

Notice of Hearing

Docket No. L-00000D-11-0389-00163.

Case No. 163

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE NORTH GILA TO TS-8 TO YUCCA 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN THE EXISTING NORTH GILA SUBSTATION, 5 MILES NORTHEAST OF THE CITY OF YUMA, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 22 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER BASELINE AND MERIDIAN (G&SRB&M) AND A NEW 230KV SUBSTATION (TS-8), 4 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE CITY OF YUMA, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT SECTION 16, 20, OR 21, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 22 WEST, G&SRB&M, AND CONTINUING TO THE EXISTING YUCCA POWER PLANT, 2 MILES WEST OF THE CITY OF YUMA, YUMA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AT SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST, SAN BERNARDINO BASELINE AND MERIDIAN (SBB&M).

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) regarding the Application of Arizona Public Service Company (APS) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the North Gila to TS-8 to Yucca 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project) in Yuma County, Arizona. The hearing will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Yuma Pivot Point located at 310 North Madison Avenue, Yuma, Arizona 85364; telephone: 928-783-1500. The hearing shall begin on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. and will continue on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m., unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken, it will begin on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. or at a later time set by the Chairman of the Committee. If necessary, the hearing will continue on Thursday, December 1, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The hearings will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Project's and Arizona Corporation Commission's (ACC) websites. APS's Project website can be found at www.aps.com/siting. The ACC website is www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp.

PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN YUMA PIVOT POINT, LOCATED AT 310 NORTH MADISON AVENUE, YUMA, ARIZONA 85364.

The Committee, at its discretion, may recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will resume will be posted on the Committee's Hearing Calendar page of the ACC website. NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, beginning at 8:00 a.m., or at an alternate date and time as determined by the Chairman of the Committee. The map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour in their own private vehicles. During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the facilities in the Application. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.

The Project involves the construction of a new double-circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line in Yuma, Arizona between the existing North Gila Substation and the proposed TS-8 Substation (Phase 1), and then continuing to the Yucca Power Plant (Phase 2). Maps of the Project site and detailed information about the Project facilities, including detailed descriptions of the corridor widths, are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations::

- Docket Control Center of the ACC's Phoenix Office at 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007;

- Yuma Public Library, 2951 South 21st Drive, Yuma, Arizona 85364;

- On the internet using the ACC's e-docket function, available at: edocket.azcc.gov; and

- On APS's project website at www.aps.com/ siting.

A general location map of the Project area showing corridor widths is attached, and APS's proposed routes, including the TS-8 Substation Site and the Yucca Power Plant proposed corridors, are set forth below.

Phase 1: North Gila to TS-8 Preferred Route

The North Gila to TS-8 Preferred Route originates at the North Gila Substation located in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 22 West G&SRB&M, proceeding southwest approximately 0.2 mile to the alignment of Avenue 8E. Then the route proceeds south along Avenue 8E approximately 0.5 mile to the alignment of County 6½ Street. Then the route proceeds east along County 6½ Street approximately 1 mile to the existing Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) utility corridor. Then the route proceeds southeast adjacent to the eastern edge of the existing WAPA utility corridor approximately 3 miles to the alignment of County 9½ Street. Then the route proceeds east along County 9½ Street approximately 0.3 mile, where the route proceeds southeast to the Avenue 10E alignment. Then the route proceeds south along the Avenue 10E alignment approximately 0.3 mile to the alignment of the Union Pacific Rail Road (UPRR).

Then the route proceeds southwest adjacent to and on the southerly side of the UPRR for approximately 0.6 mile until reaching the crossing of the A Canal. The route continues southwest adjacent to the A Canal approximately 3.7 miles to the Yuma Area Service Highway (ASH) alignment. The route proceeds south along the Yuma ASH alignment approximately 1.2 miles to the County 13½ Street alignment. Then the route proceeds west along the County 13½ Street alignment approximately 1 mile to Avenue 5½ E. The route proceeds south approximately 0.5 mile to the potential TS-8 termination point at County 14th Street.

Phase 1: North Gila to TS-8 East Alternative Route

The North Gila to TS-8 East Alternative Route follows the same corridor as the North Gila to TS-8 Preferred Route, with the following exceptions: Beginning at County 6th Street and Avenue 8E, the route proceeds south along Avenue 8E approximately 1.5 miles to the alignment of County 7½ Street. Then the route proceeds east along County 7½ Street approximately 1.5 miles to the existing WAPA utility corridor. Then the route proceeds south adjacent to the eastern edge of the existing WAPA utility corridor approximately 2 miles to the alignment of County 9½ Street.

Beginning at Avenue 7E and County 12th Street, the route proceeds south along the Avenue 7E alignment approximately 1 mile to the County 13th Street alignment. Then the route proceeds west along the County 13th Street alignment approximately 0.5 mile to the Yuma ASH alignment. The route proceeds south along the Yuma ASH alignment approximately 0.5 mile to the County 13½ Street alignment. The route proceeds west along the County 13½ Street alignment approximately 0.5 mile to Avenue 6E. The route proceeds south along Avenue 6E approximately 0.5 mile to County 14th Street. The route proceeds west along County 14th Street approximately 0.5 mile to the potential termination point of the TS-8 Substation at Avenue 5½ E.

Phase 1: North Gila to TS-8 West Alternative Route

The North Gila to TS-8 West Alternative Route follows the same corridor as the North Gila to TS-8 Preferred Route, with the following exceptions: Beginning at Avenue 8E and County 6½ Street, the route proceeds south along Avenue 8E approximately 1 mile to the alignment of County 7½ Street. The route proceeds west along County 7½ Street approximately 1 mile to the Avenue 7E. Then the route proceeds south along Avenue 7E approximately 1 mile to County 8½ Street.

Then the route proceeds east along the UPRR right-of-way south of I-8 approximately 1.1 miles to a point 0.25 mile east of Avenue 6E. Then the route proceeds south along a centerline located 0.25 mile east of Avenue 6E approximately 0.8 mile to the County 11½ alignment. Then the route proceeds east along the County 11½ alignment approximately 0.25 mile to the Yuma ASH alignment. Then the route proceeds south along the Yuma ASH alignment approximately 2 miles to the County 13½ Street alignment.

Phase 2: TS-8 to Yucca Preferred Route

The route proceeds west from the TS-8 Substation siting area along County 14th Street

approximately 1.2 miles to the A Canal. Then the route proceeds southwest along the A Canal approximately 0.6 mile to Avenue 4E. Then the route proceeds west along County 14½ Street approximately 5 miles to US 95. Then the route proceeds north along US 95 approximately 1 mile to the County 13½ Street alignment.

Then the route proceeds west along the County 13½ Street alignment approximately 3.5 miles to Somerton Avenue. Then the route proceeds north along Somerton Avenue approximately 0.5 mile to County 13th Street. Then the route proceeds west along County 13th Street approximately 0.5 mile to Avenue F. Then the route proceeds north along Avenue F approximately 5.2 miles to Levee Road.

Then the route proceeds northwest along Levee Road approximately 0.2 miles to a point 1,700 feet north of the 8th Street alignment centerline. Then the route proceeds east along a centerline located 1,700 feet north of the 8th Street alignment centerline approximately 0.5 mile to Calle Agua Salada Road. Then the route proceeds north along Calle Agua Salada Road approximately 0.1 mile until reaching the termination point at the Yucca Power Plant located in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, SBB&M.

Phase 2: TS-8 to Yucca Alternative Route

The route proceeds west from the TS-8 Substation siting area along County 14th Street approximately 1.75 miles to the Avenue 3¾E alignment. Then the route proceeds south along the Avenue 3¾E alignment approximately 0.5 mile to County 14½ Street. Then the route proceeds west along County 14½ Street approximately 1.5 miles to the A Canal. Then the route proceeds south and then southwest along the A Canal approximately 2.7 miles to County 17th Street.

Then the route proceeds west along County 17th Street and the A Canal approximately 0.5 mile to Avenue 1E. Then the route proceeds south along Avenue 1E and the A Canal approximately 2 miles to County 19th Street. Then the route proceeds west along County 19th Street approximately 8 miles to Avenue H. Then the route proceeds north along Avenue H approximately 7.1 miles to Salinity Canal Road.

Then the route proceeds northeast along Salinity Canal Road approximately 2.2 miles to 24th Street. Then the route proceeds east along 24th Street approximately 1 mile to Avenue F. The remainder of the route follows the same corridor as the TS-8 to Yucca Preferred Route.

TS-8 Substation Siting Area

APS requests a corridor for the entire TS-8 Substation siting area. The TS-8 Substation siting area includes the eastern half of Section 16, south of the A Canal; the eastern half of Section 20; and the NW quarter of Section 21, the northern half of the SW quarter of Section 21, and the northern half of the NE quarter of Section 21, Township 9 South, Range 22 West, G&SRB&M.

Yucca Power Plant

APS requests a corridor 1,500 feet on all sides of the Yucca Power Plant located in Section 36, Township 16 South, Range 21 East, SBB&M, to facilitate interconnection access into the Yucca Power Plant.

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

Any domestic, n tor of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220 and R14-3-113. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee shall be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the ACC must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

DATED this 21st day of October, 2011.

/s/ John Foreman, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General
Chairman, Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee