

**From:** [Meredith Griffin](#)  
**To:** [Peggy Fry](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Proposed APS Transmission Line  
**Date:** Monday, January 07, 2013 2:09:49 PM

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**From:** Incardine, Joseph [mailto:jincardi@blm.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 04, 2013 12:18 PM  
**To:** Kathleen Depukat; Godfrey, Dennis C; Ellen Carr; Meredith Griffin  
**Subject:** Fwd: Proposed APS Transmission Line

fyi...joe

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**From:** **Incardine, Joseph** <[jincardi@blm.gov](mailto:jincardi@blm.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Jan 4, 2013 at 12:04 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed APS Transmission Line  
**To:** [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** [sunvalley-morgan@blm.gov](mailto:sunvalley-morgan@blm.gov)

[REDACTED], thank you for your comments on the Draft EIS...

Joe

On Fri, Jan 4, 2013 at 11:20 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:  
January 4, 2013

APS Transmission Line Project  
Attention: Joe Incardine, National Project Manager  
BLM Phoenix District Office  
21605 North Seventh Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85207

Dear Mr. Incardine,

I'm writing in support of the Bureau of Land Management's decision to create a utility corridor and utilize SR 74 as the Certified Route in support of APS placing their Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission line along SR 74/Carefree Hwy. THANK YOU for your consideration in keeping the power lines out of Vistancia!

Please see the bulleted points below:

- The Certified Route is fully supported by APS, local residents, city officials, the Arizona Corporation Commissioners and congressional representatives who have all considered alternative routes and deem placement along the north side of SR 74 as the most logical location and one that will least affect families, pristine desert and wildlife.

- Protects current and future home owners south of SR 74 from potential health risks:

The United States National Council on Radiation Protection states, "There is a powerful body of impressive evidence showing that even low exposure to electromagnetic radiation has a long-term effect on health." Some effects listed in the report include sudden infant death, childhood leukemia, changes in brain chemistry, impairment of the immune system and inhibition of melatonin production which suppresses certain cancers. Considering the 500kV lines are the most powerful in existence, this statement is quite alarming.

- Protects property values already negatively impacted by current economic conditions

- Maintaining or allowing for increasing property values will positively affect tax revenues which are currently suffering from current economic conditions

- Protecting property values maintains or increases funding revenue for schools throughout Peoria.

- We want to protect the vitality and future growth of our Master Planned community

- Precedence has been established in placing power lines along transportation corridors such as Loop 303 and I-17

- Power lines along a transportation corridor affects scenic views on a part-time basis; power lines along family communities affects scenic views 100% of the time

- SR 74 is not officially designated as a scenic corridor

- SR 74 is slated to become a major transportation corridor; it seems that utilizing this

area as a transportation/utility corridor would minimize environmental impacts to the area

- Residents in Vistancia, Trilogy and Blackstone enjoy a multitude of wildlife in our community including coyote, javalina, roadrunners, bobcats, wild donkey, quail, rabbits and squirrels – surely alternative alignments in pristine desert will disturb these populations

- Placement of power lines along the north side of SR 74 is supported by Vistancia, Blackstone, and Trilogy residents; City of Peoria officials and staff; Congressman Trent Franks; Congressman Ed Pastor; Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords; Diamond Ventures; Arizona Governor Jan Brewer; Arizona Department of Transportation; Arizona State Land Department; Maricopa County and Maricopa Association of Governments; Cities of Surprise and Buckeye; Saddleback Heights and the Arizona Corporation Commission. Additionally, APS stated they would agree to abide by the certified route as approved by the ACC.

I respectfully request that BLM uphold your Resource Management Plan to allow placement of APS power lines on the north side of SR 74 described as the Certified Route.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping our community healthy and beautiful.

Sincerely,

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