

Mr. Joe Incardine
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Dear Mr. Incardine,

This letter is addressing the change in the siting of the proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project. It was originally to be placed south of SR-74 and this is still the most appropriate siting for this line. However, there are now proposals to site the line north of SR-74 within BLM lands. This has occurred, most assuredly, due to a recent land swap in which one developer will benefit by moving the line north of SR-74 which will keep the line from interfering with property values and development of his newly acquired land south of SR-74.

BLM's Preferred Alternative in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is now to site this line north of SR-74. However, only two years ago, the Resource Management Plan determined that siting the transmission line north of SR-74 was "inappropriate" due to the negative impacts it would have. In addition, your DEIS indicates that this 'northern' route would have negative impacts on resources including sensitive desert tortoise habitat, recreation, scenic beauty and more.

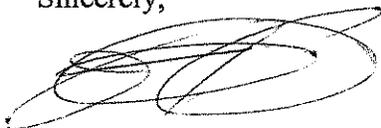
Furthermore, the 'northern' route for the transmission line would increase costs for Arizona Public Service Company rate payers which includes me.

The BLM is mandated to consider and approve what is in the best interest of the public by the Federal Land Management Act. It appears as though the BLM is considering and approving what is in the best interest of a single developer who will substantially gain financially from the proposal. Same old story, same old tune.

In conclusion, I strongly recommend that the BLM maintain the area north of SR-74 as "off-limits" to the proposed transmission line and select the No Action Alternative in the DEIS. Do not amend the RMP and let's keep our public lands controlled by the public.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,



Jack S. Tuber, D.O.