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 RUNWAY TRANSMISSION PROJECT, WHICH CONSISTS OF A NEW, APPROXIMATELY 4.5-MILE-LONG, DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTING THE EXISTING AND PLANNED EXPANSION OF THE APS 230KV RUNWAY SUBSTATION LOCATED NORTHEAST OF WEST BROADWAY ROAD AND SOUTH BULLARD AVENUE IN GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA TO THE EXISTING APS WHITE TANKS TO WEST PHOENIX 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE.

Docket No.: L-00000D-22-0253-00209

Case No. 209

NOTICE OF FILING AMENDED EXHIBIT A TO PREVIOUSLY FILED CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

Paul A. Katz, designee of the Attorney General of Arizona, Mark Brnovich, as Chairman and Presiding Officer of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, hereby gives notice of filing Amended Exhibit A to replace the exhibit attached to the previously filed Certificate of Environmental Compatibility with Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation Commission to include the corridor description.

DATED this 23rd day of November, 2022.

Paul A. Katz, Chairman

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Exhibit A

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Corridor

Beginning with a 100-foot-wide corridor along the south property line of the existing APS Runway Substation, with its northern boundary coincident with the south property line of the APS Runway Substation.

The corridor then wraps around the southeast corner of the APS Runway Substation and widens to 200 feet as it heads north approximately 0.17-mile, with its western boundary coincident with the eastern property line of the APS Runway Substation.

The corridor continues north along the east property line of the planned north expansion of the Runway Substation approximately 0.13-mile to the El Sol Street alignment, where it widens to approximately 900 feet, with its western boundary coincident with the west line of Microsoft's property.

The corridor continues north with varying widths from 735 feet to 900 feet, as the west boundary follows Microsoft's curved property line along La Cometa Street, approximately 0.3-mile to Microsoft's north property line.

At this point the corridor narrows to 250 feet as it heads northeast approximately 0.3-mile and then east approximately 0.1-mile to El Cielo Street, with its northern boundary coincident with the northern line of Microsoft's property.

The corridor remains 250 feet wide and continues east approximately 0.25-mile to Litchfield Road, with its northern boundary coincident with the centerline of Lower Buckeye Road.

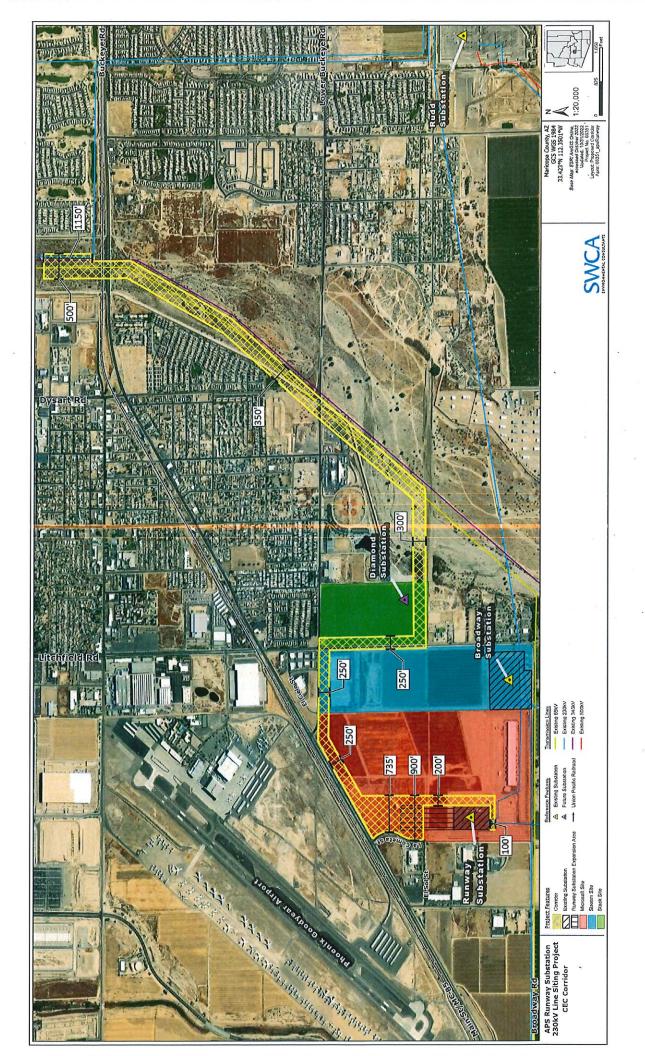
At this point the corridor remains 250 feet wide and heads south approximately 0.5-mile to the south line of the Stack data center property, with its western boundary coincident with the west right-of-way line of Litchfield Road.

At this point the corridor widens to 300 feet and heads east approximately 0.57-mile to the existing White Tanks to Broadway 69kV subtransmission line, with its southern boundary coincident with the south line of Stack's property and continuing along this alignment through the Agua Fria Riverbed corridor.

At this point the corridor widens to 350 feet, including 150 feet to the southeast and 200 feet to the northwest of the existing White Tanks to Broadway 69kV line, and follows the existing 69kV line northeast through the Agua Fria Riverbed corridor approximately 1.63 miles to a point south of Buckeye Road.

The corridor remains 350 feet wide and continues north along the same 69kV alignment approximately 0.25-mile, crossing Buckeye Road and the Union Pacific Railroad.

At this point the corridor widens to 1,150 feet and heads east between two Tucson Electric Power transmission structures approximately 0.05-mile to the existing APS White Tanks to West Phoenix 230kV transmission line.



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CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY

A. INTRODUCTION.

230KV TRANSMISSION LINE.

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) held a public hearing on November 14, 2022 through November 15, 2022 in Avondale, 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 (Application) of Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Applicant) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (Certificate) in the above-captioned case.

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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 the deliberations:

Paul A. Katz

Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich

Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

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Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Mary Hamway

Appointed Member, representing incorporated cities and towns

Rick Grinnell

Appointed Member, representing counties

James Palmer

Appointed Member, representing agricultural interests

The Applicant was represented Linda J. Benally of Pinnacle West Capital Corporation and J. Matthew Derstine of Snell & Wilmer, LLP.

Appointed Member, representing the general public

At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the (i) Application, (ii) evidence, testimony and exhibits presented by Applicant, and (iii) comments of the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ 40-360 through 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted 7 to 0 to grant the Applicant, its successors and assigns, this Certificate for construction of the Runway 230kV Transmission Line Project (the Project) as described below.

B. PROJECT OVERVIEW.

Margaret "Toby" Little

The Project consists of a new, approximately 4.5-mile-long, double-circuit, overhead 230kV transmission line that will connect the existing APS 230kV Runway Substation and its planned expansion, located on the Microsoft data center (the customer) site (northeast of West Broadway Road and South Bullard Avenue) in Goodyear, to the existing White Tanks–West Phoenix 230kV transmission line in Avondale, Arizona. The anticipated in-service date for the Project is 2025. The Project

was included in APS's Supplemental Ten-Year Plan, which was filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission (Commission) on April 16, 2021, and in APS's Ten-Year Plan, which was filed on January 31, 2022.

A map and corridor description are attached as Exhibit A.

CONDITIONS

This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

- 1. This authorization to construct the Project shall expire ten (10) years from the date this Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission, with or without modification. Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in-service within this ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time period, the Applicant may request that the Commission extend the time limitation.
- 2. In the event that the Project requires an extension of the term(s) of this Certificate prior to completion of construction, the Applicant shall file such time extension request at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Certificate. The Applicant shall use reasonable means to promptly notify the Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, and all landowners and residents within a one (1) mile radius of the centerline of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding who provided a mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding. The notification provided will include the request and the date, time, and place of the hearing or open meetings during which the Commission will consider the request for extension. Notification shall be no more than three (3) business days after the Applicant is made aware of the hearing date or the open meeting date.
- 3. During the development, construction, operation, maintenance and reclamation of the Project, the Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable air and water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable statutes, ordinances, master plans and regulations of any governmental entity having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of

Arizona, Maricopa County, and their agencies and subdivisions, including but not limited to the following:

- a. All applicable land use regulations;
- b. All applicable zoning stipulations and conditions including but not limited to landscaping and dust control requirements;
- c. All applicable water use, discharge and/or disposal requirements of the Arizona Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality;
- d. All applicable noise control standards; and
- e. All applicable regulations governing storage and handling of hazardous chemicals and petroleum products.
- 4. The Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits necessary to construct, operate and maintain the Project required by any governmental entity having jurisdiction including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of Arizona, Maricopa County, the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, and their agencies and subdivisions.
- 5. The Applicant shall comply with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) guidelines for handling protected animal species, should any be encountered during construction and operation of the Project, and shall consult with AGFD or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, on other issues concerning wildlife.
- 6. The Applicant shall design the Project's facilities to incorporate reasonable measures to minimize electrocution of and impacts to avian species in accordance with the Applicant's avian protection program. Such measures will be accomplished through incorporation of Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines set forth in the current versions of Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines and Reducing Avian Collisions with Power Lines manuals.
- 7. The Applicant shall consult the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with respect to cultural resources. If any archaeological, paleontological, or historical site or a significant cultural object is discovered on state, county or municipal land during the construction or operation of the Project, the Applicant or its representative in

charge shall promptly report the discovery to the Director of the Arizona State Museum (ASM), and in consultation with the Director, shall immediately take all reasonable steps to secure and maintain the preservation of the discovery as required by A.R.S. § 41-844. Applicant shall perform a class III cultural resource survey for areas that are not previously surveyed or areas where the surveys do not meet the current standards within the approved corridor shown on Exhibit A.

- 8. The Applicant shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of the Arizona Native Plant Law (A.R.S §§ 3-901 et seq.) and shall, to the extent feasible, minimize the destruction of native plants during the construction and operation of the Project.
- 9. The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to promptly investigate, identify and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio or television signals from operation of the Project addressed in this Certificate and where such interference is caused by the Project take reasonable measures to mitigate such interference. The Applicant shall maintain written records for a period of five (5) years of all complaints of radio or television interference attributable to operations, together with the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints shall be recorded to include notation on the corrective action taken. Complaints not leading to a specific action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and explained. Upon request, the written records shall be provided to the Staff of the Commission. The Applicant shall respond to complaints and implement appropriate mitigation measures. In addition, the Project shall be evaluated on a regular basis so that damaged insulators or other line materials that could cause interference are repaired or replaced in a timely manner.
- 10. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the course of any ground-disturbing activities related to the construction or maintenance of the Project, the Applicant shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify

the Director of the ASM as required by A.R.S. § 41-865 for private land, or as required by A.R.S. § 41-844 for state, county, or municipal lands.

- 11. Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Commission's decision approving this Certificate, the Applicant shall post signs in or near public rights-of-way, to the extent authorized by law, reasonably adjacent to the Project giving notice of the Project. Such signage shall be no smaller than a roadway sign. The signs shall advise:
 - a. Future site of the Project;
 - b. A phone number and website for public information regarding the Project; and
 - c. Refer the Public to the Docket.

Such signs shall be inspected at least once annually and, if necessary, be repaired or replaced, and removed at the completion of construction.

The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to communicate the decision either approving or disapproving the Certificate in digital media.

- 12. Upon the approval of this Certificate by the Committee, the Applicant shall provide the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County. the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, and known builders and developers who are building upon or developing land within one (1) mile of the centerline of the Project with a written description, including the approximate height and width measurements of all structure types, of the Project. The written description shall identify the location of the Project and contain a pictorial depiction of the facilities being constructed. The Applicant shall also encourage the developers and builders to include this information in their disclosure statements. Upon approval of this Certificate by the Commission, the Applicant may commence construction of the Project.
- 13. The Applicant shall use non-specular conductor and non-reflective surfaces for the transmission line structures on the Project.
- 14. The Applicant shall be responsible for arranging that all field personnel involved in the Project receive training as to proper ingress, egress, and on-site working

protocol for environmentally sensitive areas and activities. Contractors employing such field personnel shall maintain records documenting that the personnel have received such training.

- 15. The Applicant shall follow the most current Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) planning standards, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) standards, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations.
- 16. The Applicant shall participate in good faith in state and regional transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to the Project and to resolve transmission constraints in a timely manner.
- 17. When Project facilities are located parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous pipeline, the Applicant shall:
 - a. Ensure grounding and cathodic protection studies are performed to show that the Project's location parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of such pipeline results in no material adverse impacts to the pipeline or to public safety when both the pipeline and the Project are in operation. The Applicant shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any material adverse impacts are mitigated. The Applicant shall provide to Staff of the Commission, and file with Docket Control, a copy of the studies performed and additional mitigation, if any, that was implemented as part of its annual compliance-certification letter; and
 - b. Ensure that studies are performed simulating an outage of the Project that may be caused by the collocation of the Project parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline.
 The studies should either: (a) show that such simulated outage does not result in customer outages; or (b) include operating plans to minimize any resulting customer outages. The Applicant shall provide a copy of the

study results to Staff of the Commission and file them with Docket Control as part of the Applicant's annual compliance certification letter.

- 18. The Applicant shall submit a compliance certification letter annually, identifying progress made with respect to each condition contained in this Certificate, including which conditions have been met. The letter shall be submitted to Commission's Docket Control commencing on December 1, 2023. Attached to each certification letter shall be documentation explaining how compliance with each condition was achieved. Copies of each letter, along with the corresponding documentation, shall be submitted to the Arizona Attorney General's Office. With respect to the Project, the requirement for the compliance letter shall expire on the date the Project is placed into operation. Notification of such filing with Docket Control shall be made to the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County, the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket.
- 19. The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Certificate to the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County and the cities of Goodyear and Avondale.
- 20. Any transfer or assignment of this Certificate shall require the assignee or successor to assume, in writing, all responsibilities of the Applicant listed in this Certificate and its conditions as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.08(A) and R14-3-213(F) of the Arizona Administrative Code.
- 21. In the event the Applicant, its assignee, or successor, seeks to modify the Certificate terms at the Commission, it shall provide copies of such request to the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County, the cities of Goodyear and Avondale, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket.
- 22. The Certificate Conditions shall be binding on the Applicant, its successors, assignee(s) and transferees and any affiliates, agents, or lessees of the Applicant who have a contractual relationship with the Applicant concerning the construction, operation, maintenance or reclamation of the Project. The Applicant shall

provide in any agreement(s) or lease(s) pertaining to the Project that the contracting parties and/or lessee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with the Conditions set forth herein, and the Applicant's responsibilities with respect to compliance with such Conditions shall not cease or be abated by reason of the fact that the Applicant is not in control of or responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project facilities.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Certificate incorporates the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

- 1. The Project aids the state and the southwest region of the United States in meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of electric power.
- 2. The Project aids the state, preserving a safe and reliable electric transmission system.
- 3. During the course of the hearing, the Committee considered evidence on the environmental compatibility on the Project as required by A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq*.
- 4. The Project and the conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate effectively minimize the impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the state.
- 5. The conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate resolve matters concerning balancing the need for the Project with its impact on the environment and ecology of the state arising during the course of the proceedings, and, as such, serve as findings and conclusions on such matters.

6. The Project is in the public interest because the Project's contribution to meeting the need for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power outweighs the minimized impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the state.

DATED this _/4 day of November, 2022.

THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

Paul A. Katz, Chairman

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