

Bureau of Land Management and Western Area Power Administration  
**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS**



**SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

Southline Transmission, LLC, submitted an application for right-of-way across Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in Arizona and New Mexico, along with a Plan of Development and an interconnection request to Western Area Power Administration (Western) to construct, operate, and maintain an electric transmission line. The proposed transmission line would consist of two segments: (1) 205 miles of new double circuit 345-kilovolt transmission line linking substations at Afton (south of Las Cruces, New Mexico) and Apache (south of Willcox, Arizona) and (2) upgrade and rebuild approximately 120 miles of existing 115-kilovolt line to a double circuit 230-kilovolt line between the Apache and Saguaro substations (northwest of Tucson, Arizona).

The BLM has determined that this is a major Federal action that requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and Council on Environmental Quality implementing regulations.

The BLM and Western seek comments on the proposed Southline Transmission Line Project located in New Mexico and Arizona. The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on April 4, 2012, formally initiating a 60-day comment period which will close June 4, 2012. The comments will be considered in drafting an environmental impact statement.

Six open house public meetings are scheduled in May. Representatives from BLM, Western, and Southline, LLC, will be present to answer

questions. Comment forms will be available at each meeting.

Comments may also be submitted in writing to Southline Transmission Line Project, Attn: Frances Martinez, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3371. All comments must be postmarked by June 4, 2012. For more information regarding the public scoping meetings or the proposed Project, contact Tom Hurshman, 970-240-5345.

**MEETING LOCATIONS**

**Las Cruces, NM**  
**May 8, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Days Inn & Suites  
 Mesilla Valley Hotel  
 901 Avenida de Mesilla  
 Las Cruces, NM 88005

**Willcox, AZ**  
**May 15, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Quality Inn Willcox  
 1100 W. Rex Allen Dr.  
 Willcox, AZ 85643

**Deming, NM**  
**May 9, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Mimbres Valley  
 Special Events Center  
 2300 E. Pine St.  
 Deming, NM 88030

**Benson, AZ**  
**May 16, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Benson High School  
 360 S. Patagonia St.  
 Benson, AZ 85602

**Lordsburg, NM**  
**May 10, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Dugan-Tarango Middle School  
 1352 Hardin  
 Lordsburg, NM 88045

**Tucson, AZ**  
**May 17, 2012**  
 5:30pm - 8:00pm  
 Palo Verde High Magnet School  
 1302 S. Avenida Vega  
 Tucson, AZ 85710



If you require special accommodations for the meeting, please contact Ellen Carr at Galileo Project, LLC, by e-mail [Ellen.Carr@galileoaz.com](mailto:Ellen.Carr@galileoaz.com), by telephone 480-629-4705, or by fax 480-629-5978.