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**Subject:** Please Oppose Siting the Sun Valley to Morgan Transmission Line on Public Lands!  
**To:** [sunvalley-morgan@blm.gov](mailto:sunvalley-morgan@blm.gov)

Feb 4, 2013

Mr. Joe Incardine  
21605 N 7th Ave  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Dear Mr. Incardine,

Please reject siting the proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project on public lands and do not amend the Resource Management Plan to accommodate this siting. The previous location for the line is more appropriate and in the public interest. Siting this line on our public lands north of SR74 is not in the best interests of the public and does not support the mission of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Instead, it primarily benefits one developer, while sacrificing important public resources.

I am disappointed that the BLM's Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is to site this line to the north of State Route 74. The information in the DEIS indicates that this route could have tremendous negative impacts on resources, including on sensitive desert tortoise habitat, recreational opportunities, scenic beauty, and more.

The Resource Management Plan (RMP), which was published only a couple of years ago, determined that a transmission line right-of-way is inappropriate for this area due to the negative impacts it would have. Less than a year after the RMP was finalized, however, a developer began pushing the BLM to change it in order to accommodate this line proposal. The BLM should say no to the developer and continue to manage these lands for their natural resource values.

This alternative will also cost Arizona Public Service Company ratepayers more money. Again, this is to benefit one developer at the expense of the larger public. The Federal Land Management Policy Act mandates that BLM consider what is in the best interest of the public. I urge you to do that.

I strongly recommend that the BLM reject this proposal and maintain that this area is off-limits to transmission lines and other development. Please select the No Action Alternative in the DEIS and do not amend the RMP. Keep our public lands public!

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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