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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS

JIM O'CONNOR – CHAIRMAN  
LEA MÁRQUEZ PETERSON  
ANNA TOVAR  
KEVIN THOMPSON  
NICK MYERS

Arizona Corporation Commission

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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 BAGDAD 230 KILOVOLT (KV) TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, APS PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A SINGLE CIRCUIT 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE WHICH WILL CONNECT A NEW SUBSTATION ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING WILLOW LAKE 115KV POWERLINE APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE EAST OF THE TOWN OF BAGDAD, ARIZONA.

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CASE NO. 238

DECISION NO. 79645

ORDER

December 17, 2024  
Open Meeting

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360 et seq., after due consideration of all relevant matters, the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) finds and concludes that the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) issued by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Siting Committee”) is hereby approved as granted by this Order.

The Commission, in reaching its decision, has balanced all relevant matters in the broad public interest, including the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power

1 with the desire to minimize the effect thereof on the environment and ecology of this state, and finds  
2 that granting the Project a CEC is in the public interest.

3 The Commission further finds and concludes that in balancing the broad public interest in this  
4 matter:

- 5 1. The Project is in the public interest because it aids the state in meeting the need for an  
6 adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power.
- 7 2. In balancing the need for the Project with its effect on the environment and ecology of the  
8 state, the conditions placed on the CEC effectively minimize its impact on the  
9 environment and ecology of the state.
- 10 3. The conditions placed on the CEC resolve matters concerning the need for the Project and  
11 its impact on the environment and ecology of the state raised during the course of  
12 proceedings and, as such, serve as the findings on the matters raised.
- 13 4. In light of these conditions, the balancing in the broad public interest results in favor of  
14 granting the CEC.

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THE CEC ISSUED BY THE SITING COMMITTEE IS INCORPORATED  
HEREIN AND IS APPROVED BY ORDER OF THE  
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

*James P. O'Connor*  
CHAIRMAN O'CONNOR

*Lea Marquez Peterson*  
COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ PETERSON

*Anna Tovar*  
COMMISSIONER TOVAR

*Ken Thompson*  
COMMISSIONER THOMPSON

*W. Myers*  
COMMISSIONER MYERS



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, DOUGLAS R. CLARK,  
Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission,  
have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this  
Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix,  
this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2024.

*Douglas R. Clark*  
DOUGLAS R. CLARK  
Executive Director

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

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 BAGDAD 230KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH  
INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN  
APPROXIMATELY 14-MILE LONG 230KV  
TRANSMISSION LINE THAT WILL  
CONNECT FROM WESTERN AREA  
POWER ADMINISTRATION'S MEAD-TO-  
PERKINS TRANSMISSION LINE VIA A  
NEW SUBSTATION TO A NEW  
SUBSTATION NEAR THE TOWN OF  
BAGDAD AND ADJACENT TO THE  
WILLOW LAKE-TO-BAGDAD 115KV  
LINE, ALL WITHIN YAVAPAI COUNTY,  
ARIZONA.

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**CERTIFICATE OF  
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**A. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") held public hearings on October 28 through October 30, 2024, in Wickenburg, Arizona, in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, for the purpose of receiving evidence and deliberating on the Application of Arizona Public Service Company ("APS" or "Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("Certificate") in the above-captioned case.

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:

Adam Stafford

Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney  
General Kris Mayes

1	Leonard Drago	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
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3	David French	Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources
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5	Nicole Hill	Designee for Director, Governor's Energy Office
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7	Gabby Saucedo Mercer	Designee of the Chairman, Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission")
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9	Dave Richins	Appointed Member, representing General Public
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11	Jon Gold	Appointed Member, representing the General Public
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13	Margaret "Toby" Little	Appointed Member, representing the General Public
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15	David Kryder	Appointed Member, representing Agricultural Interests
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17	Roman Fontes	Appointed Member, representing Counties

17 Applicant was represented by Linda J. Benally and Farris Gillman of Pinnacle West  
 18 Capital Corporation and J. Matthew Derstine of Snell & Wilmer, LLP. No parties  
 19 requested intervention pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05. Freeport Minerals Corporation  
 20 ("Freeport"), represented by Patrick J. Black and Kaitlyn E. Smith of Fennemore Craig,  
 21 P.C., made a limited appearance pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05(B).

22 At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the (i)  
 23 Application, (ii) appearances of the Applicant, (iii) evidence, testimony, and exhibits  
 24 presented by the Applicant, (iv) the limited appearance of Freeport, and (v) comments of  
 25 the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ 40-360 through 40-  
 26 360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted 10 to 0 to grant the Applicant, its  
 27 successors and assigns, this Certificate for construction of the Bagdad 230kV  
 28 Transmission Line Project ("Project") as described below.

1 **B. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

2 The Project consists of a new, approximately 14-mile, single-circuit 230kV  
3 transmission line. The Project will be located on State Trust Land, managed by the  
4 Arizona State Land Department, and private land. A map showing the route of the Project  
5 is shown in **Exhibit A**.

6 The final right-of-way width for the Project will be 100 feet within the 300-foot-  
7 wide corridor. The maximum height of the structures will be 199 feet.

8 **CONDITIONS**

9 1. This authorization to construct the Project shall expire ten (10) years from  
10 the date this Certificate is approved by the Commission, with or without modification.  
11 Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in service within this  
12 ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time period, the Applicant may  
13 request that the Commission extend the time limitation.

14 2. In the event the Project requires an extension of the term(s) of this  
15 Certificate prior to completion of construction, the Applicant shall file such time extension  
16 request at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Certificate.  
17 The Applicant shall use reasonable means to promptly notify Yavapai County, Arizona  
18 State Land Department ("ASLD"), and all landowners and residents within a three (3)  
19 mile radius of the centerline of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this  
20 proceeding who provided a mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding.  
21 The notification provided will include the request and the date, time, and place of the  
22 hearing or open meetings during which the Commission will consider the request for the  
23 extension. Notification shall be no more than three (3) business days after the Applicant  
24 is made aware of the hearing date or the open meeting date.

25 3. During the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and  
26 reclamation of the Project, the Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable air and  
27 water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable statutes,  
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