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Subject: Proposed route of APS lines through BLM lands

Arizona Public Service (APS) has proposed building a 38-mile-long, overhead transmission line from the Morgan Substation near Peoria to the planned Sun Valley Substation near northern Buckeye. Within this project, approximately 7 miles will traverse land owned by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) along SR 74.

APS filed an application with the BLM for a right-of-way grant to construct the overhead transmission lines over BLM lands. As part of this process, BLM has conducted an environmental study and released a final Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and a Preferred Alternatives Statement in November 2012.

The DEIS shows the Preferred Alternative location for the APS lines along the NORTH side of SR 74, consistent with the Peoria City Council's long-standing position, dating back to 2008.

Here are the oft cited reasons for the North side of SR 74

- * Visual impacts. If they put the lines on the Carefree Highway alignment, they will be visible from Trilogy and many parts of Vistancia.
- * State Route 74 is already designated as a transportation corridor. It makes sense to place power lines along an existing transportation corridor.
- * SR 74 is scheduled by ADOT to be expanded into a 6 lane highway. It will have 1,000 feet on each side of the road scraped for right-of-way. The APS lines would be installed adjacent to that 1,000 foot right-of-way.
- * The PROPOSED ALTERNATIVE is supported by our Federal delegation, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), Maricopa County, City of Peoria and many other stakeholders.

- * To build high-powered transmission lines through native desert is not environmentally reasonable.
- * The route along the north side of SR 74 was proposed by the Arizona State Line Siting Committee and then approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission.
- * The Environmental Impact Study is supposed to take into account other governmental entities and their general plans. Anything other than the proposed route is not compatible with the City of Peoria's General Plan and future developments along the south side of SR 74.
- * Environmentalists can identify the north side of SR 74 as the southern boundary of BLM land, visually pronouncing that the BLM land to the north will be protected for generations to come.
- * We as citizens have participated for the past 3 years in the public process and now BLM has identified and supports the proposed alternative route, the route we, the Red Shirt Brigade, support.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the proposed easement.

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