



**BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

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Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF SALT RIVER SALT RIVER PROJECT )  
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT & )  
POWER DISTRICT IN CONFORMANCE )  
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF )  
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, )  
SECTION 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A )  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING )  
CONSTRUCTION OF A 230KV DOUBLE- )  
CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE )  
ORIGINATING AT THE PLANNED AND )  
PERMITTED RS-17 SUBSTATION, NEAR )  
JUDD AND ATTAWAY ROADS IN PINAL )  
COUNTY, TO THE PLANNED AND )  
PERMITTED RS-17 SUBSTATION, )  
ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING MOODY )  
SUBSTATION, LOCATED NEAR PECOS )  
AND RECKER ROADS, IN THE TOWN OF )  
GILBERT, MARICOPA COUNTY, )  
ARIZONA, AND INCLUDING A NEW )  
230/69KV SUBSTATION NEAR THE )  
INTERSECTION OF COMBS AND )  
MERIDIAN ROADS, IN OR ADJACENT TO )  
THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK, )  
ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. L-00000B-09-0311-00148  
**DECISION NO. 77770**  
**ORDER AMENDING DECISION NO. 71441**

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Open Meeting  
September 22 and 23, 2020  
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

**Background**

1. On December 23, 2009, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission")

1 issued Decision No. 71441 (Docket No. L-00000B-09-0311-00148), which granted the Certificate  
2 of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) issued by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line  
3 Siting Committee (“Siting Committee”) for Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power  
4 District’s (“SRP” or “Company”) 20 mile double-circuit 230 Kilo-Volt (“kV”) transmission line and  
5 regional 230/69 kV substation (“Project”).

6       2.       On August 27, 2020, SRP filed a request for modification to the order approving the  
7 CEC pursuant to Decision No. 71441, that required SRP to finish construction of the substation and  
8 transmission line facilities by December 23, 2021. SRP states in the request, that the Project is still  
9 needed but is seeking an extension in order to avoid incurring costs before they are necessary. In  
10 addition, SRP does not anticipate needing the Regional 230/69kV Substation (“RS-24” or “Pfister  
11 Substation”), which is included within the CEC for some time, but that it will be needed in the future.  
12 SRP requests a five-year extension for the 230kV transmission line and 15-year extension for the  
13 Pfister Substation to December 23, 2026, and December 23, 2036, respectively.

#### 14 **Staff Analyses and Recommendations**

15       3.       Staff has reviewed Decision No. 71441 and the Company’s request for an extension  
16 of time for construction of the Pfister Substation. The Project, which was originally intended to  
17 procure new generation sources, has not yet been needed due to SRP acquiring several existing  
18 independently owned power generation facilities which allowed the Company to cut costs that would  
19 have been required for construction. While additional time to construct the Project has been  
20 requested, SRP has stated the Project is still necessary. Throughout the past decade, the Company  
21 has focused on developing a significant amount of new renewable generation resources. SRP now  
22 plans to utilize the Project to access these renewable generation resources in order to meet SRP’s  
23 2035 Sustainability goals. SRP also states that the Project is necessary in order to increase the  
24 reliability and performance of the regional high-voltage system for the planned development in the  
25 region, such as the recently approved Southeast Power Link in Mesa.

26       4.       Staff concludes that SRP’s extension request is timely, reasonable and in the public  
27 interest. Therefore, Staff recommends that the deadline to complete the construction of the  
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1 transmission line and substation be extended by five years and 15 years, respectively, to December  
2 23, 2026, and December 23, 2036.

3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter contained herein pursuant  
5 to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-252 and 40-360 *et seq.*

6 2. Notice of the proceeding has been given in the manner provided by law.

7 3. The Commission having reviewed and considered the motion to extend the time  
8 limitation set forth in Decision No. 71441 and the Staff Memorandum, concludes that it is in the  
9 public interest to extend the time limitation contained in Decision No. 71441.

10 ORDER

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Decision No. 71441 is hereby amended to extend the  
12 term of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility originally issued to Salt River Project  
13 Agricultural Improvement and Power District by five years to December 23, 2026 for the 230kV  
14 transmission line and 15 years to December 23, 2036 for the Regional 230/69kV Substation.

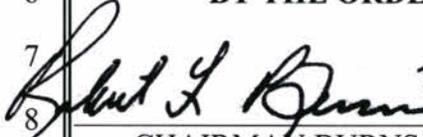
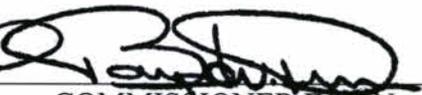
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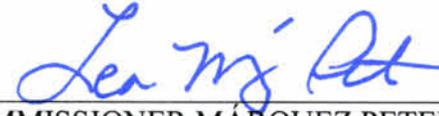
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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other aspects of Decision No. 71441 shall remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

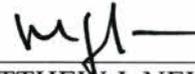
**BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

		
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COMMISSIONER OLSON	COMMISSIONER MARQUEZ PETERSON



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MATTHEW J. NEUBERT, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 22 day of October, 2020.

  
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MATTHEW J. NEUBERT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DISSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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