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Utilities Division-Docket Control Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007-2927

Re: Docket No. L-00000C-II-0400-00164, line siting case 164

Dear Chairman Foreman and Members of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Siting Committee,

As the current permitee and legislatively mandated manager of the Santa Rita Experimental Range, we have closely examined the Preferred and Alternative Routes for the proposed Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project.

After careful consideration we have concluded that the proposed "Preferred Route and Alternative I" are the most reasonable and acceptable routes. This routing will not significantly change existing conditions within the Range, or adversely impact the Range facilities or its operations.

We find alternative routes 2, 3 and 4 unacceptable primarily because of Link 120 which would negatively impact four (4) long-term repeat photography locations, five (5) long-term study areas, twenty (20) long-term permanent vegetation transects, one (1) long-term livestock exclosure area and one (1) livestock watering facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed Transmission Line Project.

Sincerely,

Colin Kaltenbach, PhD Vice Dean and Director

c: Ed Beck, TEP