

Doney Park Project Newsletter

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APS Proposes New Facilities

Project background and need

The Doney Park community is located about 3.5 miles north of Flagstaff in Coconino County. In 1980, the community had a population of approximately 3,550. In 2000, the population had grown to 6,979, according to the Doney Park Timberline Fernwood Area Plan 2001; a growth of over 40 percent every 10 years. If growth continues at this pace, the Doney Park community can expect to have a population of nearly 10,000 by 2010. Because of this growth, APS is planning to build new facilities in the area.

The local community is currently supplied with electricity from the Arizona Public Service (APS) Sandvig Substation, located in the northeast portion of Flagstaff, approximately 6 miles southwest of Doney Park. The Sandvig Substation could experience system overloads as early as 2009, resulting in a variety of operating concerns, including the possibility of increased outages and insufficient voltage to the Doney Park community and accelerated degradation of the Sandvig Substation equipment.

The construction of the new Doney Park Substation and the associated 69-kilovolt (kV) transmission line will result in a new electric source to the project area, relieve the existing Sandvig Substation of a future overload condition, supply existing area residents with reliable electric service and provide the necessary electrical infrastructure to support growth in the area.

Proposed route and project description

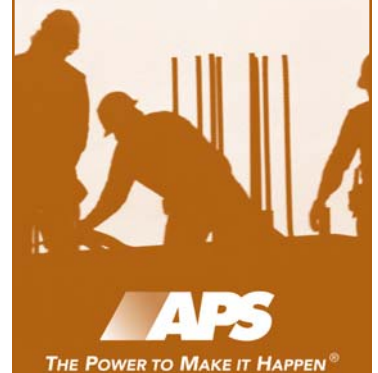
The Doney Park Project will involve the construction of a new substation adjacent to the east side of U.S. Highway 89 (U.S. 89) on a parcel of land owned by APS. A new 69-kV transmission line would exit this substation and cross U.S. 89, extending south adjacent to the west side of U.S. 89 for about ¼ mile.

APS proposes to construct the new line in the same general location as the existing overhead 12-kV distribution line and will be consolidating those existing facilities on the new power line. APS proposes using single-pole structures, approximately 65 feet tall, made from self-weathering steel in order to best blend with the surrounding environment.

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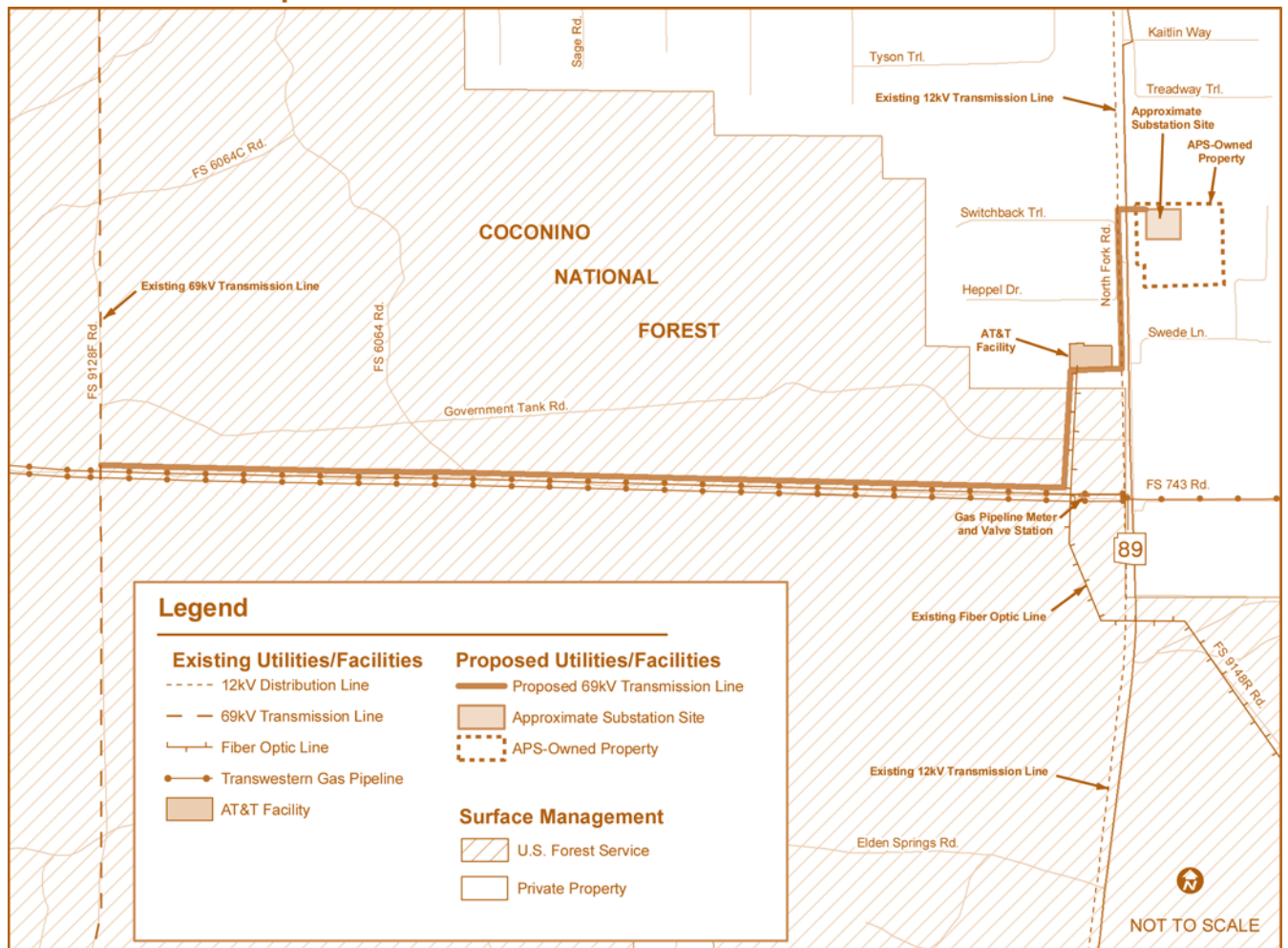
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For more information, please visit the project Web site at <http://siting.aps.com>

Proposed Transmission Line Route and Substation



From U.S. 89, the proposed route would extend west along the south side of the existing AT&T facility. The line would turn south again, following the AT&T fiber optic corridor until reaching a natural gas pipeline corridor which currently contains two natural gas pipelines. Within this corridor, the line would extend west, parallel to the northernmost gas pipeline before connecting with the existing APS Tuba City-Flagstaff 69-kV transmission line approximately 1.5 miles west of U.S. 89.

The proposed route is illustrated above.

Environmental studies

A portion of the 69-kV transmission line will be located on land administered by the Coconino National Forest. Because of this, the project must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act

(NEPA). At the request of the Coconino National Forest, and in accordance with the NEPA process, an Environmental Assessment (EA) is being prepared for the project. The EA will be prepared under the direction of the U.S. Forest Service and will identify and evaluate the natural, human, and cultural resources in the study area, and determine how the project can be constructed to minimize effects on the environment and local community.

The environmental studies involve collecting and analyzing resource data for the study area, evaluating potential impacts of the proposed substation site and transmission line routes, identifying how to mitigate (or reduce) those impacts and preparing the EA. The U.S. Forest Service will issue a decision notice regarding that portion of the proposed project that occurs on Forest Service land based on information provided in the EA. Although the EA will evaluate potential

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Mike DeWitt, Project Manager

impacts associated with the entire project, the Forest Service right-of-way approval will be limited to only that portion of the transmission line that will occur on the Coconino National Forest. All other project elements will be subject to the permitting authority and zoning requirements of Coconino County.

Further information on the EA will be available on the APS and Forest Service Web sites as the project progresses.

Public open house and scoping meeting

The public is invited to attend a public open house and scoping meeting to learn more about the project.

Your ideas and suggestions are important to us and will help the project team identify issues that may need to be addressed in the EA. Displays, maps and proposed actions related to the project, including environmental studies, will be available for review at the public meeting. Staff from APS, the U.S. Forest Service and the environmental consultant assisting APS with the environmental studies will be on hand to discuss the project, answer questions and take public comments.

If you have any questions or comments on the project, please visit our project website at <http://siting.aps.com>, or contact APS Project Manager Mike DeWitt at (602) 493-4446 or Steve Catanach, Flagstaff Office, at (928) 773-6453.



COMMENT FORM

Please provide your comments on the Doney Park Project. Your input is important to us. Please return comments by February 17 in the envelope provided.

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FOR PROPERTY OWNERS**

 **Doney Park Project**

Please attend the upcoming

Public Information Open House/Scoping Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

Summit Fire Department - Station 32

8905 North Koch Field Road

Flagstaff, Arizona

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Near the southeast corner of Silver Saddle Road and Koch Field Road)

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