



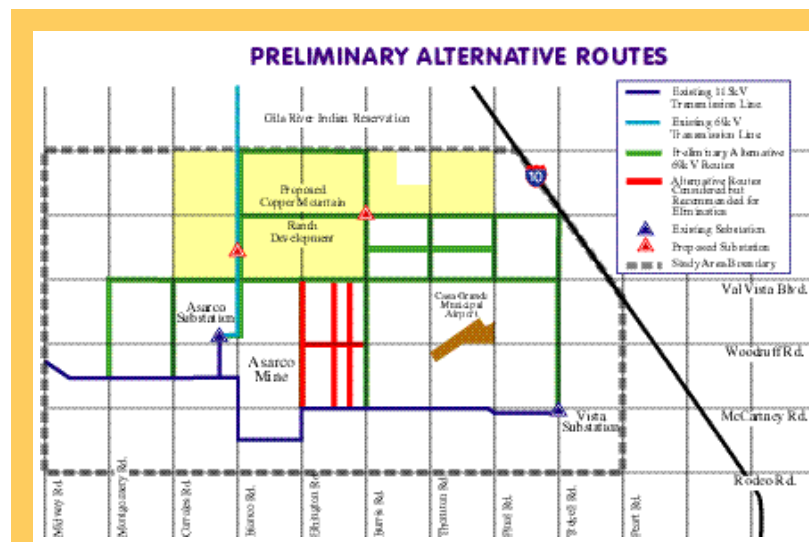
About this fact sheet...

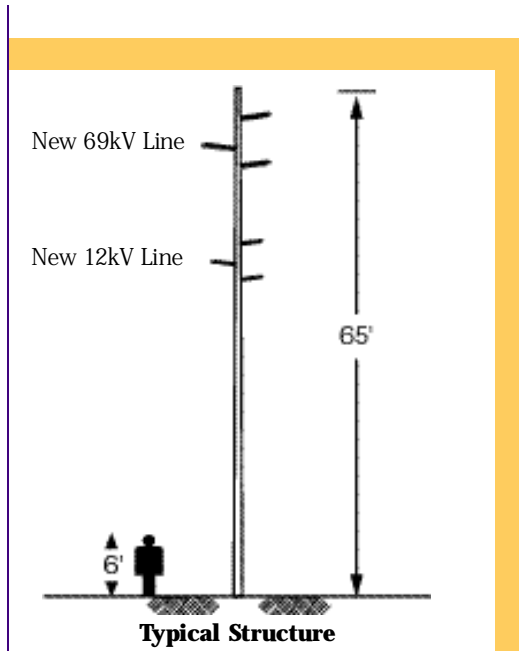
Arizona Public Service (APS) is initiating a new project to meet the growing needs of customers in the Casa Grande area. Over the next several months, APS and the Environmental Planning Group (EPG), an environmental consulting firm, will be evaluating alternative routes for a planned 69/12 kilovolt (kV) transmission line. The purpose of this fact sheet is to introduce the project to the community. A public open house will be held on Thursday, June 1, 2000 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Casa Grande Union High School (2730 N. Trezell Road). Community input is vital to our planning process and the public's comments are encouraged throughout this project.

Project information...

The Vista to Copper Mountain Power Line Siting Project includes building a new 69/12kV transmission line that will ensure future electrical capacity and reliability for the area. The objective of the siting project is to identify the preferred route for the new power line. The map below illustrates route alternatives under consideration in the project study area, which is bound by Midway Road on the west, Interstate 10 and Peart Road on the east, Rodeo Road on the south, and the Gila River Indian Reservation on the north. The new line will connect the existing Vista Substation, on the northwest corner of McCartney and Trezell roads, with new substations planned within the Copper Mountain Ranch development. An interconnection

with the Asarco Substation is also a possibility.





How will it look?

The new power line will consist of a 69kV transmission line with a 12kV distribution line suspended below on the same 65-foot-tall overhead structures. These steel structures will be approximately 250 feet apart.

What is the planning process?

The planning process for this project is a series of tasks, which began with a regional inventory to identify siting opportunities and constraints in relation to existing and planned land uses and visual resources. With completion of the regional study, preliminary alternative routes were identified. The next step in the process involves an assessment of potential impacts and, if necessary, the development of mitigation measures to address these impacts. Alternatives will then be ranked based on engineering and system data, public input, cost, and potential impacts to land use and aesthetics. The last step in the process is the final route selection by APS. Final route selection and study documentation are scheduled for completion in early summer 2000, with construction beginning in summer 2001. The public will be provided a final update that includes the final route selections.

How can the public be involved?

Public involvement is a vital part of the planning process. You are encouraged to provide input by returning the enclosed comment form and/or attending the open house. The public open house will be held on June 1, 2000, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Casa Grande Union High School (2730 N. Trezell Rd.) to present project alternatives to the public and receive comments.

Another fact sheet like this one is planned for distribution. You are encouraged to complete and return the comment forms, as this input is an important component of the route selection criteria. Comments may also be submitted on the project website at <http://siting.apsc.com>.