properties

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Preferred Route





Noise and EMF Analysis Exhibit I



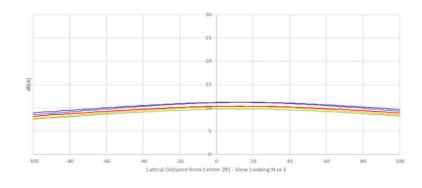




Noise Analysis

- Industrial, residential, and agricultural area with existing power lines
- New lines to be consistent with noise levels of existing lines
- Minimal noise impacts expected due to this line

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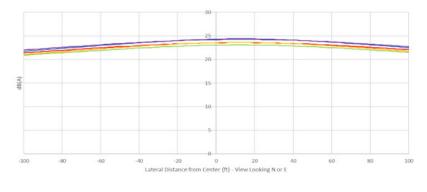
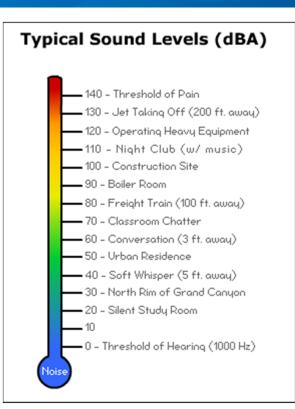




Exhibit I-3. L50 Rain Audible Noise by Line Segment



Source: United States Department of Labor - OSHA



EMF Analysis

- Expected Electric Field values is well below the 5kV/meter limit outside the right-of-way and 10kV/meter inside the right-of-way as specified by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Standards
- Calculated Magnetic Field comparable to existing lines of this voltage





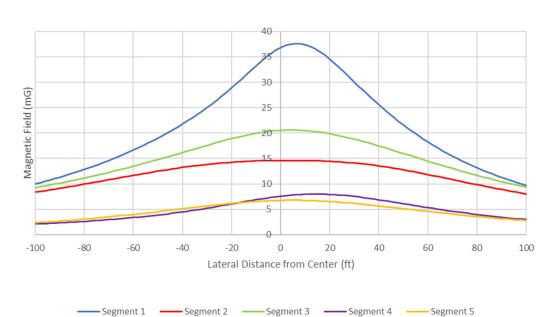


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Appliances	6 inches	12 inches	24 inches	48 inches
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Hair Dryer	1 - 700	• - 70	• - 10	* - 1
Electric Range	20 - 200	• - 30	• - 9	• - 6
Video Display Terminal (PCs with Color Monitors)	7 - 20	2 - 6	1 - 3	
Transmission Lines (kV)	Right of Way	100 feet	200 feet	300 feet
115 Kilovolts	30	2	0.4	0.2
230 Kilovolts	58	7	1.8	0.8
500 Kilovolts	87	13	3.2	1.4

Source: EMF In Your Environment, epa.com

Notes: The asterisk (*) indicates measurement same as background fields. All measurements are in milliGauss (mG). Transmission line values are typical, average usage values at 3.3 ft above ground.



Application and Notice Requirements Exhibit J







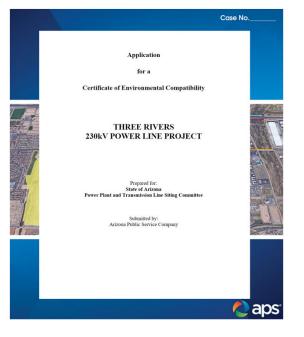
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Application and Notice

- Affected Jurisdictions
 - Cities of Goodyear, Avondale, and Litchfield Park
 - City of Phoenix Aviation Department
 - AZ Department of Transportation
 - Maricopa County and Flood Control District of Maricopa County
- Public Libraries
 - Goodyear Library : August 25, 2021
 - Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library : August 25, 2021



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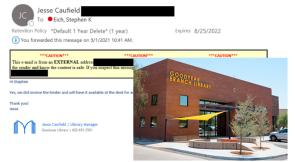
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Public and Stakeholder Involvement







- Project Mailings
- Newspaper Ads
- Open Houses (In-Person and Virtual)
- Stakeholder Briefings
- Project Website
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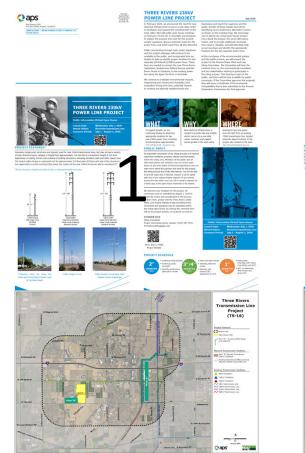


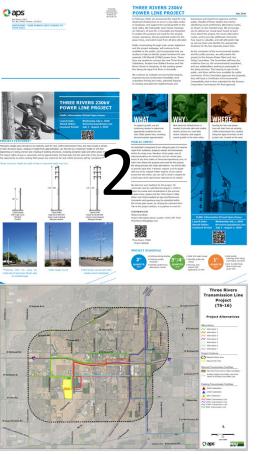


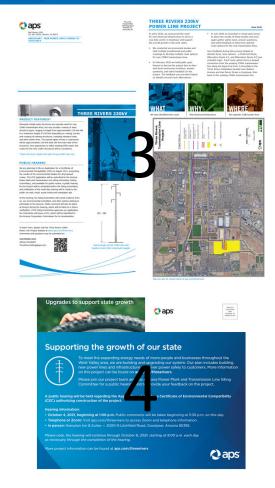
- Project Mailings
 - Each mailing sent to more than 30,000 customers
 - Newsletters
 - February 3, 2020
 - June 29, 2020
 - June 25, 2021
 - Postcard
 - September 15, 2021
 - Additional Newsletter following ACC decision













Newspaper ads

- West Valley View advertisements:
 - February 2020
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- February 19 & 20, 2020 in Avondale & Goodyear (in person)
 - 12 attendees
- July 1, 2020 (virtual/online only)
 - Approximately 1,500 unique page views
 - 17 filled out the questionnaire
 - 24 total comments were given through the Virtual Open House (VOH) format
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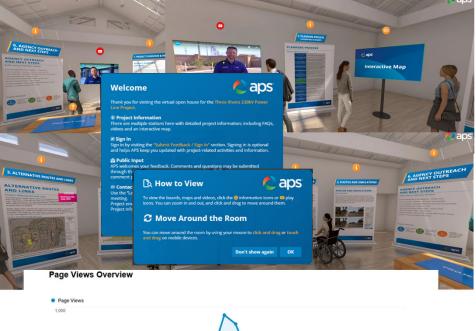




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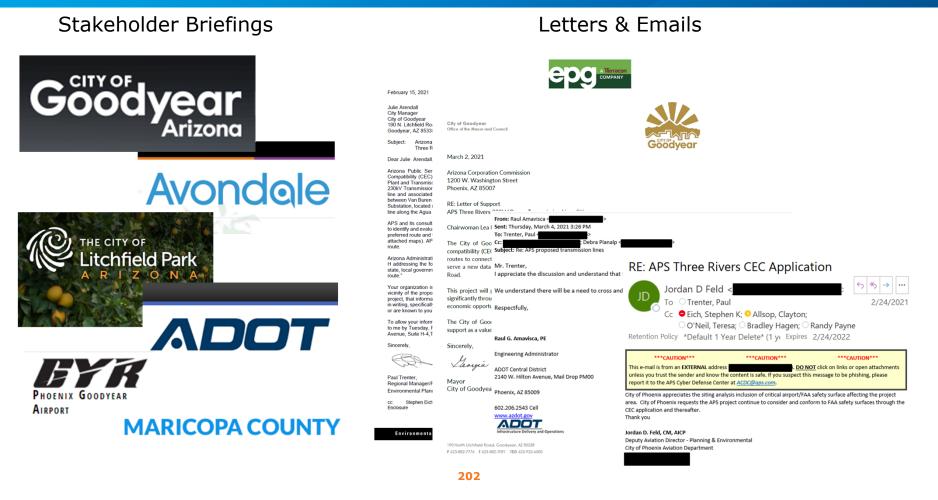




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 - City of Goodyear
 - City of Avondale
 - City of Litchfield Park
 - Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
 - Flood Control District of Maricopa County
 - Phoenix Goodyear Airport / FAA
- Formal letters and emails to request feedback from additional entities
- Additional outreach to businesses along certain developed areas of alternative routes



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- Project Website
- Project Telephone Information line
- Customer Email
 - July 15, 2020
 - 20,477 recipients/3,582 unique opens/264 unique clicks
 - June 21, 2021
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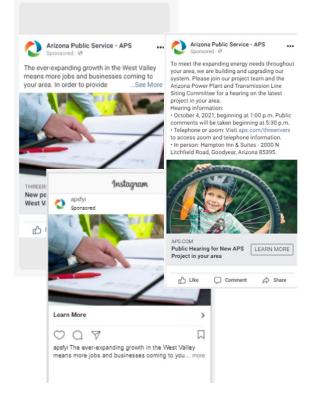
Social Media

- Facebook & Instagram posts
 - July 15, 2020
 - 77,088 people reached/89 taking action
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- Additional postings by APS staff and city representatives
- Approximately 50 comments received in-person, by email, phone, and virtual open house

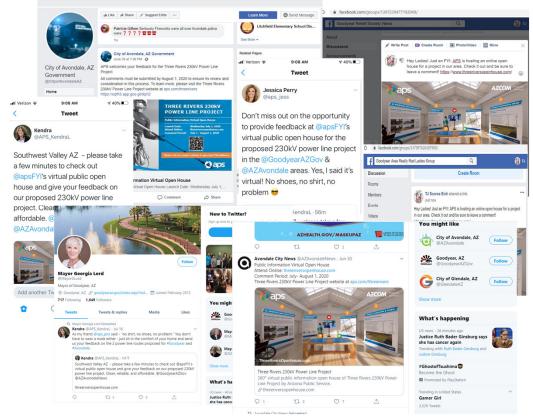


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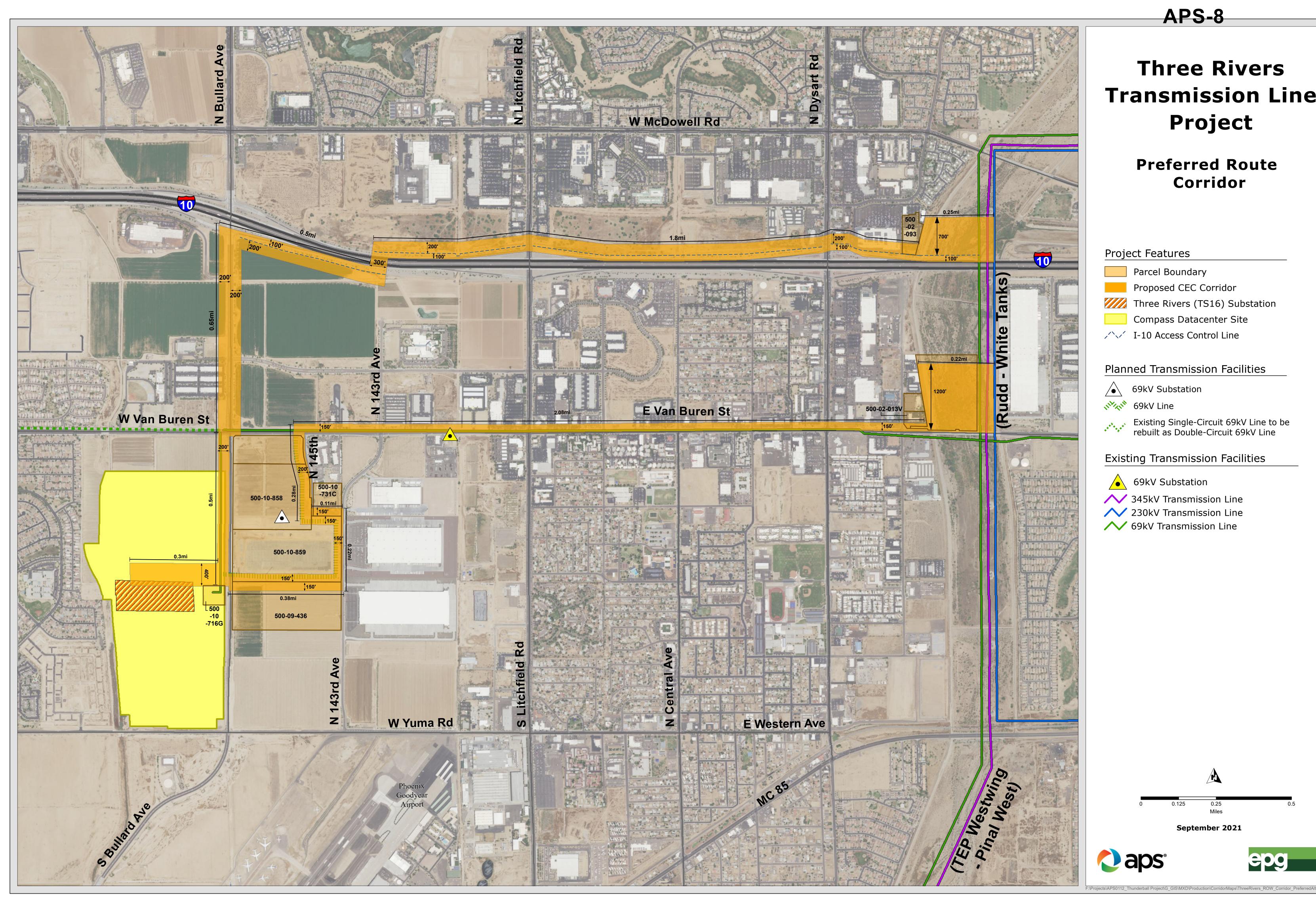
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Three Rivers Transmission Line Project

Preferred Route Corridor

Project Features

- Parcel Boundary Proposed CEC Corridor Three Rivers (TS16) Substation
- - Compass Datacenter Site
- / I-10 Access Control Line

Planned Transmission Facilities



69kV Substation

Existing Single-Circuit 69kV Line to be rebuilt as Double-Circuit 69kV Line

Existing Transmission Facilities



69kV Substation

✓ 345kV Transmission Line ✓ 230kV Transmission Line ✓ 69kV Transmission Line







Preferred Route Corridor

The corridor begins at the Rudd to White Tanks transmission line with an 800-foot-wide corridor, including 700 feet to the north and 100 feet to the south of the northern access control line of I-10, then heads west along said access control line across the Agua Fria River, approximately 0.25 miles to the east boundary line of parcel 500-02-093.

The corridor then narrows to 300 feet wide, including 200 feet to the north and 100 feet to the south of said access control line, continuing west approximately 1.8 miles to the 143rd Avenue alignment.

The corridor then heads south approximately 0.1 miles as it crosses the I-10 and remains 300 feet wide. At this point the corridor proceeds west, including 200 feet to the south and 100 feet to the north of the access control line of I-10, approximately 0.5 miles to Bullard Avenue.

At this point the corridor widens to 400 feet, including 200 feet on each side of the centerline of Bullard Avenue, and proceeds south approximately 0.65 miles to Van Buren Street.

South of Van Buren Street, the corridor narrows to 200 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of Bullard Avenue as it continues south for approximately 0.5 miles to the northern property line of APS's Bullard Substation, parcel 500-10-716G.

From this point, the corridor widens to 400 feet, with its southern boundary coincident with the northern property line of APS's Bullard Substation, parcel 500-10-716G, and heads west for approximately 0.3 miles.

At Bullard Avenue, the corridor is 300 feet wide as it heads east, including the south 150 feet of parcel 500-10-859 and the north 150 feet of parcel 500-09-436, approximately 0.38 miles to 143rd Avenue.

The corridor then narrows to 150 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of 143rd Avenue as it proceeds north approximately 0.22 miles.

The corridor then widens to 300 feet, including the south 150 feet of parcel 500-10-731C and the north 150 feet of parcel 500-10-859, approximately 0.11 miles to the east boundary line of parcel 500-10-858.

At this point, the corridor narrows to 200 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of 145th Avenue and proceeds north approximately 0.28 miles to Van Buren Street.

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DOCKET NO. L-00000D-21-0292-00193

Case No. 193

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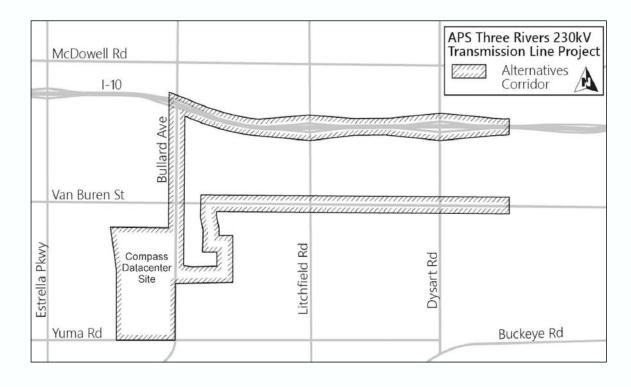
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This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. Substantive communication not in the public record may not be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. §40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

ORDERED this 25th day of August 2021.

Thomas K. Chenal, Chairman Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Assistant Attorney General



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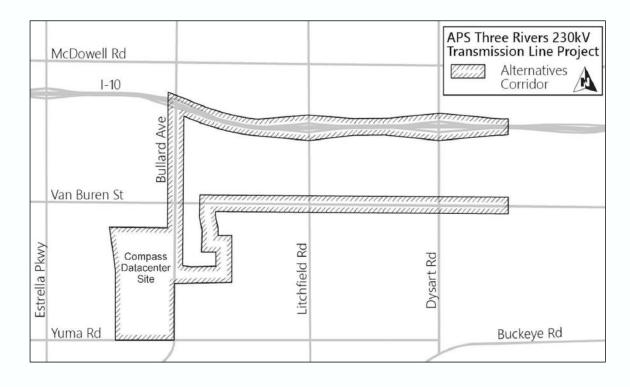
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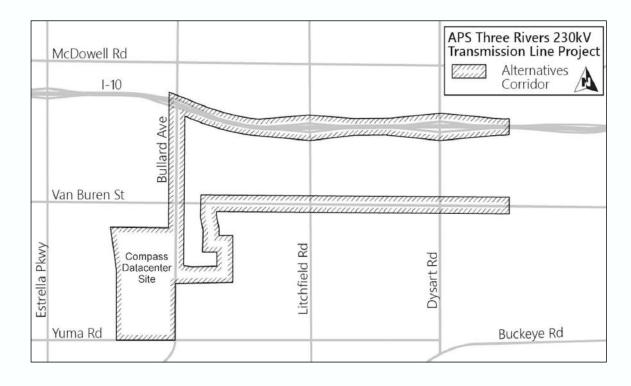
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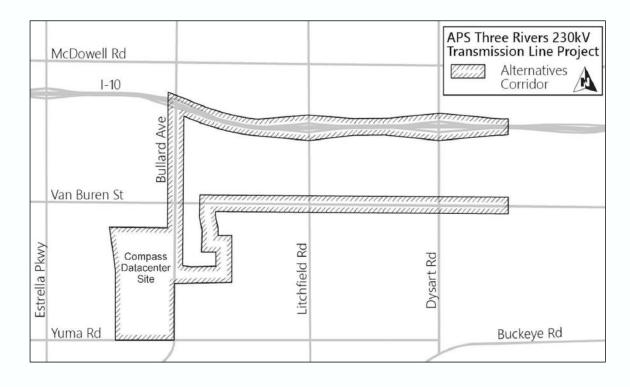
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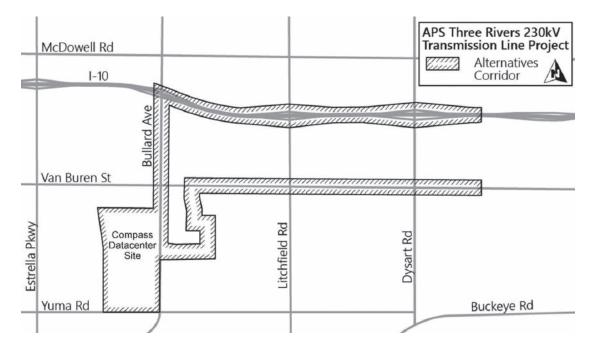
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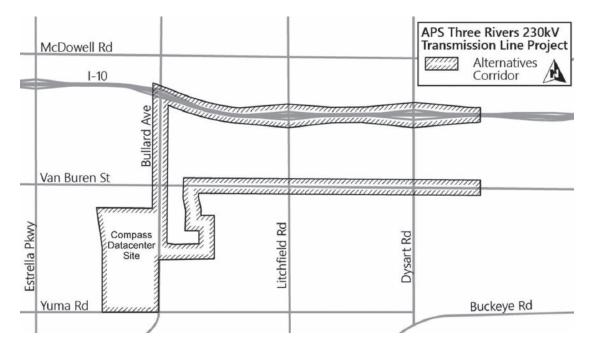
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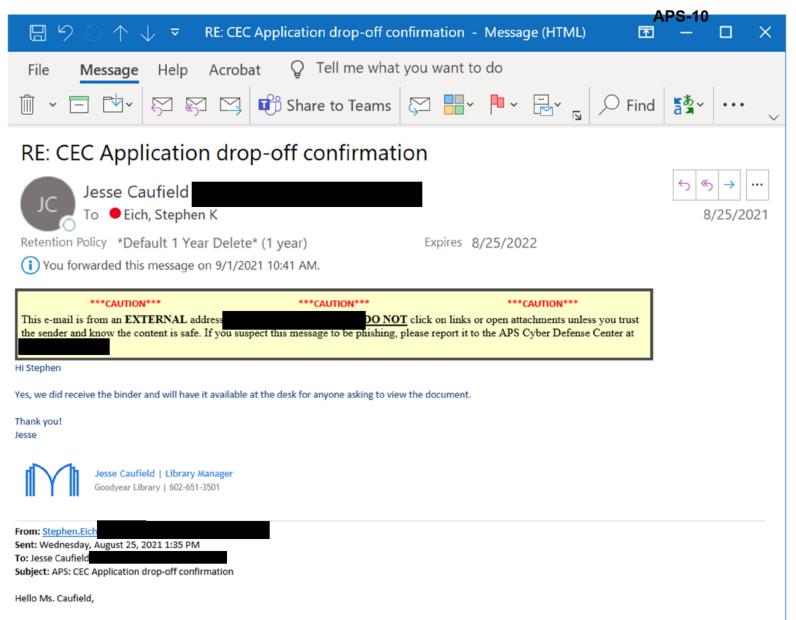
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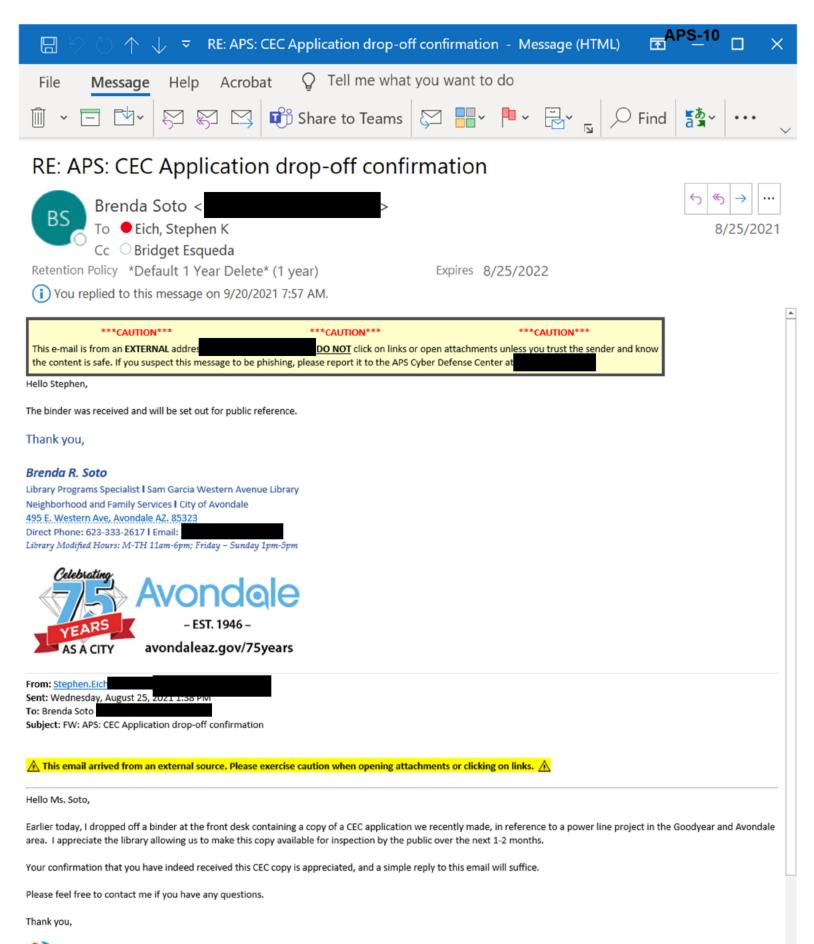
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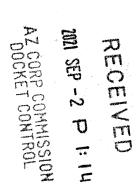
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SUMMARY – TRANSCRIPT DISTRIBUTION

RE: Hearing held before the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Applicant: Arizona Public Service Company Project: Three Rivers Project Docket No. L-00000D-21-0292-00193 – LSC Case No. 193 Transcript of Prefiling Conference held on 08-16-2021

FROM: Marta T. Hetzer, ACC Account Manager - Coash & Coash, Inc.

EMAIL DELIVERY: To all Committee members, Applicant, ACC Legal Division

ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT:

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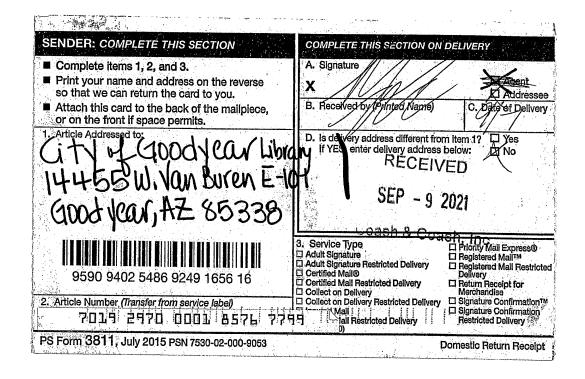
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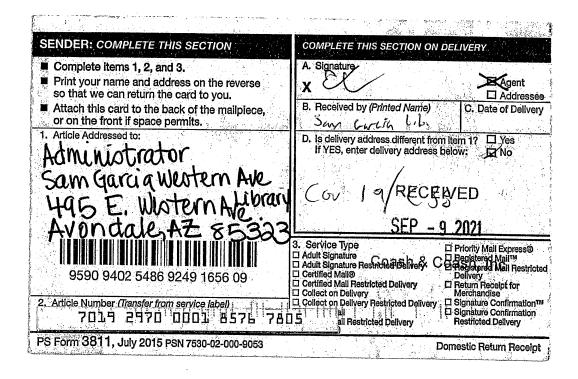
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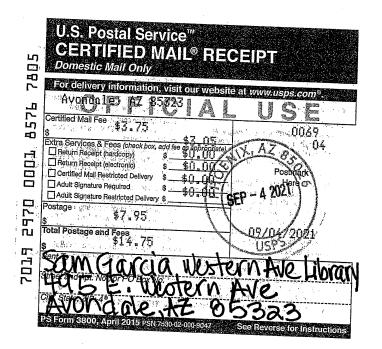
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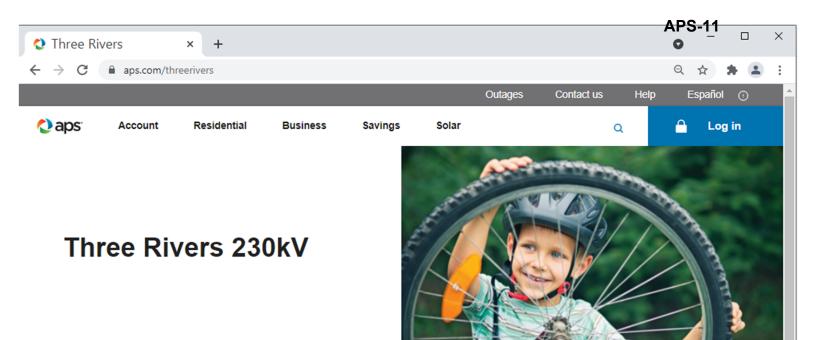
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Voltage - 230kV Estimated completion date - 4th Quarter 2021 Location - East Goodyear and west Avondale area

Project need

Connect new power lines and substation into an existing 230kV transmission line to serve a new data center located west of Bullard Avenue between Van Buren Street and Yuma Road.

Project description

The greater Phoenix region has emerged as one of the top markets in the western United States for attracting high-tech industries, including data center companies. The west valley, in particular, is benefiting from economic development activity that will bring jobs and revenue to the area. We are dedicated to providing safe and reliable electric service to support this growth. In February 2020, we announced the need for new electrical infrastructure to serve a new data center in Goodyear, and support the overall growth in the west valley. We held public open house meetings on February 19 and 20, in Avondale and Goodyear to explain the purpose and need for this project, answer questions, discuss potential routes for the power lines, and solicit input from all who attended. The feedback you provided at the open house and through mail, email, telephone and the project webpage helped us identify several route alternatives. In July 2020, we launched a virtual open house to share the results of these studies and present these route alternatives to once again gather public input, answer questions, and solicit feedback to determine optimal route options for the new transmission lines. These lines are needed to connect the new Three Rivers Substation, located near Bullard Avenue and Van Buren Street in Goodyear, to the existing power line along the Agua Fria River in Avondale.

Public Hearing Information

Please join our project team and the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee for a permitting hearing on the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line project. This hearing will be held regarding the Application of APS for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) authorizing construction of the project.

Date: October 4, 2021 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Public comments will be taken beginning at 5:30 p.m. on this day.

In Person Location: Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix-Goodyear - 2000 N Litchfield Road, Goodyear, AZ 85395.

Live Stream to View the Hearing: https://vimeo.com/event/1282666

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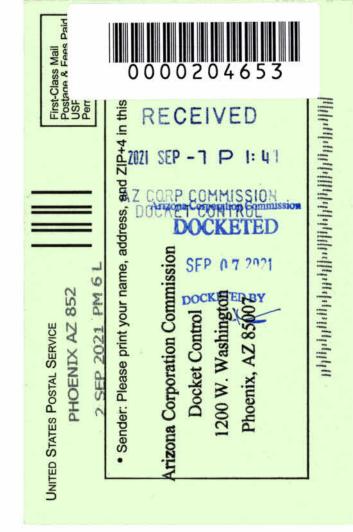
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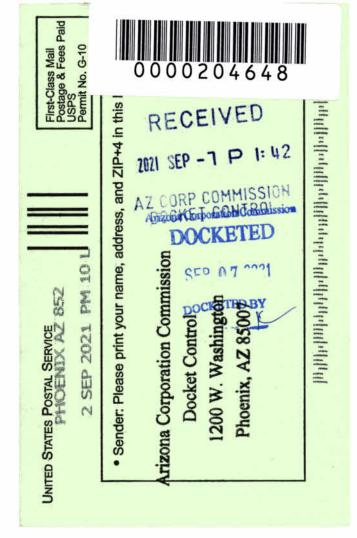
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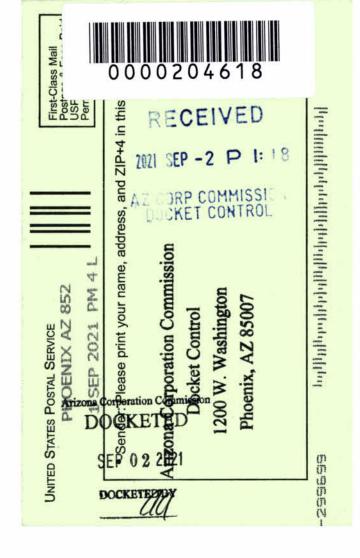


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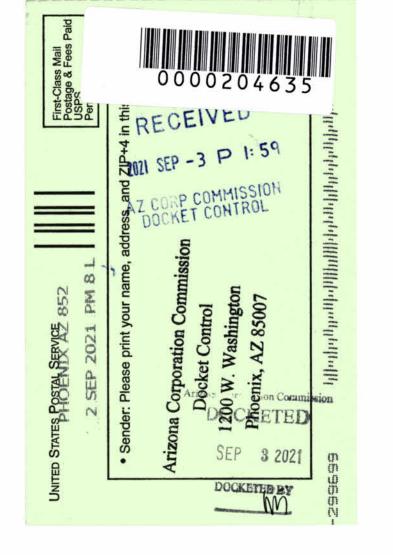
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September 21, 2021

Matt Holm Maricopa County Planning and Development Dept. 301 W. Jefferson Street Phoenix, AZ 85003

> RE: Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Company) in the matter of the Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) Docket No. L-00000D-21-0292-00193

Dear Mr. Holm:

APS is providing to you Notice of Hearing regarding the above referenced matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.04(A).

Please be aware the hearing in Goodyear, Arizona will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites located at 2000 North Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85395, on October 4, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue on October 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and additional days as needed.

Additionally, attached is the Notice to Affected Jurisdictions that was submitted to Docket Control on August 30, 2021.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Stephen Eich

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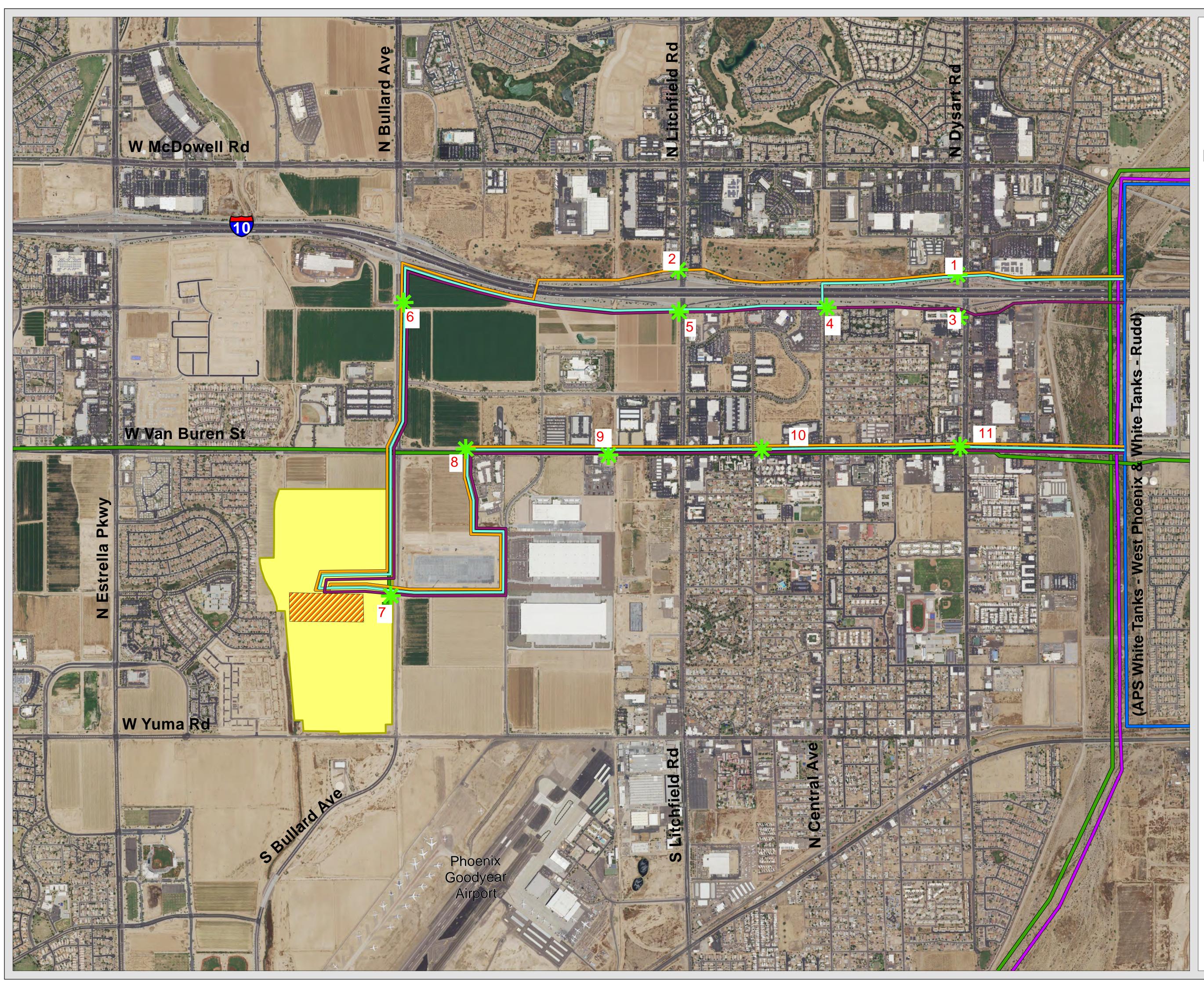




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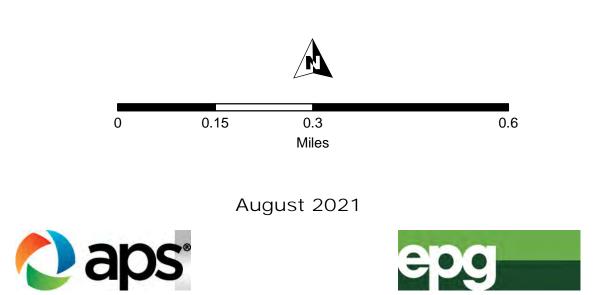
Proposed Notice of Hearing Sign Locations

Project Features

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	Three Rivers (TS16) Substation
	Compass Datacenter Site
	Preferred Route (230kV Line)
	Alternative Route #1 (230kV Line)
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Existing Transmission Facilities

230kV Transmission Line
 345kV Transmission Line
 69kV Transmission Line



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2. NW corner of Litchfield Road and I-10

South Side of I-10



3. SW Corner of Dysart Road and I-10



4. 1781 N Central Avenue, Goodyear



5. SE corner of Litchfield Road and I-10

Bullard Road Alignment



6. East side of Bullard Road just south of I-10



7. SW corner of Bullard Road and Harrison Street (in front of Bullard Substation)

Van Buren Road Alignment



8. SW corner of Van Buren Street and 145th Avenue



9. Just east of 14190 W Van Buren Street, Goodyear

Van Buren Road Alignment



10. 13560 W Van Buren Street, Goodyear



11. SE corner of Van Buren Street and Dysart Road

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To meet the expanding energy needs of more people and businesses throughout the West Valley area, we are building and upgrading our system. Our plan includes building new power lines and infrastructure to deliver power safely to customers. More information on this project can be found on **aps.com/threerivers**.

Please join our project team and the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee for a public hearing and to provide your feedback on the project.

A public hearing will be held regarding the Application of APS for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) authorizing construction of the project.

Hearing information:

- October 4, 2021, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Public comments will be taken beginning at 5:30 p.m. on this day.
- Telephone or Zoom: Visit aps.com/threerivers to access Zoom and telephone information.
- In person: Hampton Inn & Suites 2000 N Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85395.

Please note, the hearing will continue through October 8, 2021, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day as necessary through the completion of the hearing.

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August 31, 2020

Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 W. Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Letter of Support for APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Transmission Lines Siting

Chairwoman Lea Marquez Peterson and Commissioners,

Compass Datacenters strongly supports APS's application for a certificate of environmental compatibility ("CEC") and APS's selection of the preferred route or either of the two identified alternate routes to connect new power lines to our data center campus located West of Bullard Avenue between Van Buren Street and Yuma Rd.

The new 230kV transmission lines will provide the power and reliability necessary to support the Compass Datacenters data center project and other nearby data center projects. Data centers are the critical foundation for almost everything we do in our lives, and the demand for and importance of data centers continues to grow dramatically.

Our data center project will provide tremendous tax revenue streams & benefits to the City, School Districts, County and State for many years to come. Also, data centers have an impressive impact on the area economy. In 2020, it is estimated Arizona data centers directly provided \$539,000,000 in economic output, creating 530 full time jobs with \$42,000,000 in employee pay & benefits. Also, 2,020 construction jobs with \$132,000,000 in construction pay & benefits.

Our customers are some of the largest technology companies in the world. They are looking to locate and grow dramatically in the Goodyear, AZ area. The ability to get reliable, redundant power feeds and low rates is a significant reason why our customers like our project and this area. We can only accommodate our customer's power needs by completing the APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Transmission Lines Project. This project is a critical component of allowing top technology companies to locate & grow a critical part of their operations.

Thank you for your consideration. Compass Datacenters supports the referenced project.

Regards,

Chris Curtis Co-Founder & SVP Compass Datacenters LLC

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September 21, 2021

THREE RIVERS 230KV POWER LINE PROJECT PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT SUMMARY

For the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project, our team facilitated a purposeful and robust public involvement strategy to best engage with potentially affected members of the community and regional stakeholders.

Our public involvement strategy included the use of the following:

- Project Mailings
- Newspaper Ads
- In-Person Open Houses
- A Virtual Open House
- Stakeholder Briefings
- A Project Website
- A Project Telephone Information Line
- Social Media
- Customer Emails

Project Mailings

The use of project mailings is one of our primary tools to spread information about our projects. The first step in project mailings is to develop a mailing list that includes all property owners, residents, and businesses within our 27-mile study area. The complete mailing list included more than 30,000 mailings.

Our first mailing was the first project newsletter, which announced the project and provided customers with information on two in-person open houses and other opportunities for public comment. The first project newsletter was mailed February 3, 2020 in advance of the open house.

Our second mailing was the second project newsletter, which provided customers with project updates, including a map of alternative routes from which public input was sought. Information on how to attend our first-ever virtual open house was included, and how they could provide input to further refine the routes. The second project newsletter was mailed June 29, 2020.

Our third mailing was the third project newsletter, which provided customers with project updates, including a map showing our Preferred Route and two alternative routes. Information on next steps regarding the CEC process and a future mailing to announce the details of the hearing was also given. The third project newsletter was mailed on June 25, 2021.

Our fourth mailing was a postcard, which provided customers with information about the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee public hearing dates, and means of attending, as well as additional information on the project and opportunities for public comment. Postcards were mailed September 15, 2021.

A future fifth mailing is planned following any project decisions made during the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee public hearings. The newsletter will announce the committee's decision, the ACC Decision, and provide further information regarding the anticipated timing of construction and operation of project facilities, if applicable.

Open Houses

Our team prepared and held the first round of open houses on February 19 and 20, 2020 in Avondale and Goodyear. This was in-person, just prior to the Covid-19 restrictions, and the last in-person open house APS held pre-

pandemic. Subject Matter Experts were available to explain the project purpose and need, explain the process and environmental studies that were conducted, and acquire public input. Approximately 12 people attended that first round.

Our second open house was limited to on-line participation only, and our team prepared and facilitated our inaugural virtual open house. The virtual open house provided a short introduction video, a separate project overview video, boards with information about the project, interactive and printable maps, and exhibits describing our siting process, as well as additional information about how visitors could provide input and comments. The virtual open house also provided information about how the public could contact project team members for specific questions.

The virtual open house received 1,513 unique visitors during the period July 1 to August 1, 2020. The virtual open house remains accessible and public input will be accepted as the project continues to develop and can be viewed at <u>www.threeriversopenhouse.com</u>.

Stakeholder Briefings

Our team members coordinated and met multiple times with representatives of the cities of Goodyear, Avondale, and Litchfield Park, including elected officials and planning staff. We also met multiple times with staff from the Phoenix/Goodyear Airport, Arizona Department of Transportation, and Flood Control District of Maricopa County. These meetings were held to relay information on the project, answer questions, and request feedback. Our meetings enabled the project team to identify stakeholder issues, consider suggestions during the planning process, incorporate suggested input where feasible, and relay information regarding project development.

Project Website

We published a project website once the project was publicly announced. The website (aps.com/threerivers) has been continuously maintained throughout the CEC process. The website includes information about the project, such as maps, an FAQ, and links to detailed information about our siting process. The website also provides information on how input or public comment can be provided for the project and how a project team member can be reached via email at <u>ThreeRiversSiting@aps.com</u>. Information about the evidentiary hearing has been added to the project website, including specific information about attending by Zoom on-line and the ability to provide comments through Zoom during the public comment.

Project Telephone Information Line

We published a project telephone information line when the project was publicly announced, which has been continuously maintained throughout the CEC process. The telephone information line was created to inform the public about the project, provide opportunity for questions and comments, and as a means of requesting to speak to a team member.

Social Media

Our team utilized targeted Facebook and Instagram ads starting July 15, 2020 and ran ads for two weeks to announce the project. The ads were targeted to homes, businesses, and individuals accessing the internet from within our notification area. Ads were displayed in a similar fashion as a banner ad on a person's phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer. Customers who clicked the ad banner were taken to the full ad, which presented brief information about the project with links directing them to the virtual open house. These ads reached over 77,000 people, with 89 taking action.

A second round of targeted Facebook and Instagram ads were utilized on September 17, 2021 to announce the CEC hearing and opportunities for attendance. Analytical data has not yet been obtained.

Customer Emails

Customer information was used to identify email addresses for customers located within the study area. This is accomplished by using our "feeder lists" which list the individual customers served by our lines within a given area. If those customers have provided an email (it is voluntary), we will have the ability to add them to the email mailing list. This list often is larger than the planned notification area as the feeders often serve larger areas than the study area. The email included similar information as the social media advertisement, and primarily directed customers to other tools, including the virtual open house and the project website.

On July 15, 2020, emails were sent to 20,477 customers. Approximately 3,582 emails were opened, with 264 unique clicks on the page.

On June 21, 2021, a second email was sent to 28,555 customers. Approximately 11,941 emails were opened, with 374 unique clicks on the page.

On September 9, 2021, a third email was sent to the same area, but analytical data has not yet been obtained.

Public Comments

No.	Date	Notification Type	Issues / Phone Message / Comments	Concerns / Topics	Alternative Preferred	Response
1	2/6/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	LETTER: Customer owns equipment rental center at the south east corner of Van Buren and Dysart and would like us to consider routing both lines along the I-10 and not disrupt Van Buren traffic.	Route Location	I-10	Comment Noted
2	2/8/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	EMAIL: Customer asked if the lines could be placed underground	Build Underground	None	I emailed the customer to explain that building underground is possible, but then explained the many factors and impacts in doing so for this high voltage line - as opposed to the much lower voltage lines found in our neighborhoods. I touched on various reasons why building overhead is preferred by APS, and encouraged the customer to attend our open house to learn more.

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3	2/19/2021	Newsletter Newspaper	PHONE: Customer called and wanted to know how the mobile homes within the trailer park she owns would be impacted, and expressed concern about the health and socioeconomic impacts to the community from the transmission line.	Route Location Health Land Value	None	Customer was called to answer questions, informed them that no routes have been determined at this stage, invited them to attend the upcoming open house to learn more and provide their input.
4	2/20/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM: Customer preferred to locate lines along the north side of Van Buren Street (rebuild and co- locate existing with existing 69kV line).	Route Location	Van Buren St.	Comment Noted
5	2/20/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM: Customer preferred to avoid area on Van Buren Street, west of Bullard Road. Also avoid Bullard Road, north of Van Buren Street.	Route Location	None	Comment Noted
6	2/20/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM: Customer preferred to locate lines along Van Buren Street and along I-10, and preferred to avoid residential areas and public gathering places such as Goodyear Community Park, Estrella Mountain Community College, and St. Thomas Aquinos Catholic Church - all located along north side of W. Thomas Road or further north (link 600).	Route Location	Van Buren St. I-10	Comment Noted

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7	2/20/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM: Customer preferred to locate lines along I-10 and McDowell Road because they are commercial areas. They preferred not to locate on links 80 & 60 (Estrella Road) where residents are already paying millions to develop parks and facilities. Also concerned about unsightly substation - suggests planting short trees and shrubs to improve visually.	Route Location Substation	McDowell Rd I-10	Comment Noted
8	2/20/2020	Newspaper	OPEN HOUSE COMMENT FORM: Customer preferred to locate along Van Buren Rd, also along I-10, through farm field, Bullard Road, & 143rd Ave. Avoid Estrella Road because of high density housing and significant commercial. Preferred to co-locate with existing 69kV & double circuit and/or force customer to bury lines, lessen visual, noise & EMF impacts to residents.	Route Locations Co- Locate Lines Visual Impacts EMF	Van Buren St. I-10 Bullard Rd 143rd Ave.	Comment Noted
9	2/21/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	IN-PERSON CONVERSATION: During the open house this customer was concerned that tenant addresses for a trailer park she manages were not included on our newsletter mailing list. I told her I would look into it and get back with her.	Notification	None	The next day (Feb 22), I emailed the customer to confirm that the addresses within the trailer park she manages were all included in the mailing list, and gave her a copy of the specific trailer park addresses to which they were sent. The customer thanked me for the information and mentioned she/her company would be sending comments later.

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10	2/21/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	EMAIL: The customer asked if the proposed transmission lines intended to be placed above ground or below ground.	Build Underground	None	I emailed the customer to explain the intention to build the transmission line above ground, including type of structures and heights. I also explained the siting process and next steps, and how to stay involved in providing input to help us in the process.
11	2/21/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	EMAIL: Customer asked if their contact information is included on our email and mailing lists.	Notification	None	I responded that their information has been added while providing additional info about the Project website.
12	2/22/2020	Newsletter Newspaper	EMAIL: The customer explained that he attended the open house and proceeded to give comments to keep the route along the I-10 corridor as much as possible, then south along Bullard Avenue to the substation. Customer also wanted us to take into consideration the airport airspace restrictions and coordinate our efforts with other nearby data centers. He commended APS on a job well-done at the open house was impressed by the detailed information we provided. He also pointed out some issues with the online comment form.	Route Location FAA	I-10 Bullard Road	I responded by email and apologized for the technical problems and informed him we were working on the issue, but assured him the email comment would be included. I thanked him for his input and gave him a quick overview of the next steps in the process.
13	7/2/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: The customer strongly pleaded that this does not get built through subdivisions.	Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	None	Comment Noted

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14	7/2/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer requested that we consider building the lines underground and was concerned about costs. He expressed support for technological advancement and is pro- business, but does not want to see poles from his backyard. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to south side of I-10 to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 to Central Ave)	Route Location Build Underground Costs Visual Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes) Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 2 3) Alt.4	Comment Noted
15	7/4/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Locations	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes) Order of Preference 1) Alt. 3 2) Alt. 4 3) Alt. 5	I confirmed receiving their email and explained that the intent would be to rebuild the existing poles along Van Buren and co-locate the transmission lines. I also encouraged them to visit the virtual open house to learn more and specifically suggested looking at the visual simulations, and continue to provide any input.

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16	7/4/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer opposes Alternative 1, specifically along W. McDowell Rd near residential communities. Concerns for decreasing property values, safety concerns for residents, and negative visual and economic impacts for homeowners and businesses. Keep it along Interstate 10, with commercial areas.	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	I-10 corridor	I acknowledged receiving their input, ensured it would be included in our evaluation.
17	7/5/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: PROVIDED TOP 3 RANKINGS ONLY Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard)	Route Locations	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes) Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 3	Comment Noted

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18	7/6/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer commented that Alternative 1 (along McDowell Road) is through too much of a business and residential area. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to	Route Locations	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 3 2) Alt. 4 3) Alt. 5	Comment Noted
19	7/8/2021	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	Bullard) EMAIL: Customer expressed opposition to Alternative 1 (along McDowell Road), due to proximity to the Palm Valley community. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 3 2) Alt. 4 3) Alt. 5	Responded confirming we received their email.

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20	7/9/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer expressed opposition to Alternative 1 (along McDowell Rod), due to proximity of homes and helicopter flight path for nearby hospital, and Phoenix/ Goodyear airport. Concerns regarding residential views and proximity to hospital. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #3 - Alternative 3 (along	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts Hospital Needs	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 5 2) Alt. 7 3) Alt. 3	Comment Noted
			N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard)			
21	7/10/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	Bullard) (VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer expressed a desire that the lines be placed in locations with the least impact to physical health and residential communities. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to	EMF Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 4 2) Alt. 3 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted

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			south side of I-10 to Bullard)			
22	7/13/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: Customer expressed opposition to Alternative 1 (McDowell Road & I-10 to Estrella), due to	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	I-10 corridor	Comment Noted
	- / 0 / 0000		proximity of residential communities, and location to helicopter path to the hospital, and requested lines be placed along the I-10.	Hospital Needs		
23	7/13/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: The customer does not support the more trafficked areas of Alternatives 1 (McDowell Road & I-10 to Estrella) and 5 (South side of I-10 to Estrella) during construction. Customer provided their	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 6 2) Alt. 2, 7, 4, & 3	Comment Noted
			Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #2 - any other alternative			
24	7/13/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer expressed opposition to new large poles along McDowell Road due to proximity of residential homes and economic and safety impacts.	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	None	Comment Noted
25	7/13/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer proposes using a route that minimizes the view of the towers from residential areas. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd	Route Location Visual Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 3	Comment Noted

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			alignment then on to Bullard)			
26	7/15/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer opposes routes west of Bullard Rd on Van Buren (Alternatives 1 & 5) adjacent to residential areas, but to keep them close to commercial areas. Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 are of equal preference. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard)	Route Location Visual Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 4	Comment Noted
27	7/15/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer prefers that we route the lines adjacent to commercial areas, and avoid Alternatives 1 (McDowell Road & I-10 to Estrella) and 5 (South side of I-10 to Estrella) are untenable. Alternatives 2, 3, and 4 are about the same. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to south side of I-10 to Bullard)	Route Location Visual Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted

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28	7/16/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer opposes Alternatives 1 (McDowell Road & I-10 to Estrella) and 5 (South side of I-10 to Estrella). Customer lives near data center site and is upset with the city for selling out to development. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to south side of I-10 to Bullard)	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted
29	7/16/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer prefers that we keep the lines to areas not near existing homes and closest to the areas being developed with warehouses south of the I-10. Utilize devalued sites or near lake bed. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #2 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Location Visual Impacts Economic Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 6 2) Alt. 7 3) Alt. 5	Comment Noted

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30	7/16/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer suggests following portions of Alternatives 5 and 3 (South side of I-10 and down via Bullard). Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard)	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 4	Comment Noted
31	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: "Just want to say this is an excellent overview of the project, and want to thank you for sharing it so that we know what to expect."	Praise	None	Comment Noted
32	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: Customer concerned about visual impacts and wants the data center to pay for burying lines underground.	Visual Impacts Costs	None	Comment Noted
33	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: "Where are the proposed locations for this?"	General	None	I emailed the customer to explain how all the information can be found on our virtual open house and gave the link with instructions how to operate the VOH (which is also given as a pop- up on the home screen), and explained how they can provide input as to which route locations they prefer or oppose or in general on the questionnaire or email me specifically.

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34	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer gave previous comments, and wanted to add that she was concerned about tall poles and along McDowell Rd and the negative impact on helicopter flights into and out of the Hospital, and any warning lights that might go on them.	Route Location Hospital Needs	None	Comment Noted
35	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer concerns about negative impact to residential property values and concerns about EMF from living close to these lines. Keep close to 1-10 corridor. Virtual Open House Top 3 Routes Ranking: #1 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Location Economic Impacts EMF	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 4 2) Alt. 3 3) Alt. 5	Comment Noted
36	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: "I think avoiding residential areas is best." Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted

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			south side of I-10 to Bullard)			
37	7/17/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to south side of I-10 to Bullard)	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted
38	7/17/2021	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #3 - Alternative 1 (McDowell to RR to I-10 to N Estrella Pkwy to Van Buren then back to Bullard)	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 7 2) Alt. 6 3) Alt. 1	Comment Noted
39	7/18/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer is a resident in a neighborhood along McDowell and asked that we avoid Alternative 1 down McDowell Rd.	Route Location	None	I responded that their comment would be included in our considerations

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40	7/19/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: "Routes 1 (McDowell Road & I-10 to Estrella) and 5 (South side of I-10 to Estrella) do not make a lot of sense. Keep in the same path as existing power lines to minimize the disruption of developments." Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #2 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #3 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard)	Route Location Economic Impacts	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 6 2) Alt. 7 3) Alt. 4	Comment Noted
41	7/20/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: "Hello! This is legit THE COOLEST project information site I've ever seen. Is this a specific platform? Or did APS code/build this site? Thanks for sharing any information!"	Praise	None	Responded with gratitude for their kind feedback and gave brief information on the virtual platform and the consultant that created it.
42	7/21/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	PHONE: Customer left a voice message asking about health risks and the visual impacts to neighborhoods, and had some suggestions for the lines.	EMF Visual Impacts	None	I returned his call and he was no longer concerned once he realized how far away he was from the alternatives. I encouraged him to visit our virtual open house and gave him the site information, as well as where to find EMF information.

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43	7/22/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer preferred Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) and asked us to consider routes on the south side of I-10. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) #2 - Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #3 - Alternative 2 (Rancho Santa Fe to Central Ave to south side of I-10 to Bullard)	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 6 2) Alt. 7 3) Alt. 2	Comment Noted
44	7/22/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) QUESTIONNAIRE: Customer concerned about traffic impacts during construction and length of time for construction. Customer provided their Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 3 (along N. side of I-10 then cross to the south side at 143rd alignment then on to Bullard) #2 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard) #3 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Location Construction	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 3 2) Alt. 4 3) Alt. 5	Comment Noted

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45	7/23/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	PHONE: Customer prefers we rebuild/co-locate with existing 69kV lines for our routes. They would also support Alternative 4 route (along N. side of I- 10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard). They want to ensure APS is planning for future power needs as we build this line. They appreciate the work APS does, although a bit pricy. Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 6 (along Van Buren to Bullard Ave Bullard) or Alternative 7 (along Van Buren to 143rd) #2 - Alternative 4 (along N. side of I-10 then cross south at Central Ave then continue to Bullard)	Route Location Co-locate	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 6 or 7 2) Alt. 4	I responded that their input will be included in our process and ensured them that we do our best to plan for the future and accommodate any changes in the process. I also ensured them that we consider rebuilding existing lines as a great opportunity in our siting process.
46	7/25/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: Customer opposes Alternative 1 along McDowell Rd. Concerned about decreasing home values in neighborhoods near McDowell. Prefers south side of I-10 near shopping centers and neighborhoods. Alternative Route preferences: #1 - Alternative 5 (along S. side of I-10 entire way to Estrella, down to Van Buren, then back to Bullard)	Route Location	Project Alternatives Map (7 routes): Order of Preference 1) Alt. 5	I acknowledged receiving customer's email and thanked him for participating in the process.
47	7/28/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	PHONE: Customer asked about what comes next after the virtual open house public comment period, and when construction will begin.	General Construction	None	I called the customer back to explain the siting and hearing process and expected timeline for construction, provided the link to visit the virtual open house.

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48	8/1/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	(VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE) EMAIL: Customer appreciated our outreach, and doesn't oppose powerlines along existing and future industrial areas, but doesn't support data centers.	Praise General	None	Comment Noted
49	8/21/2020	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	IN-PERSON CONVERSATION: A co-worker of mine was approached by this person at a meeting with the city on a separate project, this person (a Youngtown City representative) made a comment that he did not receive a newsletter for this project.	General	None	My co-worker followed up with an email to the customer and cc'd me explaining I'd be contacting them with further information. I later emailed the customer, providing project information, including a link to the virtual open house, and asked for his address to ensure it was on our mailing list. After further discussion, we found that he lives outside the study area, and once he realized the actual location of the alternative routes he was no longer concerned. He also complimented our work and the project as a whole.
50	6/29/2021	Newsletter Email	EMAIL: Customer wanted to know if the lines could be buried, similar to neighborhood powerlines.	Build Underground View Impacts	None	I emailed the customer explaining the difference between these high-voltage lines and typical lines buried in neighborhoods, and the added costs and difficulties of burying high-voltage lines. I explained our siting effort to try to locate these transmission lines to minimize negative impacts as much as we can. The customer also asked about costs related to the project, and I summarized the topic per our FAQ sheet, and sent him a link to our webpage with the information, and let him know of the upcoming public hearing which he could view and participate in.

No.	Date	Notification Type	Issues / Phone Message / Comments	Concerns / Topics	Alternative Preferred	Response
51	9/16/2021	Newsletter Newspaper Email Social Media	EMAIL: "Do you have pictures/drawings of what the area will look like when completed?"	General	None	I emailed the customer and explained that although we did not have a full simulation of the entire project, we do have maps showing the overall route locations, and encouraged him to visit the webpage which identifies the routes. I also sent him the virtual open house link where he could find pictures of similar powerlines along freeways and city roadways, as well as a couple simulations, as shown in our virtual open house. Then encouraged him to attend the hearing either in-person or online to see additional simulations.

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT** AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE 2 3 4 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION DOCKET NO. L-00000D-21-0292-00193 OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE 5 COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA 6 REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., Case No. 193 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF 7 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY FOR THE THREE RIVERS 230 KILOVOLT 8 TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH AUTHORIZES THE CONSTRUCTION OF 9 TWO NEW SINGLE CIRCUIT 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINES WITH THE 10 INTERCONNECTIONS ORIGINATING AT THE EXISTING APS RUDD-WHITE 11 TANKS 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND THE LINES PROCEEDING WEST 12 AND CONTINUING SOUTH **TERMINATING AT THE TS16** 13 SUBSTATION, SOUTH HALF OF THE NE QUARTER OF SECTION 8 OF TOWNSHIP 14 1 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST AND NORTH HALF OF THE SE QUARTER OF SECTION 15 8, LOCATED IN GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA. 16 17 18 **<u>CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENT</u>AL COMPATIBILITY** 19 INTRODUCTION 20 Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and 21 Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) held public hearings in Goodyear, 22 Arizona, on October 4 - , 2021, in conformance with the requirements of the Arizona 23 Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 40-360 et seq. for the purpose of receiving evidence and 24 deliberating on the August 24, 2021 application (Application) of Arizona Public Service 25 Company (APS or Applicant) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) in 26 the above-captioned case. 27 // 28 //

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The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present
 at one or more of the hearing days for the evidentiary presentations, public comment,
 and/or for the deliberations:

4 Paul A. Katz Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General 5 Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Leonard Drago Quality 6 7 John R. Riggins Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources 8 Designee of the Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission Zachary Branum 9 Appointed Member, representing the general public Karl Gentles 10 Jack Haenichen Appointed Member, representing the general public 11 Mary Hamway Appointed Member, representing cities and towns 12 **Rick Grinnell** Appointed Member, representing counties 13 James Palmer Appointed Member, representing agriculture 14

15 The Applicant was represented by Linda J. Benally of APS and J. Matthew16 Derstine of Snell and Wilmer, LLP. No parties have intervened in this matter.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the (i) Application, (ii) evidence, testimony, and exhibits presented by the Applicant, and (iii) comments of the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ 40-360 through 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted __ to __, to grant/deny APS and its successors and assigns this CEC for construction of the Three Rivers 230 kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Project (Project) as described below.

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OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

The Project consists of a single-circuit 230kV transmission line connecting the Rudd-White Tanks 230kV transmission line (Rudd-White Tanks Line) to the Three Rivers Substation and a second independent single-circuit 230kV transmission line connecting the Three Rivers Substation back to the Rudd-White Tanks Line, double-

1 circuit 230kV lines at highway crossings (one line energized as of the date of this 2 Certificate), and double-circuit lines entering and exiting the Three Rivers Substation.

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CONDITIONS

This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

A map and corridor description are attached as Exhibit A.

6 This authorization to construct the Project shall expire ten (10) years from 1. 7 the date this Certificate is approved by the Commission, with or without modification. 8 Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in -service within 9 this ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time period, RE 10 **Papago**APS may request that the Commission extend the time limitation. [CEC 189]

11 2. In the event the Project requires an extension of the term(s) of this 12 Certificate prior to completion of construction, <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall file such time 13 extension request at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of the 14 Certificate. <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall use reasonable means to promptly notify the Board of 15 Supervisors of Maricopa County and all cities and towns within a five (5) mile radius of 16 the centerline of the Project and all landowners and residents within a five (5)-mile radius 17 of the centerline of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding 18 who provided a mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding. The 19 notification provided will include the request and the date, time, and place of the hearing 20 or open meetings during which the Commission will consider the request for extension. 21 Notification shall be no more than three (3) business days after **RE PapagoAPS** is made 22 aware of the hearing date or the open meeting date. [CEC 189]

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3. During the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and 24 reclamation of the Project, **RE PapagoAPS** shall comply with all existing applicable air 25 and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable 26 statutes, ordinances, master plans, and regulations of any governmental entity having 27 jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of

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Arizona, Maricopa County, and their agencies or subdivisions including, but not limited 2 to, the following:

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3 a. All applicable land use regulations; 4 b. All applicable zoning stipulations and conditions including, but not 5 limited to, landscaping and dust control requirements; 6 c. All applicable water use, discharge and/or disposal requirements of the 7 Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Department of 8 Environmental Quality; 9 d. All applicable noise control standards; and 10 All applicable regulations governing storage and handling of hazardous e. 11 chemicals and petroleum products. [CEC 189] 12 4. <u>**RE** PapagoAPS</u> shall obtain all approvals and permits necessary to 13 construct, operate and maintain the Project required by any governmental entity having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State, Maricopa 14 15 County, and their agencies and subdivisions. [CEC 189] 16 5. **RE Papago**APS shall comply with the Arizona Game and Fish Department 17 ("AGFD") guidelines for handling protected animal species, should any be encountered 18 during construction and operation of the Project, and shall consult with AGFD as 19 necessary on other issues concerning wildlife. [CEC 189] 20 6. **<u>RE PapagoAPS</u>** shall design the Project to incorporate reasonable measures 21 to minimize electrocution of and impacts to avian species. Such measures will be 22 accomplished through compliance with the Avian Power Line Interaction Committee 23 guidelines set forth in the 2006 Electrocution Manual and the 2012 Collision Manual. 24 [CEC 189] 25 7. <u>**RE PapagoAPS**</u> shall consult with the <u>ASLD</u> and the State Historical 26 Preservation Office ("SHPO") with respect to cultural resources. If any archaeological, 27 paleontological, or historical site or a significant object is discovered on state, county, or 28 municipal land during the construction or operation of the Project, RE PapagoAPS or its

1 representative in charge shall promptly report the discovery to the Director of the Arizona 2 State Museum ("ASM"), and in consultation with the Director, shall immediately take all 3 reasonable steps to secure and maintain the preservation of the discovery as required by 4 A.R.S. § 41-844. [CEC 189]

8. **RE Papago**APS shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of the Arizona Native Plant Law (A.R.S. §§ 3-901 et seq.) and shall, to the extent feasible, minimize the destruction of native plants during the construction and operation of the Project. [CEC 189]

9 9. **<u>RE PapagoAPS</u>** shall make every reasonable effort to promptly investigate, 10 identify, and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio or 11 television signals from operation of the Project addressed in this Certificate and where 12 such interference is caused by the Project take reasonable measures to mitigate such 13 interference. **RE Papago**APS shall maintain written records for a period of five (5) years 14 of all complaints of radio or television interference attributable to operations, together 15 with the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints shall be 16 recorded to include notations on the corrective action taken. Complaints not leading to a 17 specific action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and explained. Upon 18 request, the written records shall be provided to the Staff of the Commission. RE 19 **Papago**APS shall respond to complaints and implement appropriate mitigation measures. 20 In addition, the Project shall be evaluated on a regular basis so that damaged insulators or 21 other line materials that could cause interference are repaired or replaced in a timely 22 manner. [CEC 189]

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10. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered on private land 24 during the course of any ground-disturbing activities related to the construction or 25 maintenance of the Project, **RE PapagoAPS** shall cease work on the affected area of the 26 Project and notify the Director of the ASM as required by A.R.S. § 41-865. [CEC 189]

27 11. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Commission's decision 28 approving this Certificate, <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall post signs in or near public rights-of-way,

- 1 to the extent authorized by law, along the route of the Project giving notice of the Project. 2 Such signage shall be no smaller than a roadway sign. The signs shall advise:
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- a. Future site of the Project;
- b. A phone number and website for public information regarding the Project; and
- c. Refer the Public to the Docket https://edocket.azcc.gov/Search/Docket-Search.

8 Such signs shall be inspected at least once annually and, if necessary, be repaired or 9 replaced, and removed at the completion of construction. [CEC 189]

10 12. At least ninety (90) days before construction commences on the Project, RE 11 PapagoAPS shall provide cities and towns within five (5) miles of the Project, the Board 12 of Supervisors for Maricopa County, and known builders and developers who are building 13 upon or developing land within one (1) mile of the centerline of the Project with a written 14 description, including height and width measurements of all structure types, of the Project. 15 The written description shall identify the location of the Project and contain a pictorial 16 depiction of the facilities being constructed. RE Papago APS shall also encourage the 17 developers and builders to include this information in their disclosure statements. [CEC 18 189]

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RE PapagoAPS shall use non-specular conductors and non-reflective 20 surfaces for the transmission line structures on the Project. [CEC 189]

21 14. **RE Papago**APS shall be responsible for arranging that all field personnel 22 involved in the Project receive training as to proper ingress, egress, and on-site working 23 protocol for environmentally sensitive areas and activities. Contractors employing such 24 field personnel shall maintain records documenting that the personnel have received such 25 training. [CEC 189]

26 15. <u>**RE** PapagoAPS</u> shall follow the most current Western Electricity 27 Coordinating Council ("WECC") and North American Electric Reliability Corporation 28 ("-NERC") planning standards, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission ("FERC"), National Electrical Safety Code ("NESC") standards and Federal
 Aviation Administration ("FAA") regulations. [CEC 189]

3 16. <u>RE Papago APS</u> shall participate in good faith in state and regional
4 transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to the
5 Project and to resolve transmission constraints in a timely manner. [CEC 189]

17. When Project facilities are located parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline, <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall:

a. Ensure grounding and cathodic protection measurements <u>studies</u> are performed to show that the Project's location parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of such pipeline results in no material adverse impacts to the pipeline or to public safety when both the pipeline and the Project are in operation. <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any material adverse impacts are mitigated. <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall provide to Staff of the Commission, and file with Docket Control, a copy of the measurements <u>studies</u> performed and additional mitigation, if any, that were implemented as part of its annual compliance-certification letter; and

b. Ensure that <u>studies are performed measurements are taken during an outage simulating an outage of the Project that may be caused by the collocation of the Project parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline. The measurements <u>studies</u> should either: i) show that such simulated outage does not result in customer outages, or ii) include operating plans to minimize any resulting customer outages. <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> shall provide a copy of the measurement <u>study</u> results to Staff of the Commission and file them with Docket Control as part of <u>RE PapagoAPS</u>'s annual compliance certification letter. <u>[CEC 188]</u>
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1 18. **<u>RE PapagoAPS</u>** shall submit a compliance certification letter annually, 2 identifying progress made with respect to each condition contained in this Certificate, 3 including which conditions have been met. The letter shall be submitted to the 4 Commission's Docket Control commencing <u>December June</u> 1, 2022. Attached to each 5 certification letter shall be documentation explaining how compliance with each condition 6 was achieved. Copies of the letter, along with the corresponding documentation, shall be 7 submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office. With respect to the Project, the 8 requirement for the compliance certification letter shall expire on the date the Project is 9 placed into operation. Notification of such filing with Docket Control shall be made to the 10 Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County, ASLD, all parties to this Docket, and all 11 parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket. [CEC 189]

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19. **<u>RE PapagoAPS</u>** shall provide a copy of this Certificate to the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County. [CEC 189]

- 14 20. Any transfer or assignment of this Certificate shall require the assignee or 15 successor to assume, in writing, all responsibilities of RE PapagoAPS listed in this 16 Certificate and its conditions as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.08(A) and R14-3-213(F) of 17 the Arizona Administrative Code. [CEC 189]
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21. In the event **RE PapagoAPS**, its assignee, or successor seeks to modify the 19 Certificate terms at the Commission, it shall provide copies of such request to the Board 20 of Supervisors for Maricopa County, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made 21 a limited appearance in this Docket. [CEC 189]

22 22. The Certificate Conditions shall be binding on <u>RE PapagoAPS</u>, its 23 successors, assignee(s), and transferees and any affiliates, agents, or lessees of RE 24 PapagoAPS who have a contractual relationship with RE PapagoAPS concerning the 25 construction, operation, maintenance, or reclamation of the Project. RE PapagoAPS shall 26 provide in any agreement(s) or lease(s) pertaining to the Project that the contracting parties 27 and/or lessee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with the Conditions set forth herein, 28 and <u>RE PapagoAPS</u>'s responsibilities with respect to compliance with such Conditions

1	shall not cease or be abated by reason of the fact that <u>RE PapagoAPS</u> is not in control of
2	or responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project facilities. [CEC 189]
3	23. RE Papago shall use best efforts to reach, within thirty (30) days of approval
4	of this CEC by the Commission, a commercially reasonable agreement with Ellwood in
5	response to Ellwood's request for easements necessary for Ellwood 's neighboring project
6	to connect to the Delaney Substation. [CEC 189]
7	24. RE Papago shall provide the Commission Staff with copies of the
8	interconnection agreement(s) it ultimately enters into with any transmission provider(s)
9	in Arizona with whom it is interconnecting within thirty (30) days of execution of such
10	agreement(s), with the summary thereof filed at Docket Control, prior to const ruction of
11	such facilities. [CEC 189]
12	FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
13	This Certificate incorporates the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of
14	Law:
15	1. The Project aids the state and the southwest region of the United States in
16	meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of renewable electric
17	power.
18	2. The Project aids the state, preserving a safe and reliable electric
19	transmission system.
20	3. During the course of the hearing, the Committee considered evidence on
21	the environmental compatibility on the Project as required by A.RS. § 40-360 et seq.
22	4. The Project and the conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate
23	effectively minimize the impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the
24	state.
25	5. The conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate resolve matters
26	concerning balancing the need for the Project with its impact on the environment and
27	ecology of the state arising during the course of the proceedings, and, as such, serve as
28	findings and conclusions on such matters. 9
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6. The Project is in the public interest because the Project's contribution to
 meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power
 outweighs the minimized impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the
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5	DATED this day of October, 2021.
6	THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND
7	TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE
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Preferred Route Corridor

The corridor begins at the Rudd to White Tanks transmission line with an 800-foot-wide corridor, including 700 feet to the north and 100 feet to the south of the northern access control line of I-10, then heads west along said access control line across the Agua Fria River, approximately 0.25 miles to the east boundary line of parcel 500-02-093.

The corridor then narrows to 300 feet wide, including 200 feet to the north and 100 feet to the south of said access control line, continuing west approximately 1.8 miles to the 143rd Avenue alignment.

The corridor then heads south approximately 0.1 miles as it crosses the I-10 and remains 300 feet wide. At this point the corridor proceeds west, including 200 feet to the south and 100 feet to the north of the access control line of I-10, approximately 0.5 miles to Bullard Avenue.

At this point the corridor widens to 400 feet, including 200 feet on each side of the centerline of Bullard Avenue, and proceeds south approximately 0.65 miles to Van Buren Street.

South of Van Buren Street, the corridor narrows to 200 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of Bullard Avenue as it continues south for approximately 0.5 miles to the northern property line of APS's Bullard Substation, parcel 500-10-716G.

From this point, the corridor widens to 400 feet, with its southern boundary coincident with the northern property line of APS's Bullard Substation, parcel 500-10-716G, and heads west for approximately 0.3 miles.

At Bullard Avenue, the corridor is 300 feet wide as it heads east, including the south 150 feet of parcel 500-10-859 and the north 150 feet of parcel 500-09-436, approximately 0.38 miles to 143rd Avenue.

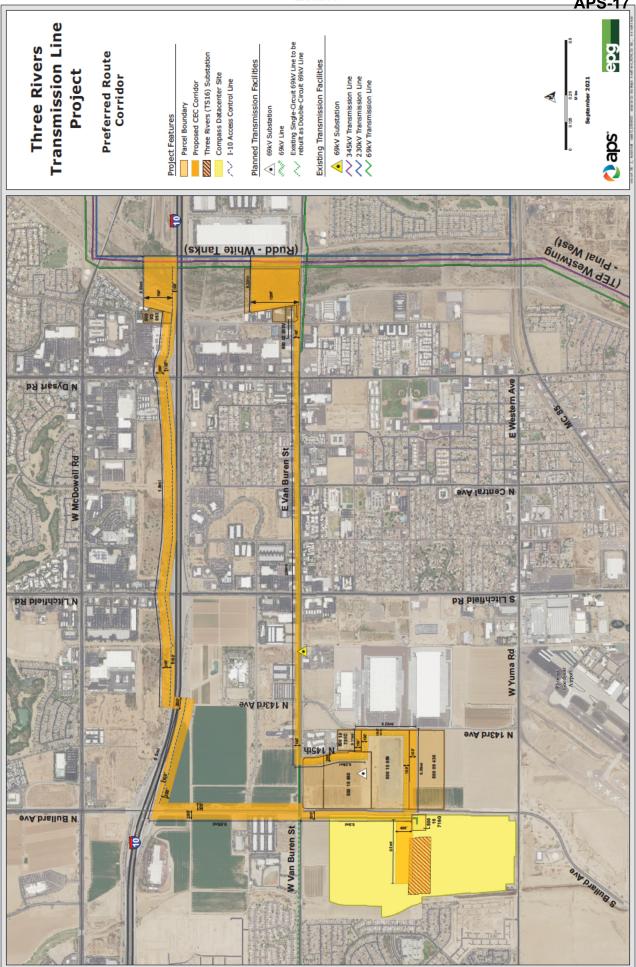
The corridor then narrows to 150 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of 143rd Avenue as it proceeds north approximately 0.22 miles.

The corridor then widens to 300 feet, including the south 150 feet of parcel 500-10-731C and the north 150 feet of parcel 500-10-859, approximately 0.11 miles to the east boundary line of parcel 500-10-858.

At this point, the corridor narrows to 200 feet wide with its eastern boundary coincident with the centerline of 145th Avenue and proceeds north approximately 0.28 miles to Van Buren Street.

The corridor then narrows to 150 feet wide, with its southern boundary coincident with the centerline of Van Buren Street, and heads east approximately 2.08 miles to the east boundary line of parcel 500-02-013V.

The corridor then widens to 1,200 feet, with its southern boundary coincident with the centerline of Van Buren Street as it continues east, across the Agua Fria River, approximately 0.22 miles to the existing APS Rudd to White Tanks transmission line.



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September 17, 2021

Mr. Paul Trenter Regional Manager/Principal Environmental Planning Group 4685 S Ash Ave , Suite H 4 Tempe, Arizona 85282

Electronically submitted to:

RE: Arizona Public Service (APS) Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project.

Dear Mr Trenter

The Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department) appreciates the opportunity to review the Arizona Public Service (APS) Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project situated within the cities of Goodyear and Avondale The Department understands that the project consists of two new single-circuit 230kV transmission lines between 3.5 and 4 miles in length that will connect the existing APS Rudd-White Tanks 230kV transmission line to the Three Rivers Substation (formerly TS16). The Project is anticipated to be constructed primarily with steel, monopole structures that will be a mix of single-circuit and double-circuit. The majority of the Preferred and Alternative Routes identified in the Application are situated along roadways that pass through urban developed lands (primarily industrial), as well as agricultural cropland. Both of the Preferred Routes also cross the Agua Fria River adjacent to existing roadway infrastructure

Under Title 17 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Department, by and through the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (Commission), has jurisdictional authority and public trust responsibilities to protect and conserve the state fish and wildlife resources In addition, the Department manages threatened and endangered species through authorities of Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act and the Department's 10(a)1(A) permit. It is the mission of the Department to conserve and protect Arizona's diverse fish and wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations. For your consideration, the Department provides the following comments based on the agency's statutory authorities, public trust responsibilities, and special expertise related to wildlife resources and recreation.

As noted in your application, the western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), a special status species that is regulated under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), is known to occur in the vicinity of your project. The Department supports the application's recommendation

APS Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Paper 18 September 17, 2021 Page 2

for 1) qualified biologists to conduct pre-construction surveys for burrowing owls along the transmission line routes, in accordance with the *Burrowing Owl Project Clearance Guidance for Landowners*, 2) any burrows occupied by burrowing owls would be avoided if feasible, and 3) if burrowing owl relocation is necessary, it would be performed by a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/speciesofgreatestconservneed/raptor-management/burrowing-owl

Based on the information presented in the application, the Department was unable to determine if transmission towers will need to be situated within the Agua Fria River, or if the line will simply span the river and connect to towers on either side If work will be conducted within the river, please note that the Interstate 10 and Van Buren Street bridges over the river may be designed in such a way that they could potentially provide roosting habitat for bats underneath the bridges, and nesting habitat for swallows (*Petrochelidon* spp.) underneath and on the outer edges of the bridges If construction will take place within the river in close proximity to the bridges, the Department recommends conducting a reconnaissance survey to determine if these bridges are structurally suitable to host bats¹ or swallows, and determine if these species or evidence of their use is present. If these species are present or may be using the bridges, please contact the Department for specific recommendations to avoid or minimize any effects that may occur

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the APS Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for the Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project. For further coordination, please contact Ginger Ritter at or 623 236 7606

Sincerely,

Cheri Bouchér Project Evaluation Program Specialist

AGFD # M21-09081007

¹ Refer to Page 7 of the Bridge Guidelines

https://s3.amazonaws.com/azgfd-portal-wordpress/PortalImages/files/wildlife/planningFor/wildlifeFriendlyGuidelines/BridgeGuid

Arizona Environmental Online Review Tool Report



Arizona Game and Fish Department Mission To conserve Arizona's diverse wildlife resources and manage for safe, compatible outdoor recreation opportunities for current and future generations.

Project Name:

APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project- Preferred Route

Project Description:

The Project consists of two new single-circuit 230kV transmission lines, connecting the existing APS Rudd- White Tanks 230kV transmission line to the Three Rivers Substation (formerly TS16). While the Project is proposed to include two new single-circuit 230kV lines, APS is proposing construction of double-circuit 230kV lines in some locations including highway crossings to accommodate for future 230kV or 69kV lines, as needed, and the new 230kV lines entering and exiting the Three Rivers Substation. The Project is anticipated to be constructed primarily with steel, monopole structures that will be a mix of single-circuit and double-circuit. The exact size and type of structures to be used will depend on final design Additional structure types may be warranted depending on specific route and site conditions.

Project Type:

Energy Storage/Production/Transfer, Energy Transfer, Power line/electric line (new)

Contact Person:

Cheri Boucher

Organization:

Arizona Game and Fish Department

On Behalf Of:

APS

Project ID: HGIS-14461 Please review the entire report for project type and/or species recommendations for the location information entered. Please retain a copy for future reference.

Disclaimer:

- 1. This Environmental Review is based on the project study area that was entered. The report must be updated if the project study area, location, or the type of project changes.
- 2. This is a preliminary environmental screening tool. It is not a substitute for the potential knowledge gained by having a biologist conduct a field survey of the project area. This review is also not intended to replace environmental consultation (including federal consultation under the Endangered Species Act), land use permitting, or the Departments review of site-specific projects.
- 3. The Departments Heritage Data Management System (HDMS) data is not intended to include potential distribution of special status species. Arizona is large and diverse with plants, animals, and environmental conditions that are ever changing. Consequently, many areas may contain species that biologists do not know about or species previously noted in a particular area may no longer occur there. HDMS data contains information about species occurrences that have actually been reported to the Department. Not all of Arizona has been surveyed for special status species, and surveys that have been conducted have varied greatly in scope and intensity. Such surveys may reveal previously undocumented population of species of special concern.
- 4. HabiMap Arizona data, specifically Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) under our State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) and Species of Economic and Recreational Importance (SERI), represent potential species distribution models for the State of Arizona which are subject to ongoing change, modification and refinement. The status of a wildlife resource can change quickly, and the availability of new data will necessitate a refined assessment.

Locations Accuracy Disclaimer:

Project locations are assumed to be both precise and accurate for the purposes of environmental review. The creator/owner of the Project Review Report is solely responsible for the project location and thus the correctness of the Project Review Report content.

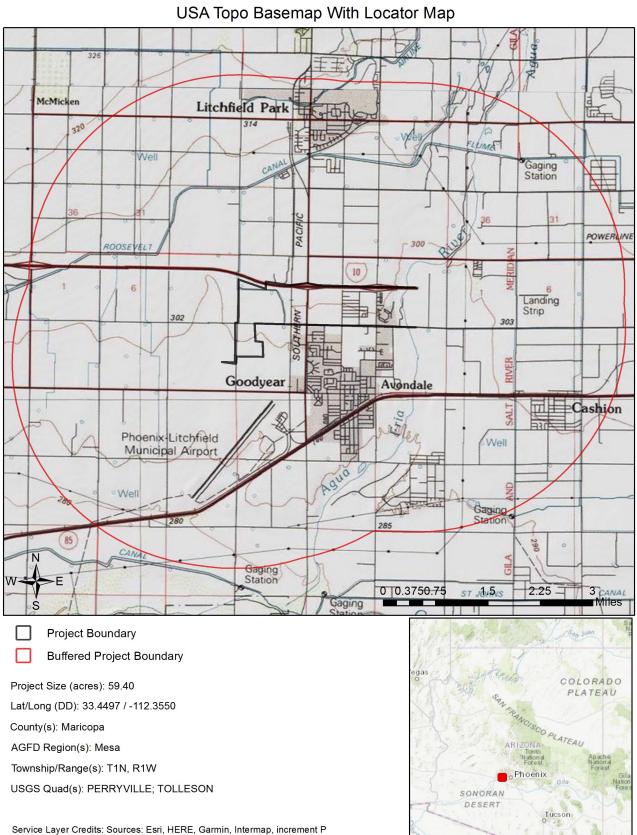
Recommendations Disclaimer:

- 1. The Department is interested in the conservation of all fish and wildlife resources, including those species listed in this report and those that may have not been documented within the project vicinity as well as other game and nongame wildlife.
- 2. Recommendations have been made by the Department, under authority of Arizona Revised Statutes Title 5 (Amusements and Sports), 17 (Game and Fish), and 28 (Transportation).
- 3. Potential impacts to fish and wildlife resources may be minimized or avoided by the recommendations generated from information submitted for your proposed project. These recommendations are preliminary in scope, designed to provide early considerations on all species of wildlife.
- 4. Making this information directly available does not substitute for the Department's review of project proposals, and should not decrease our opportunity to review and evaluate additional project information and/or new project proposals.
- 5. Further coordination with the Department requires the submittal of this Environmental Review Report with a cover letter and project plans or documentation that includes project narrative, acreage to be impacted, how construction or project activity(s) are to be accomplished, and project locality information (including site map). Once AGFD had received the information, please allow 30 days for completion of project reviews. Send requests to:

Project Evaluation Program, Habitat Branch Arizona Game and Fish Department 5000 West Carefree Highway Phoenix, Arizona 85086-5000 Phone Number: (623) 236-7600 Fax Number: (623) 236-7366 Or

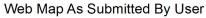
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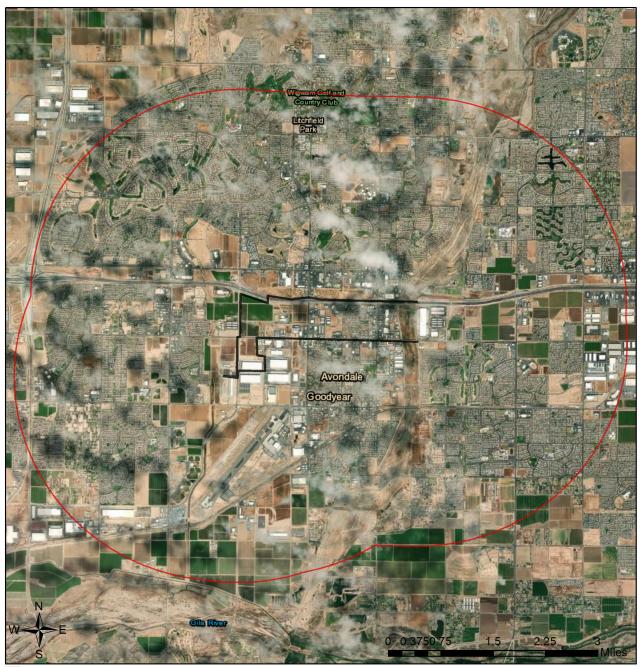
 Coordination may also be necessary under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Site specific recommendations may be proposed during further NEPA/ESA analysis or through coordination with affected agencies



APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project- Preferred Route USA Topo Basemap With Locator Map

Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri Japan, METI, Esri China (Hong Kong), (c) OpenStreetMap APS Three Rivers 230kV Power Line Project- Preferred Route





Project Boundary

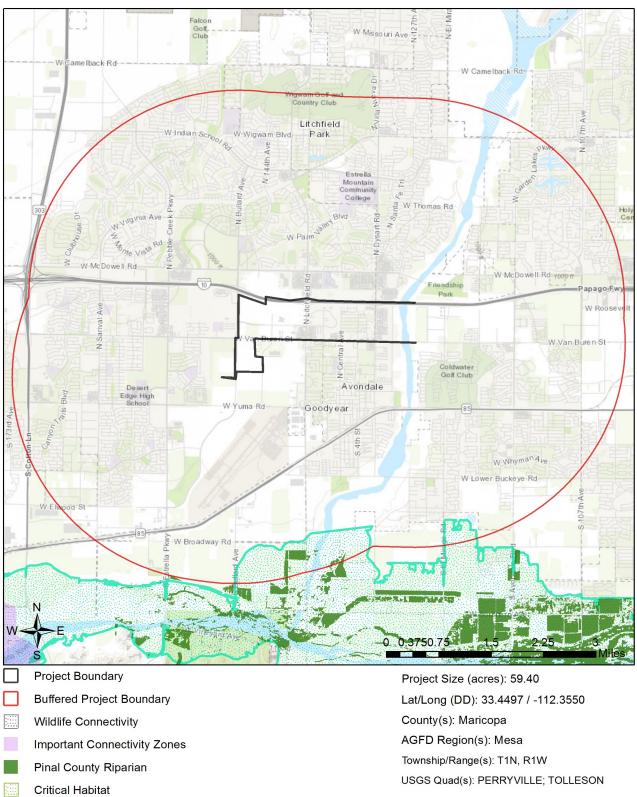
Buffered Project Boundary

Project Size (acres): 59.40 Lat/Long (DD): 33.4497 / -112.3550 County(s): Maricopa AGFD Region(s): Mesa Township/Range(s): T1N, R1W USGS Quad(s): PERRYVILLE; TOLLESON

Source: Esri, Maxar, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community Esri, HERE, Garmin, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS user community

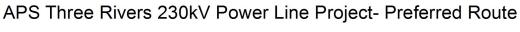


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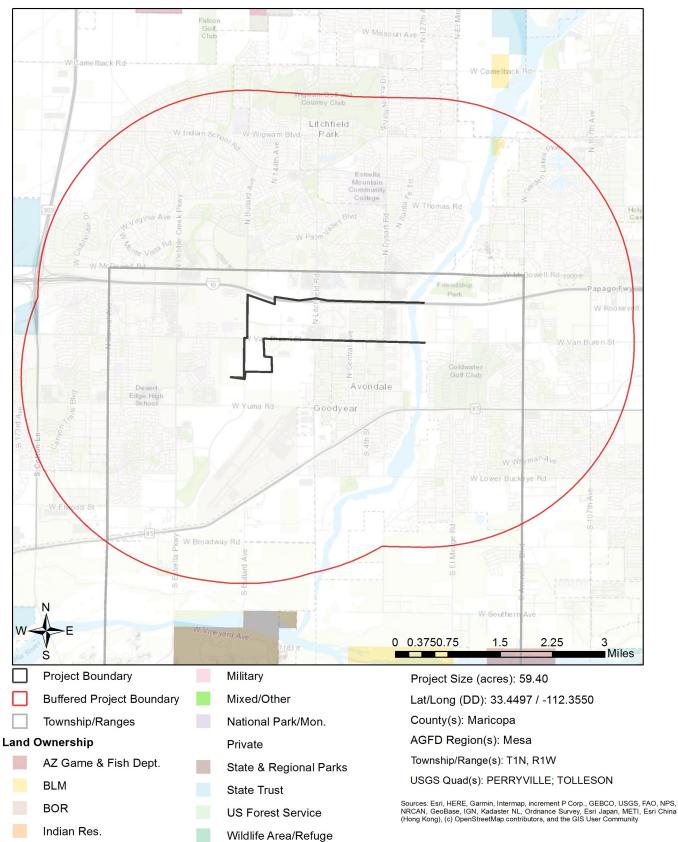


Important Bird Areas

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Special Status Species Documented within 3 Miles of Project Vicinity						
Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Athene cunicularia hypugaea	Western Burrowing Owl	SC	S	S		1B
Danaus plexippus	Monarch	С		S		
Haliaeetus leucocephalus pop. 3	Bald Eagle - Sonoran Desert Population	SC, BGA	S	S		1A
Rallus obsoletus yumanensis	Yuma Ridgway's Rail	LE		S		1A

Note: Status code definitions can be found at https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/statusdefinitions/

Special Areas Documented that Intersect with	Project Footprint as Drawn
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Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Agua Fria River (lower)	Maricopa County Wildlife Movement Area - Riparian/Wash					

Note: Status code definitions can be found at https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/wildlifeguidelines/statusdefinitions/

Species of Greatest Conservation Need Predicted that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn, based on Predicted Range Models

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Aix sponsa	Wood Duck					1B
Ammospermophilus harrisii	Harris' Antelope Squirrel					1B
Anaxyrus microscaphus	Arizona Toad	SC		S		1B
Athene cunicularia hypugaea	Western Burrowing Owl	SC	S	S		1B
Botaurus lentiginosus	American Bittern					1B
Buteo regalis	Ferruginous Hawk	SC		S		1B
Calypte costae	Costa's Hummingbird					1C
Castor canadensis	American Beaver					1B
Chilomeniscus stramineus	Variable Sandsnake					1B
Chionactis annulata	Resplendent Shovel-nosed Snake	SC				1C
Cistothorus palustris	Marsh Wren					1C
Colaptes chrysoides	Gilded Flicker			S		1B
Corynorhinus townsendii pallescen	s Pale Townsend's Big-eared Bat	SC	S	S		1B
Crotalus tigris	Tiger Rattlesnake					1B
Empidonax wrightii	Gray Flycatcher					1C
Euderma maculatum	Spotted Bat	SC	S	S		1B
Eumops perotis californicus	Greater Western Bonneted Bat	SC		S		1B
Gopherus morafkai	Sonoran Desert Tortoise	С	S	S		1A
Haliaeetus leucocephalus	Bald Eagle	SC, BGA	S	S		1A
Heloderma suspectum	Gila Monster					1A
Incilius alvarius	Sonoran Desert Toad					1B

Species of Greatest Conservation Need Predicted that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn, based on Predicted Range Models

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Kinosternon sonoriense sonoriense	Desert Mud Turtle			S		1B
Lasiurus blossevillii	Western Red Bat		S			1B
Lasiurus xanthinus	Western Yellow Bat		S			1B
Lithobates yavapaiensis	Lowland Leopard Frog	SC	S	S		1A
Macrotus californicus	California Leaf-nosed Bat	SC		S		1B
Melanerpes uropygialis	Gila Woodpecker					1B
Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's Sparrow					1B
Melozone aberti	Abert's Towhee		S			1B
Micrathene whitneyi	Elf Owl					1C
Micruroides euryxanthus	Sonoran Coralsnake					1B
Myiarchus tyrannulus	Brown-crested Flycatcher					1C
Myotis occultus	Arizona Myotis	SC		S		1B
Myotis velifer	Cave Myotis	SC		S		1B
Myotis yumanensis	Yuma Myotis	SC				1B
Nyctinomops femorosaccus	Pocketed Free-tailed Bat					1B
Oreoscoptes montanus	Sage Thrasher					1C
Oreothlypis luciae	Lucy's Warbler					1C
Passerculus sandwichensis	Savannah Sparrow					1B
Perognathus longimembris	Little Pocket Mouse	No Status				1B
Phrynosoma solare	Regal Horned Lizard					1B
Rallus obsoletus yumanensis	Yuma Ridgway's Rail	LE				1A
Setophaga petechia	Yellow Warbler					1B
Sphyrapicus nuchalis	Red-naped Sapsucker					1C
Spizella breweri	Brewer's Sparrow					1C
Sturnella magna	Eastern Meadowlark					1C
Tadarida brasiliensis	Brazilian Free-tailed Bat					1B
Toxostoma lecontei	LeConte's Thrasher			S		1B
Troglodytes pacificus	Pacific Wren					1B
Vireo bellii arizonae	Arizona Bell's Vireo					1B
Vulpes macrotis	Kit Fox	No Status				1B

Species of Economic and Recreation Importance Predicted that Intersect with Project Footprint as Drawn

Scientific Name	Common Name	FWS	USFS	BLM	NPL	SGCN
Callipepla gambelii	Gambel's Quail					
Zenaida asiatica	White-winged Dove					
Zenaida macroura	Mourning Dove					

Project Type: Energy Storage/Production/Transfer, Energy Transfer, Power line/electric line (new)

Project Type Recommendations:

Minimize the potential introduction or spread of exotic invasive species, including aquatic and terrestrial plants, animals, insects and pathogens. Precautions should be taken to wash and/or decontaminate all equipment utilized in the project activities before entering and leaving the site. See the Arizona Department of Agriculture website for a list of prohibited and restricted noxious weeds at https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/az.shtml and the Arizona Native Plant Society https://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/unitedstates/az.shtml and the Arizona Native Plant Society https://aznps.com/invas for recommendations on how to control. To view a list of documented invasive species or to report invasive species in or near your project area visit iMapInvasives - a national cloud-based application for tracking and managing invasive species at https://imap.natureserve.org/imap/services/page/map.html.

• To build a list: zoom to your area of interest, use the identify/measure tool to draw a polygon around your area of interest, and select "See What's Here" for a list of reported species. To export the list, you must have an account and be logged in. You can then use the export tool to draw a boundary and export the records in a csv file.

The Department recommends that wildlife surveys are conducted to determine if noise-sensitive species occur within the project area. Avoidance or minimization measures could include conducting project activities outside of breeding seasons.

For any powerlines built, proper design and construction of the transmission line is necessary to prevent or minimize risk of electrocution of raptors, owls, vultures, and golden or bald eagles, which are protected under state and federal laws. Limit project activities during the breeding season for birds, generally March through late August, depending on species in the local area (raptors breed in early February through May). Conduct avian surveys to determine bird species that may be utilizing the area and develop a plan to avoid disturbance during the nesting season. For underground powerlines, trenches should be covered or back-filled as soon as possible. Incorporate escape ramps in ditches or fencing along the perimeter to deter small mammals and herptefauna (snakes, lizards, tortoise) from entering ditches. In addition, indirect affects to wildlife due to construction (timing of activity, clearing of rights-of-way, associated bridges and culverts, affects to wetlands, fences) should also be considered and mitigated.

Based on the project type entered, coordination with State Historic Preservation Office may be required (<u>http://azstateparks.com/SHPO/index.html</u>).

Based on the project type entered, coordination with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Migratory Bird Treaty Act) may be required (<u>http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/</u>).

Vegetation restoration projects (including treatments of invasive or exotic species) should have a completed siteevaluation plan (identifying environmental conditions necessary to re-establish native vegetation), a revegetation plan (species, density, method of establishment), a short and long-term monitoring plan, including adaptive management guidelines to address needs for replacement vegetation.

Project Location and/or Species Recommendations:

Analysis indicates that your project is located in the vicinity of an identified <u>wildlife habitat connectivity feature</u>. The **County-level Stakeholder Assessments** contain five categories of data (Barrier/Development, Wildlife Crossing Area, Wildlife Movement Area- Diffuse, Wildlife movement Area- Landscape, Wildlife Movement Area- Riparian/Washes) that provide a context of select anthropogenic barriers, and potential connectivity. The reports provide recommendations for opportunities to preserve or enhance permeability. Project planning and implementation efforts should focus on maintaining and improving opportunities for wildlife permeability. For information pertaining to the linkage assessment and wildlife species that may be affected, please refer

to: https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/planning/habitatconnectivity/identifying-corridors/.

Please contact the Project Evaluation Program (pep@azgfd.gov) for specific project recommendations.

HDMS records indicate that one or more **Listed**, **Proposed**, **or Candidate** species or **Critical Habitat** (Designated or Proposed) have been documented in the vicinity of your project. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) gives the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulatory authority over all federally listed species. Please contact USFWS Ecological Services Offices at <u>http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/</u> or:

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HDMS records indicate that **Western Burrowing Owls** have been documented within the vicinity of your project area. Please review the western burrowing owl resource page at: https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/speciesofgreatestconservneed/burrowingowlmanagement/.



APS and EPG will be filing the previously provided AGFD review letter into the project's record with the ACC, and would appreciate the chance to include any additional response or comments you may provide (even if by email), this week if possible. Thank you! David Kahrs David Kahrs Senior Scientist | Environmental Environmental Planning Group, A Terracon Company 4685 S Ash Ave, St H-4 I Tempe, AZ 85282 M (520) 241 9787 epglic.co_l terracon.com From: Cheri Boucher < Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:39 AM To: Trenter, Paul < Cc: O'Neil, Teresa >; Project Evaluation Program - Game and Fish < Subject: AZGFD Review of the APS Three Rivers CEC Application No: L-00000D-21-0292-00193 Mr Trenter, The Department's response to your Project Evaluation Request for the APS Three Rivers CEC Application (No: L-00000D-21-0292-00193) is attached. Please feel free to call or email with any questions. Thank you, CHERI BOUCHÉR | PROJECT EVALUATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT OFFICE: 623-236-7615 EMAIL: azgfd gov | 5000 W Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086 Join our new Conservation Membership program and ensure a wildlife legacy for the future Terracon provides environmental, facilities, geotechnical, and materials consulting engineering services delivered with responsiveness, resourcefulness, and reliability.

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From: Cheri Boucher Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 3:41 PM To: Kahrs, David Cc: gritter ; Trenter, Paul

Tracy Mccarthey

Subject: Re: AZGFD Review of the APS Three Rivers CEC Application No: L-00000D-21-0292-00193

Hi David,

Thank you for the memo and the investigation into wildlife species that may inhabit the bridges. Given the height of the built transmission line, we wouldn't have concerns about the operation of the line.

During construction, if you end up needing to construct a tower within the Agua Fria River during the swallow breeding season (March -July), and the tower or construction equipment is situated within 100 feet of the bridges, I recommend contacting our Avian Coordinator, Tracy McCarthey

to determine if any conservation measures would be necessary. An example of a conservation measure might be to remove the old nests from the bridge before the swallows migrate back to Arizona to start nesting, just to ensure that disturbance (noise and vibration) from construction doesn't cause the swallows to abandon their nests.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, Thank you, CHERI BOUCHÉR | PROJECT EVALUATION PROGRAM SPECIALIST

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On Tue, Sep 21, 2021 at 2:53 PM Kahrs, David

wrote:

Hi Ginger and Cheri,

Following our conversation earlier today (with Ginger), please see the attached memo describing the results of an initial reconnaissance survey at the Van Buren Street and Interstate 10 bridges over the Agua Fria River near the proposed Three Rivers alternatives. In brief, signs of swallow nesting are present on both bridges, but no signs of bat use could be confirmed. APS and EPG will be filing the previously provided AGFD review letter into the project's record with the ACC, and would appreciate the chance to include any additional response or comments you may provide (even if by email), this week if possible. Thank you!

David Kahrs

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O'Neil, Teresa

From: Sent: To: Subject: David Jacobs Wednesday, September 8, 2021 9:46 AM O'Neil, Teresa APS Three Rivers CEC application

Teresa-

Thank you for sending a copy of the CEC application for review. We concur with the discussion, conclusions, and recommendations on pages E-6 through E-8 regarding cultural resources. Please send our office the Case # when it is assigned for the project.

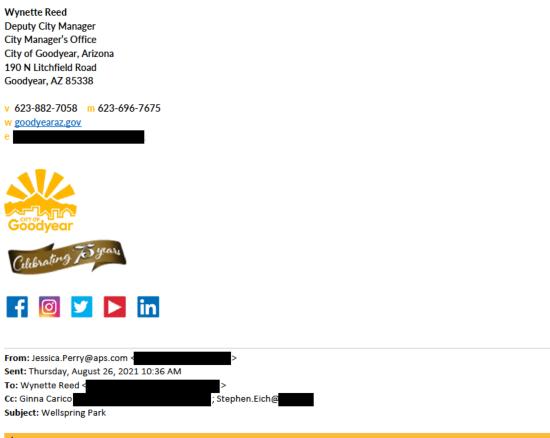
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Hey Jessica,

We no longer call it Wellspring Park and there are no plans at this time for developing that area. The Wellspring Park Board no longer exists either. I've copied Nathan in case I've missed something.



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Hi Wynette,

The Three Rivers 230kV hearing will be here before we know it and Stephen is in the process of preparing our presentation for the Transmission Line Siting Committee. We wanted to verify that our information regarding the timing of Wellspring Park is accurate before including any information within the presentation or addressing any questions from the committee. Would you mind confirming the following information:

The conceptually planned Wellspring Park located on the north side of the I-10 in Goodyear is a long-term vision for the city-owned two-mile-long strip of land. Currently there is no planned timeline or investment being made to develop the property into the health and wellness park.

Please let me know if I've misspoke based on past conversation.

Thank you! Jess

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Dear Chairman Chenal:

On August 30, 2021, Arizona Corporation Comission ("ACC" or "Comission") Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") received your letter regarding Arizona Public Service Company's ("APS" or "Applicant") Application for the issuance of Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") for the Three Rivers 230 kilovolt ("kV") Power Line Project ("Project") to construct two new single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines in Maricopa County, Arizona.

This letter is Staff's response addressing the question of whether the proposed project improves the reliability and/or safety of the operation of the grid and the delivery of power in Arizona and other legal or technical issues relevant to your statutory review.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On August 24, 2021, the Applicant filed an Application for the issuance of a CEC for its Three Rivers 230 kV Power Line Project. The Project consists of two single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines that will connect the existing APS Rudd-White Tanks 230 kV transmission line to the Three Rivers Substation. Although the Project proposes the construction of two singlecircuit 230 kV lines, APS is proposing the construction of double-circuit lines in some locations, including highway crossings to accommodate for future 230 kV or 69 kV lines, and the new 230 kV entering and exiting the Three Rivers Substation.

The Project will provide service to a new datacenter located on privately owned property under the jurisdiction of the City of Goodyear, which will require 360 Megawatts ("MW") of power when completed. The initial development phase of the datacenter is receiving electricity temporarily from a 69 kV line from the Three Rivers Substation. The Project, which will begin Arizona Public Service Company Docket No. L-00000D-21-0292-00193 Page 2

construction in 2022 with an expected in-service date of 2023, will deliver power from the Rudd-White Tanks transmission line to the datacenter via the Three Rivers Substation. This substation will be located on the customer's site and will be owned and operated by APS. APS plans to serve the only data center from this substation.

The Applicant and its consultant, Environmental Planning Group ("EPG"), developed a process to identify environmentally compatible routes for the Project. An approximate 27 squaremile area surrounding the datacenter was examined, identifying opportunities to co-locate the transmission lines along existing transmission lines, distribution lines, or roadways, to avoid environmentally sensitive areas, and to minimize impacts to landowners. This evaluation identified more than 100 options. After further study, APS and EPG developed a total of three routes: The Preferred Route and two alternative routes, all within the City of Goodyear and the City of Avondale.

The Preferred Route, with a total length of approximately 7.55 miles, would consist of a system with two separate 230 kV transmission lines, both connecting the Rudd-White Tanks 230 kV transmission line with the Three Rivers Substation. The first transmission line would have its origin at the northeast corner of the Interstate 10 ("I-10") crossing of Agua Fria, where it would connect to the Rudd-White Tanks 230 kV transmission line. The route would continue west for approximately two miles, where it would cross to the south side of I-10, continue west until North Bullard Avenue, and then head south. Once the route crosses West Van Buren Street, it would continue south along the west side of North Bullard Avenue, co-located with an existing APS 69 kV transmission line, for approximately 0.5 miles. The route would then head west and connect into the northern side of the Three Rivers Substation. The second transmission line would originate at the Three Rivers Substation, and would be the second circuit on the 230 kV poles of the first line previously discussed. The line would then head east, along the north side of the substation for approximately 0.15 miles, then separate from the 230 kV structures of the first line and cross North Bullard Avenue, where it would be co-located with a planned 69 kV subtransmission line. It will continue north to East Van Buren Street, where it would head west, co-located with an existing APS 69 kV subtransmission line for about 2.3 miles, and connect with the Rudd-White Tanks transmission line.

The Preferred Route would minimize the number of private landowners affected directly by the project, will comply with Arizona Department of Transportation ("ADOT") controlled access plans and the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") requirements associated with Phoenix Goodyear Airport, and is supported by the City of Goodyear. This route would be consistent with designated growth and redevelopment area plans for the Cities of Goodyear and Avondale.

The Project was included in Technical Study Reports performed by APS for their Ten-Year Transmission System Plan for years 2019-2028, 2020-2029 and 2021-2030. From those studies, the project will neither improve nor negatively impact the reliability of the grid, as the reliability of the 230 kV system, as well as the underlying 69 kV system, is maintained with this project.

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CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on Staff's review of the Application, as well as the Applicant's response to Staff's issued data request, Staff believes that the reliability and safety of the grid would be maintained with the proposed 230 kV transmission line.

Staff recommends inclusion, as a condition to any CEC the Line Siting Committee may issue, of the standard cathodic study condition to evaluate the risk to any existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipelines as follows:

When project facilities are located parallel to and within 100 feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline, the Applicant shall:

- (a) Ensure grounding and cathodic protection studies are performed to show that the project's location, parallel to and within 100 feet of such pipeline, results in no material adverse impacts to the pipeline or to public safety, when both the pipeline and the project are in operation. The Applicant shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any material adverse impacts are mitigated. The Applicant shall provide to Staff and file with Docket Control, a copy of the studies performed and additional mitigation if any, that was implemented as part of its annual compliance-certification letter, and
- (b) Ensure that studies are taken during an outage simulation of the project, that may be caused by the collocation of the project parallel to and within 100 feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline. The studies should either:
 - i) show that such simulated outage does not result in customer outages, or
 - ii) include operating plans to minimize any resulting customer outages. The Applicant shall provide a copy of the study results to Staff and file with Docket Control as part of its annual compliance-certification letter.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (602) 542-6935, or Teresa Brown at (602) 542-0828.

Sincerely,

Elijah O. Abinah Director Utilities Division

Cc: Docket Control

Division Director Elijah O. Abinah 1200 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007 | 602-542-4251 | <u>azcc.gov</u> Arizona Public Service Company Docket No. L-00000D-21-0292-00193 Page 4

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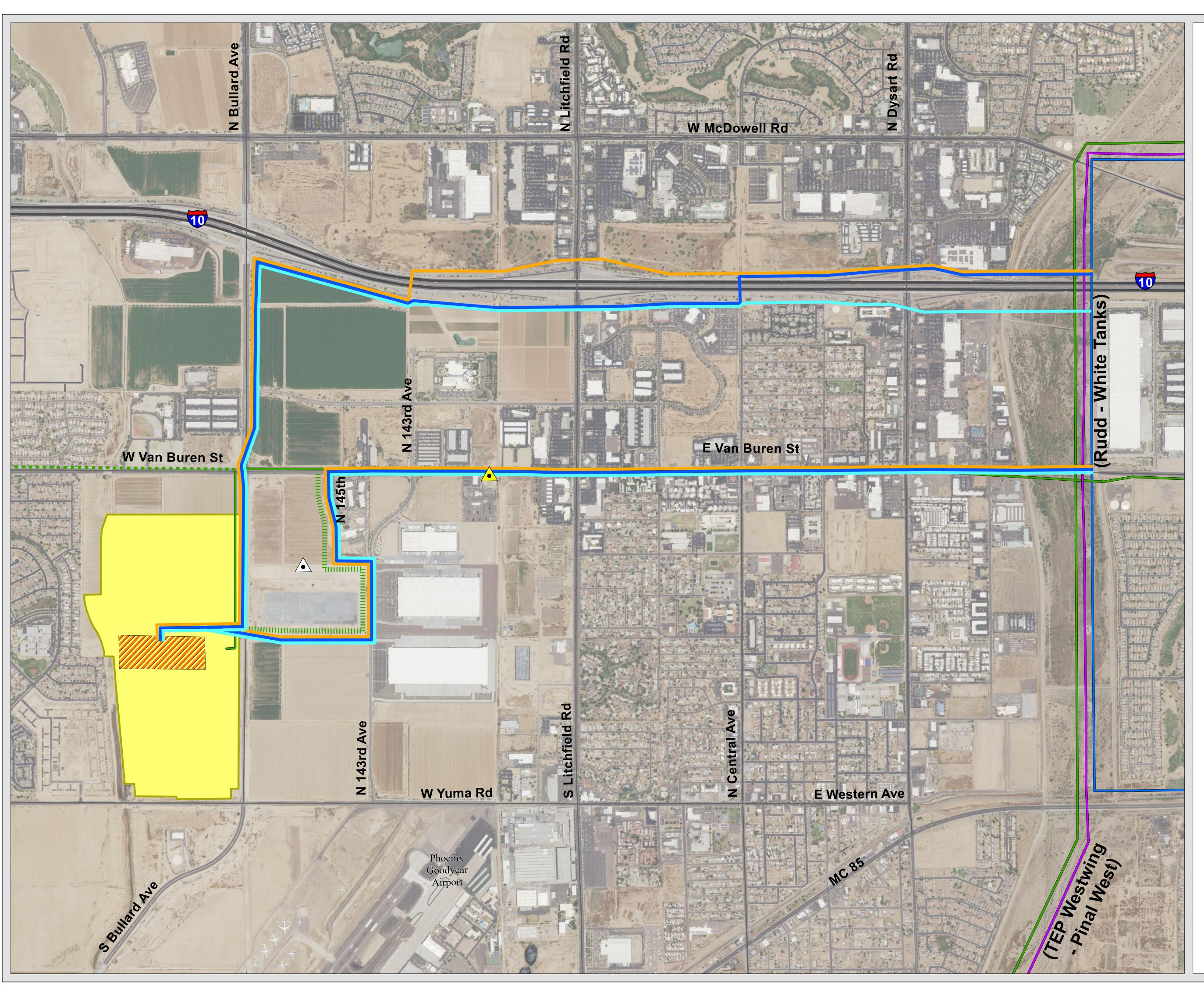
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Three Rivers Transmission Line Project

Project Features

- 230kV Transmission Line, Preferred Route
- 230kV Transmission Line, Alternative Route #1
- 230kV Transmission Line, Alternative Route #2 \sim
- Three Rivers (TS16) Substation
- Compass Datacenter Site

Planned Transmission Facilities

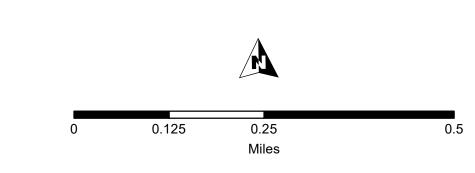
- 69kV Substation
- رانگرانا 69kV Line

Existing Single-Circuit 69kV Line to be rebuilt as Double-Circuit 69kV Line

Existing Transmission Facilities



→ 345kV Transmission Line ✓ 230kV Transmission Line 69kV Transmission Line



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September 21, 2021

Utilities Division - Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington St Phoenix, AZ 85007

Subject: Three Rivers 230 kV Transmission Line Project Line Siting Application 193 Docket Control# L-00000D-21-0292-00193

Dear Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee:

I would like to thank you for keeping us in the loop with regards to the Three Rivers 230kV Transmission Line Project. This project is adjacent to an ADOT highway and or within ADOT Right of way.

Upon initial review, ADOT would like to relay that we would not allow a longitudinal installation within our I-10 right of way. Currently we have no other comments but we reserve the right to review and comment on any project plans as to any impact they may have on the State Highway System.

We appreciate receiving the notice, and the opportunity to review and comment. I am happy to assist with any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Raul Amavisca 85F5D3465746427.... Raul Amavisca, PE

Engineering Administrator

From:	Raul Amavisca
To:	O"Neil Teresa
Cc:	Eich Stephen K; Trenter Paul
Subject:	Re: Three Rivers - Corridor illustrations and preliminary alignment
Date:	Thursday, September 30, 2021 5:40:26 PM

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ADOT Central District understands that APS may need to do an aerial crossing of I-10 and accepts this need. We also agree that the 100' overlap in ADOT controlled access may include an aerial overhang into the ADOT controlled access for specific constrained areas. We understand that APS's intent is that all transmission structures will remain outside of the ADOT controlled access. Any actual crossing in our freeway Right of Way or aerial overhang will require prior approval.

Raul G. Amavisca, PE

Engineering Administrator

ADOT Central District 2140 W. Hilton Avenue, Mail Drop PM00

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602.206.2543 Cell www.azdot.gov

On Wed, Sep 29, 2021 at 12:19 PM O'Neil, Teresa

wrote:

Hi Raul, Thank you for your time today. Please find the attached screen captures from the animation we viewed illustrating the alternative corridors and alignments along along I-10.

Best, Teresa

Teresa O'Neil

Senior Environmental Planner

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