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Proposed APS Sun Valley to Morgan Project  
Attn: Joe Incardine  
BLM Phoenix District Office  
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Phoenix, Arizona 85027

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Dear Mr. Incardine:

The Vistancia, Trilogy and Blackstone communities have a combined final build-out projection of 42,000 people. That is why we are actively supporting the proposed alternative to place the APS 500/250kV power distribution lines along the north side of SR 74 and strongly reject placement along any other route closer to current and future residential communities.

A report by the *United States National Council on Radiation Protection* stated, "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 syndrome, childhood leukemia, changes in brain chemistry which can lead to Alzheimer's Disease, impairment of the immune system and inhibition of melatonin production which suppresses certain cancers, including prostate and breast cancers. Considering the 500kV power distribution lines are the most powerful in existence, these statements are quite alarming. Further, they reported that the "only protection from electromagnetic fields is distance from the source."

I can site many areas in Arizona where property values are less for homes under power lines than homes that are not. One example is Sun City Grand, where homes east of the 303 sell for approximately \$20,000 more than homes on the west side of the 303 that are in sight of the power lines. Plummeting property values due to poor economic conditions have devastated thousands of families in the Valley of the Sun through short sales, foreclosures and bankruptcy. Placement of the APS 500/230kV power lines anywhere but on the north side of SR 74 will further the devastating effect of lower property values for Vistancia, Trilogy and Blackstone residents.

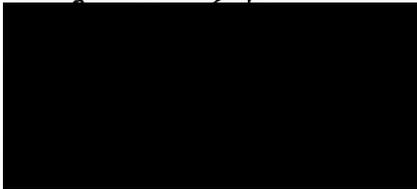
The viability of cities is greatly based on tax revenue coffers that provide essential services to local residents. Just as residential homes are affected, the city coffers will be dramatically lowered through lesser tax revenues. There is no doubt that homes located near power lines have a lower property value. Through the domino effect, schools will be negatively impacted as budget cuts, due to lower tax revenues, are inevitable. Our schools have already suffered severe budget cuts and can't afford to lose more funding.

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. APS representative, Mike DeWitt, stated during a Q&A session at the Kiva Club in Trilogy that the power lines could be placed in front of, behind or on TOP of the beautiful

mountain scenery that frames our community. The fact is, SR 74 is not designated a scenic corridor in Arizona.

The placement of the APS 500/230kV power distribution lines along the north side of SR 74 is supported by APS, local residents, city officials, Arizona Corporation Commissioners and congressional representatives who have all considered alternative routes and deem placement along the north side of SR 74 as the preferred location and one that will least affect families, pristine desert and wildlife. We are proud of the beauty of our state, the beauty of our city and the beauty of our Vistancia, Trilogy and Blackstone communities. We respectfully request that BLM officials amend their Resource Management Plan to allow placement of the APS 500/250kV power distribution lines on the north side of SR 74.

Sincerely,

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