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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION, L.L.C., IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE NON-WAPA-OWNED ARIZONA PORTIONS OF THE SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, INCLUDING A NEW APPROXIMATELY 66-MILE 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE IN COCHISE COUNTY FROM THE ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO BORDER TO THE PROPOSED SOUTHLINE APACHE SUBSTATION, THE ASSOCIATED FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE SOUTHLINE APACHE SUBSTATION TO THE ADJACENT AEP CO APACHE SUBSTATION, AND APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES OF NEW 138-KV AND 230-KV TRANSMISSION LINES AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE EXISTING PANTANO, VAIL, DEMOSS PETRIE, AND TORTOLITA SUBSTATIONS TO THE UPGRADED WAPA-OWNED 230-KV APACHE-TUCSON AND TUCSON-SAGUARO TRANSMISSION LINES IN PIMA AND PINAL COUNTIES.

Docket No. L-00000AAA-16-0370-000173  
Case No. 173

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the application of Southline Transmission, L.L.C. (“Southline”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of the non-WAPA owned portion of the Southline Transmission Project (the “Project”) in Arizona. The Arizona portion of

1 the Project for which a CEC is sought includes: (i) approximately 66 miles of New  
2 Build Section 345-kV double-circuit transmission line that would run from the  
3 Arizona-New Mexico State Line to the proposed Southline Apache Substation and  
4 less than one mile of 115-kV or 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities that  
5 would connect the proposed Southline Apache Substation to the adjacent existing  
6 Arizona Electric Power Cooperatives (“AEPCO”) Apache Substation (collectively the  
7 “CEC New Build Route”); and (ii) approximately 5 miles of new non-federally-  
8 owned 138-kV and 230-kV transmission lines and associated facilities that would  
9 interconnect the upgraded Western Area Power Administration (“WAPA”) 230-kV  
10 Apache-Tucson and Tucson-Saguaro transmission lines to four existing substations  
11 owned and operated by other Arizona load-serving utilities: (a) approximately one  
12 mile of 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect the AEPCO  
13 Pantano Substation; (b) approximately two miles of 230-kV transmission line and  
14 associated facilities to interconnect the Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP”) Vail  
15 Substation; (c) less than one mile of 138-kV transmission line and associated facilities  
16 to interconnect the TEP DeMoss Petrie Substation; and (d) approximately 1.5 miles of  
17 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect the TEP Tortolita  
18 Substation (collectively the “CEC Upgrade Route”).

19 The hearing will commence at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church  
20 Ave., Tucson, AZ 85701, on November 29, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue on  
21 November 30, 2016 through December 2, 2016, as necessary, beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
22 on each day, unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken, it will begin on December 1,  
23 2016, at 8:00 a.m. or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the  
24 Committee (“Chairman”).

25 The hearing will thereafter commence at the Willcox Community Center, 312  
26 W. Stewart St., Willcox, AZ 85463, on December 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., and will  
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1 continue on December 6, 2016 through December 9, 2016, as necessary, beginning at  
2 9:00 a.m. on each day unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken, it will begin on  
3 December 6, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman.

4 Additional hearing days, as necessary, will be held on December 12, 2016  
5 through December 16, 2016, at the Tucson Convention Center, 260 S. Church Ave.,  
6 Tucson, AZ 85701, beginning at 9:00 am on each day. If the hearing dates in Tucson  
7 on December 12 through 16 are necessary, or if any other revisions to the hearing  
8 schedule are necessary, it will be noticed on the Project website at:  
9 <http://www.southlinetransmissionproject.com>, and on the Arizona Corporation  
10 Commission website at: [http://azcc.gov/AZ\\_Power\\_Plant/linesiting-calendar.asp](http://azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/linesiting-calendar.asp).

11 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN SPECIAL EVENING**  
12 **SESSIONS ON NOVEMBER 29, 2016, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE**  
13 **TUCSON CONVENTION CENTER, AND ON DECEMBER 5, 2016,**  
14 **BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE WILLCOX COMMUNITY CENTER.**  
15 **PUBLIC COMMENT ALSO MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF**  
16 **EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING,**  
17 **AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.**

18 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to  
19 be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time,  
20 and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted  
21 Project website and the Arizona Corporation Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE**  
22 **OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED**  
23 **NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

24 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area. The map and itinerary  
25 of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website.  
26 Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the  
27 Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning where the stops are  
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1 located, what is visible at the stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the  
2 Application and Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the  
3 Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will  
4 record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.

5 Copies of the Application, containing detailed maps of the Project site and  
6 detailed information about the proposed facilities, and prehearing and hearing  
7 transcripts will be available for inspection at the following locations:

- 8 • Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix  
9 Office, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 10 • Arizona Corporation Commission Tucson Office, 400 West Congress  
11 Street, #221, Tucson, AZ 85701
- 12 • Elsie S. Hogan Community Library, 100 North Curtis Avenue, Willcox,  
13 AZ 85643
- 14 • Benson Public Library, 300 South Huachuca Street, Benson AZ 85602
- 15 • The Project website: <http://www.southlinetransmissionproject.com>

16 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project  
17 that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than 10 days before  
18 November 29, 2016, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of  
19 Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,  
20 AZ 85007.

21 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part  
22 to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health  
23 or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests;  
24 to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development  
25 of the area in which the Project is located that desires to become a party to the  
26 proceedings shall, not less than 10 days before November 29, 2016, file a Notice of  
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1 Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation  
2 Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

3 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make  
4 other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance  
5 at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona  
6 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less  
7 than five days before November 29, 2016. A person making a limited appearance will  
8 not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

9 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) 40-360 to  
10 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No  
11 substantive communication not in the public record may be made to any member of  
12 the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the  
13 Arizona Corporation Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person  
14 intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the Arizona Corporation  
15 Commission must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

16 ORDERED this **18th** day of October, 2016.

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18 */s/ Thomas K. Chenal*  
19 Thomas K. Chenal, Chairman  
20 Arizona Power Plant and  
21 Transmission Line Siting Committee  
22 Assistant Attorney General  
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