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Date: Fri, Feb 8, 2013 at 5:01 PM
Subject: Letter from the Tucson Hispanic Chamber
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Dear Mr Incardi - Please see our attached letter of support. Thank you -

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Re: Proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project and Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management Plan Amendment, Maricopa County, Arizona

Bill Addison
*Evergreen Mortuary,
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Dear Mr. Incardine,

Glenn Hamer
*Arizona Chamber of
Commerce*

We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Proposed Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project (Transmission line) in Maricopa County, Arizona, and Possible Bradshaw-Harquahala Resource Management Plan Amendment (BRMPA). We appreciate the ability to weigh in from our perspective. The Utility Industry represents significant contributions to the Arizona economy as well as substantial direct and indirect employment.

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We are writing in support of the BLM's selection of APS' Proposed Action/ Electric Transmission ROW Application as the BLM Agency Preferred Alternative in the DEIS. Amendments to BLM's Bradshaw Harquahala Resource Management Plan which support co-location of utility rights-of-way in designated corridors are appropriate. We appreciate BLM lands being utilized for utility rights-of-way.

President/CEO

Lea Marquez Peterson, MBA

The majority of lands in Arizona are held by government agencies, which create dispersed population areas which need water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, communication, rail, and transportation utilities. All public and private utility providers are faced with the challenge of obtaining rights-of-way. Any action which facilitates and expedites right-of-way approval on public land; federal, state or local increases timely and efficient utility service delivery.

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APS' Proposed Action for an electric transmission ROW, is not a new disturbance, but an additional and co-located ROW within an established and Designated BLM Corridor¹. This use is in accord to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA)² to locate the ROW uses in conformance with land-use plans.

A shared corridor with adjacent transportation and utility ROW is an industry standard and diverging from such limits our industry growth potential and velocity due to unnecessary delays. Any delay with essential utility infrastructure will have cumulative effects on an overall project's timeline, development and expansion of utility companies' service area and accompanying customer base.

Federal guidance found in *43 USC 1763 Right-of-Way; criteria and procedures applicable for designation* supports the utilization of rights-of-way in common to minimize adverse environmental impacts and the proliferation of separate rights-of-way. The current and potential future utilization of BLM's one-mile wide Designated Corridor along State Route 74 permits compatible and adjacent rights of way. Pursuant to 43 USC 1763, BLM's acceptance of APS' ROW Application/Proposed Action appropriately considers State land use policy, environmental quality, economic efficiency, national security, safety, and good engineering and technological practices. It further states that any existing transportation and utility corridors may be designated as transportation and utility corridors pursuant to this subsection without further review.

We hope the BLM will conclude this DEIS, Final EIS and Record of Decision with the decision to select the Proposed Action as the Agency Preferred Alternative. We have seen how government support and market forces have provided a growth in domestic jobs, taxable revenues and economic development through the expansion of our utility infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lea Marquez Peterson".

Lea Marquez Peterson, MBA, IOM
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Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

¹ In Section 1.5.2 the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Transportation Plan (MAG2010); MAG Interstate 10-Hassayampa Valley Transportation Framework study (MAG 2007); and the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) SR-74 Final Feasibility Right-of-way Preservation Report (ADOT 2011) were included within the APS Sun Valley to Morgan 500/230kV Transmission Line Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement

² 43 USC § 1761

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