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Rosemont 138kV Transmission Line Project

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Project Update

This newsletter is the fifth in a series regarding Tucson Electric Power's (TEP) plan to build a 138 kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the proposed Toro Switchyard, southeast of Interstate 19 and Sahuarita Road, and the Rosemont Substation within the Rosemont operations area in the Santa Rita Mountains southeast of Tucson. The new line will provide power to Rosemont Copper Company's proposed mining operations. TEP requires approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) in order to build and operate the proposed line.

Alternative Transmission Line Routes

Since the mailing of the last newsletter in November 2010, a preferred route and four alternative routes were identified and presented at the public meeting held on November 17, 2010. Rosemont determined that a separate construction power line is not needed as part of the overall transmission project to bring power to the Rosemont operations site; therefore, construction power options have been dropped. The preferred and alternative routes were selected based on agency and public comments; environmental, engineering, and construction factors; and Rosemont's operating needs. These routes are shown on the map inside.

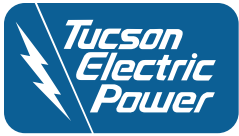
Project Schedule

TEP has filed a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) application with the ACC. The CEC application includes the preferred and four alternative routes for review by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee), which is responsible for making recommendations to the ACC. The ACC will issue a final decision on the project.

A copy of the CEC application is available for review on the project website (www.tep.com/company/news/rosemont) and at the following locations:

- *Joel D. Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701*
- *Joyner – Green Valley Branch Library, 601 N. La Canada Drive, Green Valley, Arizona 85614*
- *Sahuarita Library, 725 W. Via Rancho Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629*
- *Miller – Golf Links Library, 9640 E. Golf Links Road, Tucson, Arizona 85730*
- *Sonoita Library, 3147 Arizona Hwy 83, Sonoita, Arizona 85637*
- *Tubac Community Library, 50 Bridge Road, Tubac, Arizona 85640*
- *Rio Rico Public Library, 1060 Yavapai Drive, Rio Rico, Arizona 85648*
- *Patagonia Public Library, 342 Duquesne Avenue, Patagonia, Arizona 85624*
- *Nogales-Rochlin Public Library, 518 North Grand Avenue, Nogales, Arizona 85621*

All hearings before the Committee and ACC are open to the public and will be announced on the TEP and ACC websites. The first hearing of the Committee will be held December 12, 2011, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Tucson Airport - North – 4550 South Palo Verde Road, Tucson, Arizona 85714. Additional hearing days have been scheduled for December 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2011, as needed.



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Public Hearing Notice

The public is invited to participate in a public hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

Holiday Inn Tucson Airport - North
4550 South Palo Verde Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

December 12, 2011 - 9:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. – Public Comment Session

December 13, 2011

The hearing will continue, if necessary, at 9:00 a.m. If a tour is taken, the tour will take place starting at 8:00 a.m. with the hearing continuing upon the conclusion of the tour.

December 14, 15, 16, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. (as needed)



Contact Information

To 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.

Please note that all alternative routes are conceptual and may be modified based on engineering and design considerations.

