BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE AEROSPACE RESEARCH CAMPUS (ARC) TRANSMISSION PROJECT FOR A NEW SEGMENT OF 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND A PROPOSED SWITCHYARD. THE TRANSMISSION LINE WOULD BIFURCATE THE APPLICANT'S EXISTING SONORAN TO SOUTH 138 KV CIRCUIT (SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST) AND LOOP INTO THE PROPOSED FRANCO WASH SWITCHYARD (SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 14 EAST). THE PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINE AND SWITCHYARD WOULD BE LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY.

Docket No. L-00000C-23-0284-00227 Case No. 227 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the Application of Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to authorize construction the Aerospace Research Campus Transmission Project ("Project").

The Project will consist of building a new, single-circuit 138 kV transmission line approximately 3 miles in length, to loop the existing TEP 138 kV system to the planned 138 kV Franco Wash Switchyard in Tucson, Pima County, Arizona. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

The hearing will be held at the DoubleTree Suites Tucson Airport, 7051 S. Tucson Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85756. **The hearing will begin on Monday, December 4, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue, as necessary, on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at: tep.com/aerospaceresearch-campus/, and on the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") website at: azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/ meeting-schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE DOUBLETREE SUITES TUCSON AIRPORT, 7051 S. TUCSON BLVD, TUCSON, AZ 85756. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE.

• Pima County Public Library – Sahuarita Library, 670 Sahuarita Rd, Sahuarita, AZ 85629

The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project are located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to

At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project website at tep.com/aerospace-research-campus/. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project website and the Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

No tour is planned at this time. If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project and Commission websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

Maps of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- The Project website: <u>tep.com/aerospace-research-campus/</u>
- Pima County Public Library Tucson Valencia Library, 202 W. Valencia Rd., Tucson, AZ 85706

the Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

ORDERED this 24th day of October, 2023.

Adam Stafford, Chairman Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Assistant Attorney General

Exhibit A



