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Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

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PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

November 17, 2010

5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

(including presentation and question-and-answer session 6:30-7:00 p.m.)

**Rancho Resort Clubhouse
15900 South Rancho Resort Boulevard
Sahuarita, Arizona 85629**



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Project Newsletter #4 November 2010

Project Update

This newsletter provides an update on Tucson Electric Power's (TEP) plan to provide power to Rosemont Copper Company's proposed mining operations in the Santa Rita Mountains southeast of Tucson.

TEP is planning to build a 138 kilovolt (kV) line to provide power for the long-term operation of Rosemont's facilities. This transmission line would link the planned Rosemont Substation to a proposed switchyard tied to TEP's 138kV transmission system.

The final route for the 138kV line could incorporate the initial power line and electrical facilities needed to provide power to build Rosemont's facilities. Rosemont also has informed TEP that it might make other arrangements for securing construction power.

TEP has identified a preferred route and four alternative routes for the project that may be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The routes, which are shown on a map in this newsletter, were chosen from among 11 potential routes contained in 3 route families. A map of those routes was included in the previous project newsletter, distributed in March 2010, and was presented at public open house meetings held April 13 and 14, 2010 (this map is still available on the project website).

Each route would link a proposed 138kV switchyard/substation and the proposed Rosemont Substation. The preferred and alternative routes were selected based on agency and public comment and additional analysis that included overall environmental compatibility, engineering, construction concerns, and Rosemont's operating needs. Each analysis considered and compared details (e.g., ease of access, proximity to linear features, etc.) of the alternative route families that could minimize potential environmental impacts and accommodate the construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed project. **Please note that all alternative routes are conceptual and may be modified**

based on additional agency, stakeholder, and public input, as well as engineering and design considerations.

The alternative routes TEP may carry forward would generally follow the path of a proposed water pipeline or replace the existing 46kV line with new facilities that could accommodate both the 46kV line and the proposed 138kV line. Since a majority of the routes would be co-located with these facilities, ground disturbance and impacts to resources would be reduced.

Project Schedule

TEP plans to apply for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) from the ACC in the first quarter of 2011. The application will be reviewed by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee. This committee is responsible for making recommendations to the ACC, which will issue a final decision on the project. All hearings before the committee and ACC are open to the public and will be announced on the TEP and ACC websites.

Public Participation

TEP invites you to attend a public open house meeting on November 17, 2010, at the Rancho Resort Clubhouse, 15900 South Rancho Resort Boulevard in Sahuarita from 5:30-8:00 p.m., to review the preferred and alternative routes that may be carried forward into the CEC application. A brief presentation will be given at 6:30 p.m. You may use this opportunity to view the alternative routes, talk individually with project team members, and offer feedback. In addition to the public open house, comments will be accepted through the online comment form or by telephone, until December 6. More opportunities for public participation will be offered at the hearings held by the siting committee, including a public comment period on the first day of hearings (date to be determined). TEP's project website (www.tep.com/company/news/rosemont) will provide information on future opportunities for public participation.

Contact Information

To offer comments or request additional information about this project, please call the toll-free project telephone line at (866) 632-5944, or visit the TEP website, www.tep.com/company/news/rosemont.

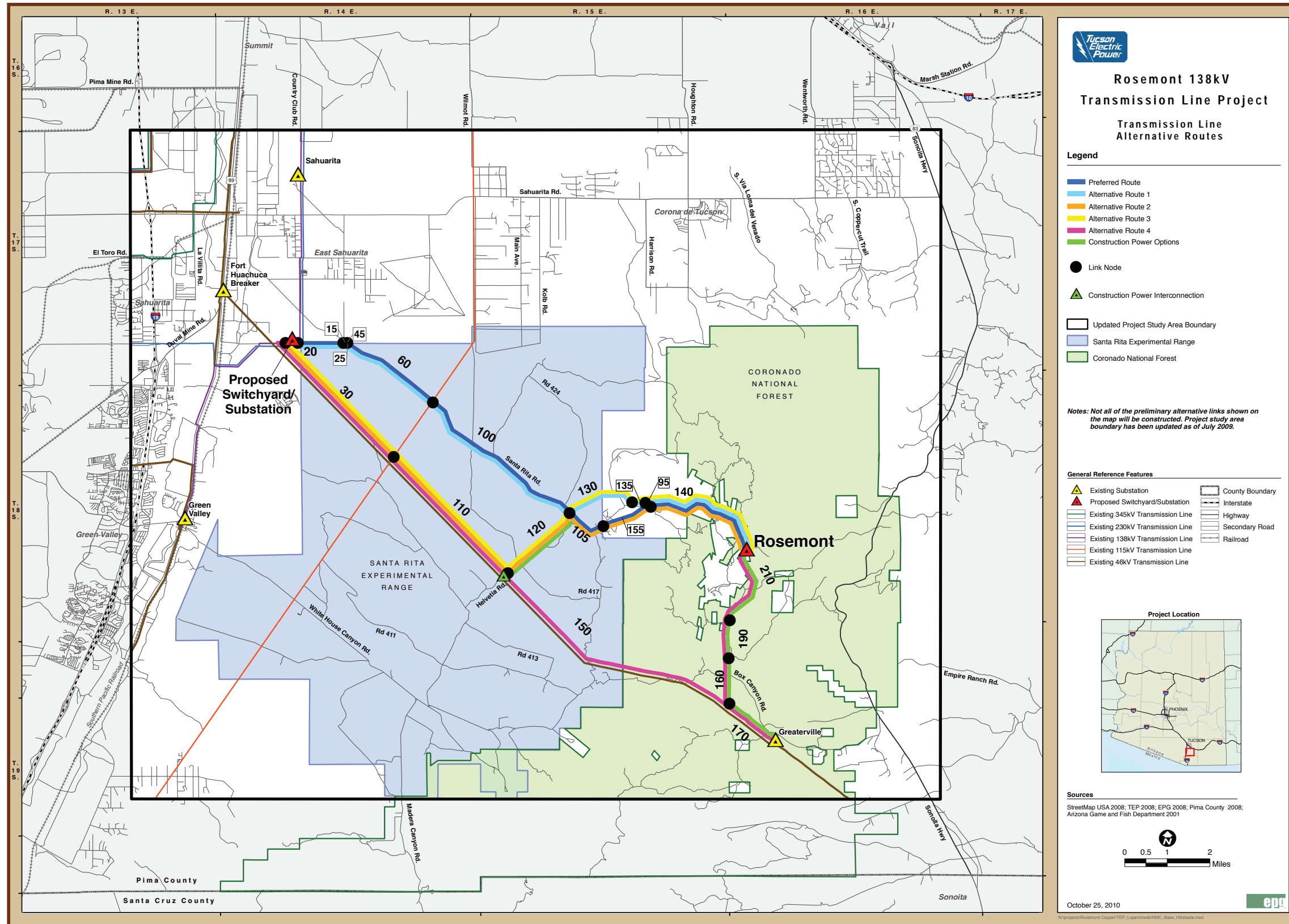
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PLANNING PROCESS	TASK 1 Siting Criteria, Define Study Area, and Secondary Data Collection	TASK 2 Opportunities/Constraints Analysis and Link Alternatives Identification	TASK 3 Detailed Inventory and Link Alternatives Assessment	TASK 4 Route Alternatives Selection and Resource Surveys	TASK 5 Preparation and Filing of CEC Application	TASK 6 CEC Hearings
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community leader and elected official briefings Project fact sheet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletters #1 and #2 Public open house meetings #1 and #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletters #3 and #4 Public open house meetings #3 and #4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public hearings before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee and ACC
ESTIMATED TIMELINE	2008 - 1 st Quarter 2009	1 st - 3 rd Quarter 2009	3 rd - 4 th Quarter 2009	4 th Quarter 2009 - 4 th Quarter 2010	4 th - 1 st Quarter 2011	1 st Quarter 2011

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