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IMPORTANT - NEW POWER LINES COMING TO YOUR AREA

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# APS PINAL ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**Public Information Open House Meeting** 

**In-Person Open Houses** 

Dates: November 19 and 20, 2024

Time: 5-7 p.m.

Location: Pinal County Fairgrounds

512 S. Eleven Mile Corner Rd.

Casa Grande, AZ 85194

<u>Virtual Open House (online)</u> PinalOpenHouse.com



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In April 2024, we announced the need to support growth in the Pinal County region and provide greater reliability in your communities. The new power lines will connect with existing and future electrical transmission infrastructure and include 69-kilovolt (69kV) and 230-kilovolt (230kV) facilities. We are working to identify locations for the new power lines to best meet the needs of our customers and the community. We invited you to attend our in-person public open house meetings held on April 16 and 18, 2024, and our virtual public open house, launched in early April 2024, to learn more about the project and provide your input.

Feedback from these open houses has been incorporated into our evaluations to help us identify feasible and viable alternative routes. The results of these studies have led to identifying preferred

routes and alternatives as shown on the included map. We invite you to attend our next open house in-person November 19 and 20, or virtually at any time, to learn more about the project, ask questions, and to provide comments to help us identify the appropriate route for these power lines.

November 2024

At the conclusion of our studies and the public involvement process, we will request a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) for the 230kV portion of the project and present those project components and proposed route(s) at a hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee). If approved by the Committee, the CEC will then be presented to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) for its consideration and final decision.



We are continuing studies to determine appropriate locations for new 69kV and 230kV power lines, including structures and poles approximately 65 to 195 feet tall. They will be placed in new or existing rights of way or easements ranging from 60 to 120 feet wide.



This project provides improved infrastructure to support the current and future needs of APS customers. This project will provide additional reliability for the APS transmission system in Pinal County.



Your input will help us determine routes for new transmission lines in the Pinal County region. A 69kV line will connect Arica Substation to the future TS25 site to the east, and to an existing power line just west of the I-10. A 230kV line will connect the Milligan Substation to a future power line just south of the Pinal County Fairgrounds (see included man).

### **PROJECT SCHEDULE**



- Continue Public Outreach
- Develop and Refine Preliminary Transmission Line Routes
- Hold Second Open House
- 1<sup>ST</sup>/2<sup>ND</sup>
  QUARTER
  2025
- Identify Preferred Routes and Substation Locations
- File CEC Application



- Hold Public Hearing
- ACC Open Meeting for CEC Decision
- Notify Public of Approved Route



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### **PROJECT FEATURES**

Monopole (single-pole) structures are typically used for new 69kV and 230kV transmission lines, but a variety of steel structure types may be used. Structure heights would be approximately 65 feet for 69kV monopoles and range between 115 and 195 feet for 230kV monopoles depending on routing, terrain, and crossing of existing structures, including elevated roads and other power lines.

Any opportunity to use existing power line routes for the new structures will be considered. However, new rights of way and/or easements will be needed and typically range in width between 60 feet (69kV) to 120 feet (230kV).

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Input from residents, tenants, property owners, and businesses within the project area is an important part of the siting process. We invite you to visit our in-person open house during scheduled times, or the virtual open house and project website at any time, to learn more about the project and the siting process. You will be able to ask us questions and provide input. If you cannot attend in person or access the site online, you can call or email a request for the open house materials to be mailed.

We welcome your feedback. Comments are encouraged throughout the duration of the project and we request that you share by December 20, 2024. This allows for timely review and consideration of your input during the siting process.

To learn more, please visit the APS Pinal Electrical Improvement Project website at aps.com/pinalproject. Comments and questions may be submitted within the virtual open house, the project website, or by phone or email to:

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