

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND  
2 TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE  
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4	IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	DOCKET NO.
	APPLICATION OF SALT RIVER	)	L-00000B-21-0322-00195
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9	CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD	)	
	DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230 KV	)	
10	TRANSMISSION LINE FROM THE	)	
	EXISTING HENSHAW SUBSTATION TO)		
11	INTEL'S OCOTILLO CAMPUS, A NEW)		
	RS-28 SUBSTATION TO BE	)	
12	CONSTRUCTED ON INTEL'S	)	
	OCOTILLO CAMPUS, AND AN	)	
13	OVERHEAD TRANSITION CORRIDOR	)	
	AT THE EXISTING SCHRADER	)	
14	SUBSTATION, ALL WITHIN THE	)	
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and  
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before  
3 the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting  
4 Committee in Phoenix, Arizona, commencing at 4:04 p.m.  
5 on the 8th of September, 2021, with all participants  
6 appearing via videoconference.

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1 CHMN. CHENAL: This is the time set for the  
2 prefiling conference for the SRP High-Tech  
3 Interconnection Project.

4 May I have appearances, please.

5 MR. DERSTINE: I'll start. Matt Derstine on  
6 behalf of Salt River Project.

7 And I'll let the -- all the folks from SRP  
8 state their own appearances. I know there's a lot of  
9 faces on the Facebook, but it's good to let you know  
10 who all we have.

11 MR. HEIM: I'll go next. Zack Heim,  
12 representing SRP. I'm the director of transmission  
13 line design, construction, and maintenance, and also  
14 the project manager responsible for siting this  
15 project.

16 MS. RAMALEY: And I am Karilee Ramaley. I'm  
17 in-house legal counsel supporting this project.

18 MR. ROBERTSON: Josh Robertson, director of  
19 regulatory policy and public involvement for SRP,  
20 supporting this project as well.

21 MR. TARANGO: Manny Tarango, senior policy  
22 analyst with SRP. I also work with Josh and the rest  
23 of the team.

24 MR. FELIX: David Felix, SRP, manager of  
25 regulatory policy. And I am calling in as well, so

1 that's why you see that phone on the screen as well.

2 MS. MASER: Michele Maser, senior legal tech  
3 at SRP.

4 MR. CRITZ: And I'm Will Critz, regulatory  
5 policy analyst.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: I think that's everyone.

7 Also, Paul Katz is -- you'll see his pretty  
8 face in one of the Hollywood Squares boxes. As you  
9 know, I'll be retiring October 1st. So, Mr. Katz, I  
10 should call him Chairman Katz, will be handling this  
11 case. So I'm going to actually -- when we talk about  
12 dates, I want to make sure the dates are consistent  
13 with his schedule.

14 But let's just do our normal kind of  
15 run-through of this and get kind of a little background  
16 on what the project is again. I know we've talked  
17 about it previously, but this is an opportunity for the  
18 Committee, they read these transcripts, and it will  
19 give them an opportunity to know something about this  
20 project before it comes to them for a hearing.

21 MR. DERSTINE: I think Mr. Heim is going to  
22 walk you through the project, Chairman.

23 I see that Antonio Arias is on as well. I  
24 don't know, do you want to state your appearance?

25 CHMN. CHENAL: Sorry, Mr. Arias. I do see

1 you now. I'm sorry I missed you.

2 MR. ARIAS: It's okay, Chairman. Antonio  
3 Arias on behalf of the Arizona Corporation Commission.  
4 With me today is also Stephen Emedi and Katie Ust. I  
5 apologize if I did not get your name right there. But  
6 we're here just to listen in. Thank you, Chairman.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: You bet.

8 MR. HEIM: David, I think you were -- were  
9 you the one sharing the screen?

10 MR. DERSTINE: Or Michele.

11 MS. MASER: Give me one second.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: And Kenda, just while we're  
13 waiting, I just wanted to tell you, I've heard it way  
14 too many times and I certainly was sick and tired of  
15 seeing that stuff hour after hour after hour. How can  
16 you take it? It just was difficult for me.

17 MS. POLLIO: I won't end the meeting with  
18 that. I'll not do that while -- after Zack finishes  
19 his presentation, that will not be my applaud.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: Thank you.

21 MR. HEIM: All right. So I'll kick us off  
22 with a little bit of a description of the project. So  
23 a long, long time ago, back in March of 2021, it feels  
24 like maybe an eternity ago, but Intel announced the  
25 expansion of their Ocotillo campus. And so to orient

1 everybody on this map, what you're seeing is kind of  
2 the south Chandler area. And in the lower left corner,  
3 the southwest corner, highlighted in yellow, is Intel's  
4 Ocotillo campus. And so that's located at -- it  
5 crosses many streets, but the main would be the  
6 intersection of Dobson Road and Ocotillo Road.

7           And with their expansion, they're planning to  
8 add two new fabrication facilities for the next  
9 generation of semiconductors at their site, and so  
10 "fabs" for short. And so that would be a significant  
11 amount of load that they're adding to their campus. We  
12 expect that that new amount of load will be on the  
13 order of about 630 megawatts of total capacity to serve  
14 the campus. They're presently served from SRP's 69 kV  
15 network, so we have four 69 kV lines serving two  
16 substations on their campus today. But with the  
17 magnitude of new load at the campus, we're no longer  
18 able to support that using just the 69 kV system.

19           And so the next option is to serve them with  
20 our 230 kV system, and the way we need to do that is to  
21 connect them with two of our existing 230 kV  
22 substations. The first one is the Henshaw substation,  
23 so that's located directly north of the Ocotillo campus  
24 highlighted there at Point H1. It's roughly at the  
25 intersection of Germann Road and Price Road in south



1 Chandler. SRP just finished construction of that  
2 substation, actually, back in April of 2021.

3 And the first phase of the project would be  
4 to connect them with a double-circuit overhead line  
5 from Henshaw down the Old Price Road alignment and then  
6 on to the Ocotillo campus to that Point H2 that you're  
7 seeing there to the south.

8 From there, Intel is funding an underground  
9 230 kV line from H2 over to the new 230 kV substation  
10 that will be located on their campus, referred to here  
11 as RS-28.

12 And then continuing to the east, we'll have  
13 another double-circuit 230 kV line that makes its way  
14 through Chandler along surface streets. So we'll be  
15 going through some residential -- not quite  
16 residential, but kind of major roadways within some  
17 substations, and then on -- within subdivisions, and  
18 then on to Alma School Road and Chandler Heights  
19 underground until we intersect with the Union Pacific  
20 Railroad, which is the point that you're seeing SP-2 or  
21 SA-2 kind of in the southern part of the map right  
22 there.

23 And from there, we need to site another  
24 double-circuit overhead line along the railroad  
25 corridor approximately .8 miles to the north to connect

1 with our existing Schrader substation, which is located  
2 roughly at the Union Pacific Railroad and Ocotillo  
3 Road, which you kind of see there at the kind of  
4 southeast section of the map.

5 In both cases where we're siting overhead  
6 lines, we worked with the City of Chandler to meet some  
7 criteria they had to really minimize the introduction  
8 of new overhead transmission lines where they don't  
9 already exist. And so the overhead segments that we're  
10 proposing for this project are areas where SRP has  
11 existing 69 kV lines. So we have a double-circuit  
12 69 kV line extending between Henshaw and Intel today.  
13 And similarly, we have an existing double-circuit 69 kV  
14 line that parallels the Union Pacific Railroad tracks  
15 north and south from the Schrader substation down to  
16 Chandler Heights as well.

17 We're proposing two alternatives to the  
18 overhead route along the Union Pacific Railroad. The  
19 preferred alternative is to go along the west side of  
20 the railroad tracks. The reason that we're using that  
21 as our preferred alternative is that's where our  
22 existing 69 kV line is located. And so we would  
23 rebuild that existing 69 kV line to be part of the  
24 proposed 230 kV line in an underbuilt position, so in  
25 that way we're not adding a new overhead line to that

1 corridor. And based on our preliminary design  
2 information, we think that the longer spans we could  
3 build with the 230 line would actually reduce the  
4 number of poles in that corridor by about half when you  
5 compare it to the existing 69 kV line.

6 The alternative that we're proposing is to  
7 build the new double-circuit 230 kV line on the east  
8 side of the railroad tracks. In that case, the  
9 existing 69 kV line would remain in place and we would  
10 have a parallel 230 kV line on the east side of the  
11 corridor. The advantage to that approach, or how some  
12 folks may view that as an advantage, is that because  
13 we're not underbuilding the 69 kV line, the structures  
14 on the east side would be shorter.

15 So just to compare the two, on the west side  
16 of the railroad tracks, the underbuild 69, the pole  
17 heights would be on the order of about 165 feet. If we  
18 were to build them on the east side of the tracks,  
19 without the 69 kV line, then those structure heights  
20 will be on the order of about 145 feet. So about  
21 20 feet shorter would be the advantage to going on the  
22 east side.

23 And with that, that's the -- really the scope  
24 of the transmission project that we're intending to  
25 come before the Committee with. And any other elements

1 to that, Josh and company, that I should go through  
2 or --

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, let me ask a couple  
4 questions. I'm confused about a few things. So before  
5 others jump in, let's make sure I understand a few  
6 things. And Mr. Katz may have a few questions too.

7 I understand the line along Old Price Road,  
8 that's connecting the Henshaw substation to the new  
9 substation, the Intel substation, and I understand  
10 that. Although, I have a question or two about a  
11 previous project that seems like -- I'd like to just  
12 find out a little bit more about that other project,  
13 because it seems like this is very similar to it.

14 But then over on the existing Schrader  
15 substation, SP1 to SP2, where does the line -- where  
16 does -- at SP2, what happens to the line then?

17 MR. HEIM: So that's the point where it  
18 transitions to underground. So the City of Chandler is  
19 funding the cost difference to go underground from SP2  
20 all the way to RS-28 and then -- well, to Dobson Road,  
21 and then Intel is funding the cost difference from  
22 Dobson Road to RS-28 and then from RS-28 over to H2.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: And what's the distance from  
24 SP2 to H2?

25 MR. HEIM: Roughly 4 miles in total.

1 CHMN. CHENAL: And why is the -- why is that  
2 being undergrounded, but from SP1 to SP2 that's not  
3 being undergrounded?

4 MR. HEIM: So that goes back to the City's  
5 criteria to avoid adding new overhead facilities where  
6 they don't exist already. And so for that entire  
7 corridor from SP2 over to H2 there's no existing  
8 overhead lines, whereas between SP1 and SP2 and H1 and  
9 H2 there's the existing 69 kV lines. So that was the  
10 criteria that the City used to identify where they  
11 wanted the undergroundings.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: And then SP1 to SP2, is that  
13 69 or is that 230?

14 MR. HEIM: That is a double-circuit 69 kV  
15 line.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Any other thoughts,  
17 Mr. Robertson or anyone else? I still have a few  
18 questions, but that clears it up.

19 (No response.)

20 CHMN. CHENAL: I thought it was a line to  
21 nowhere for a minute. I didn't understand that SP2 --  
22 that H2 was underground.

23 MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah, there's a significant  
24 underground component to that, Chairman Chenal. I  
25 don't have anything to add, but I'd be happy to answer

1 any questions you might have, along with Zack.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, at one point we'll get  
3 to it, the level of opposition. I have to imagine that  
4 the folks in the neighborhood around the SP1 to SP2  
5 are both -- on the neighborhoods both east and west of  
6 that are not happy that this is aboveground versus  
7 being undergrounded. So I guess my question is:  
8 What's the level of opposition, if any, to this project  
9 in totality?

10 MR. ROBERTSON: So I do think there is  
11 opposition from this -- from those communities on the  
12 railroad. You know, we did expect to have that  
13 opposition when we did this. It's a difficult line to  
14 site. And so, you know, there is opposition there.

15 We've done a lot -- don't want to jump ahead,  
16 Chairman, but we can talk a little bit about the public  
17 outreach in that area as well and kind of what feedback  
18 we've gotten, if you'd like, now or later.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: We can do it later. I mean,  
20 if you have a presentation, you have topics you want to  
21 go through, let's just go through your presentation. I  
22 know Mr. Derstine has been -- you all have been through  
23 this before. I have just basic questions about the  
24 project and the hearing dates and things like that. So  
25 let me hear what you have to say, and Mr. Katz may have

1 some questions as well. But I just want to hear what  
2 you have to say and then I'll have some follow-up  
3 questions.

4 MR. ROBERTSON: I'll just point out that on  
5 that section on the railroad, again, we did reach out  
6 to the City, we worked with the City, and it was the  
7 City's desire to not have new overhead facilities where  
8 none existed currently where it wasn't commercial in  
9 nature. And so this kind of fit the bill of it being  
10 existing 69 kV and on a railroad track.

11 It is a substantial cost, so the City has  
12 come to the table with a pretty significant amount of  
13 dollars to defray the costs associated with the  
14 differential between underground and overhead here.  
15 And I think, you know, all in all, those costs, again,  
16 are expansive and they're not -- the dollars that the  
17 City has are limited there. So that's the rationale  
18 and that's the reason behind the aboveground portion on  
19 the railroad tracks and then also that aboveground  
20 portion on Henshaw that you see there on the western  
21 side of the project boundary.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: And what is the differential  
23 in cost for the undergrounding, roughly?

24 MR. HEIM: Roughly \$19 million or so.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: And again, the distance is how

1 much again, how long?

2 MR. HEIM: Well, let me clarify that. So the  
3 19 million is associated with the City of Chandler's  
4 portion. And in that cost differential is also some  
5 in-kind services that the City is providing, such as  
6 relocating utilities that are in conflict, contributing  
7 right-of-way are probably the two main elements to  
8 that.

9 On the Intel campus, Intel is just funding  
10 the cost differential in total, and so on the Intel  
11 campus that cost differential is 23 million. So that's  
12 why it would sound a little bit weird from a distance  
13 perspective, but those additional cost offsets are the  
14 reason for that.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: So roughly it's 2 miles, did  
16 you say, underground?

17 MR. HEIM: Yeah. So 2.65 miles from SP2 --

18 CHMN. CHENAL: And the normal cost  
19 underground versus -- a mile of underground versus a  
20 mile of aboveground, what's the two costs normally to  
21 do it underground versus aboveground, a mile?

22 MR. HEIM: So we commonly say that it's a  
23 factor of about 10 times per circuit mile. So in rough  
24 numbers, the cost to go a mile overhead is in the 1 and  
25 a half to \$2 million range for a double-circuit line,



1 and then, you know, on the order of a little north of  
2 20 million for a double-circuit underground line.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Thank you. So we had a  
4 previous case bringing power to the Intel campus along,  
5 I believe it was Old Price Road. It was some years  
6 ago. And I remember there's a Wells Fargo property  
7 near there and I remember part of that line was  
8 undergrounded. And I'm not sure if it was on Price  
9 Road or Old Price Road. I don't remember the exact  
10 location of it now. But I remember there were some --  
11 was some controversy there, especially from Wells  
12 Fargo, and that some of that was negotiated to be  
13 undergrounded. So is that line in existence now?

14 MR. HEIM: Correct. So the case that you're  
15 remembering is the Price Road Corridor project, and SRP  
16 went through two iterations of that project. So the  
17 most recent one is what we sited in circa 2017.  
18 Somebody can correct me if I got the year wrong there.  
19 But that is the project that connects the existing --  
20 now existing Henshaw substation that you see on this  
21 map to our Knox substation, which is located near the  
22 202 and I10, which is further west from here.

23 And that project did involve two underground  
24 segments. The first is directly south of Stellar  
25 Airpark, which you can make out just at the upper

1 left-hand corner of this map, and that portion was  
2 undergrounded due to conflicts with the runway. And  
3 then the other portion was undergrounded along Price  
4 Road Corridor itself as we make our way south from the  
5 202 down to Willis road, which is the half mile between  
6 the 202 and Germann on this map. And that allowed us  
7 to avoid some overhead lines adjacent to residential  
8 areas and was done in a similar agreement with the City  
9 of Chandler.

10           The Wells Fargo facility is actually located  
11 south of the Henshaw substation, so they were an  
12 intervenor in that Price Road Corridor case. And most  
13 of the discussion with them during the hearing had to  
14 do with the landscaping that SRP would construct along  
15 Henshaw substation.

16           CHMN. CHENAL: That's right. Because the  
17 power only went to Henshaw, is that correct?

18           MR. HEIM: Correct.

19           CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Thank you for reminding  
20 me.

21           Okay. So that's a good background on the  
22 project. Any additional comments on that?

23           MR. DERSTINE: Chairman, this is Matt. I  
24 think the only thing, getting back to your prior  
25 question on where are the sensitivities, you know, you

1 drilled right in on the segment along the railroad, the  
2 neighborhoods on either side of the railroad. And then  
3 there are some HOAs and residents on that south side of  
4 the Intel campus, closer to the substation, which have  
5 some concerns about that piece of the project. So I  
6 think those are the two, you know, main touch points of  
7 the project in which we're getting concern and feedback  
8 from residents.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: Any from the Gila River Indian  
10 community, any sensitivity or problems there?

11 MR. ROBERTSON: None to date, Chairman. You  
12 know, we've done outreach there and have been working  
13 with the Gila River Indian community out there, and no  
14 issues that have been brought up yet.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: So do you anticipate there  
16 will be intervenors in the case?

17 MR. DERSTINE: I think the City of Chandler  
18 has indicated that they plan to intervene, but their  
19 intervention will be in support of the project. I  
20 think as Mr. Heim mentioned, they are -- worked kind of  
21 hand in hand with SRP in terms of the planning of the  
22 project, certainly in terms of the undergrounding  
23 section along Chandler Heights. They'll be an  
24 important participant in the case and we're happy to  
25 have them join.

1           You may have intervention from the HOAs  
2 around the railroad. Heard some -- yeah, had some  
3 outreach from -- Ms. Grabel may be representing one or  
4 more of those HOAs; although, I don't have any kind of  
5 formal notification on that. But that's -- we're  
6 likely to have an intervenor on one or more of those  
7 homeowners associations.

8           CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Thank you. Let's talk  
9 about outreach. I think Mr. Robertson or someone had  
10 mentioned there has been some outreach, there will be  
11 outreach.

12           MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah. Chairman, we've done a  
13 pretty significant amount of outreach, as SRP normally  
14 does. I would say "normally does," but normally we  
15 aren't in the middle of a global pandemic. So it's  
16 been a bit different lately, but we've definitely  
17 attempted to put our best foot forward.

18           But before I talk through this exhibit, I did  
19 want to just reference that we've issued over 30,000  
20 postcards announcing the project in the study area, so  
21 they have received those postcards. We have also  
22 provided an additional 30,000 postcards again to the  
23 same area to announce our virtual open house that I'll  
24 talk through here in a second.

25           In addition to those postcards, we have also

1 e-mailed all of the e-mails that we have for customers  
2 in our database. When they sign up, they have the  
3 option to provide us an e-mail. If they live in that  
4 area, we've provided e-mails to those customers as  
5 well. That totals about 22,000 e-mails there, again,  
6 both for announcing the project and also for awareness  
7 of the virtual open house, that those are there. We'll  
8 be doing the same for the line siting hearing as well  
9 to get the interaction there. So we've done that.

10 I'll talk a little bit through -- this is  
11 obviously a new thing, before we get to the virtual  
12 open house, talk a little bit through the social media  
13 channels that we've used. We have used Facebook and  
14 Instagram channels here, each advertised to that area  
15 that's affected, so the study area. I think we ran  
16 them for about a week ahead of the -- both the -- or,  
17 the virtual open house, and then as well ahead of when  
18 we opened an online presence. So we put them out -- so  
19 about 10 days total in that area.

20 I would say that we're still analyzing the  
21 data that have come back. As you can see here, we have  
22 different versions. Some are focused on awareness.  
23 Some are focused on more of a call to action, to do  
24 something. So we're still analyzing kind of the  
25 impacts of those. You can see here as well we've done

1 -- utilized two different images to kind of test that.

2 I would say, at a high level, we have had  
3 more engagement with the Facebook ads. I think that  
4 speaks to what we thought would occur. With regard to  
5 Facebook versus Instagram, Facebook I think was a  
6 little bit more inclined for this type of information.  
7 I think Instagram, in general, people are there to kind  
8 of look at pretty pictures and like them and a little  
9 bit less newsy than Facebook, if you will. So, again,  
10 had good engagement there. We'll continue to do that,  
11 like I said, ahead of the hearing to make people aware  
12 of the hearing dates and when those occur as well.

13 I did reference the online open house. We  
14 did make a pretty significant attempt at having an  
15 in-person open house event. With the delta variant, it  
16 became apparent that that was not the safe and proper  
17 thing to do for our company and for the community. So  
18 we did pivot there and we had four virtual open houses,  
19 each lasting about an hour and a half, two days in a  
20 row, one during the day, one during the evening. We  
21 had about 270 people attend those in total.

22 So that -- thus far, in terms of kind of  
23 broad outreach, that's the broad outreach. We do  
24 continue to engage those HOAs down in the area. And  
25 anybody that calls us or wants to have a meeting, doing

1 that one-on-one outreach as well to respond to any  
2 comments we may receive and make sure they properly  
3 understand the project and properly understand the ways  
4 in which they can participate in the process as well.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah. I wonder what kind of  
6 response you'll get if you send some call to action on  
7 social media to the residents along the railroad  
8 tracks. I bet they don't need too much encouragement.

9 MR. ROBERTSON: Well, I would say we have. I  
10 think these Facebook and Instagram ads went there, and  
11 again the postcards. So, again, there is pushback  
12 there, but I would not say it's 100 percent engagement  
13 from everyone in that neighborhood. It is a subset.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Good. Well, let's just  
15 talk about the -- let's talk about some dates, the  
16 hearing location, the notice we're going to give for  
17 it, and some of the things that we'll have in the  
18 procedural order.

19 And before I -- the first question I have is,  
20 what's the intended filing date or approximate filing  
21 date?

22 MR. ROBERTSON: It's going to be the last  
23 week of September.

24 MR. DERSTINE: Manny, what did we land on?  
25 Is it the 28th?

1 MR. TARANGO: Yes, we landed on the 28th of  
2 September.

3 MR. DERSTINE: We've got a bit of a tight  
4 window, as we often do in these cases, in terms of  
5 meeting the newspaper's publication timeline. We have  
6 to, you know, get the notice of hearing signed and then  
7 in the hands of the newspaper in advance of the  
8 publication date. So we found that if we file on the  
9 28th, we'll still be able to make our two publications  
10 within those 10 days. And actually, I think, Manny,  
11 we're going to get two in the Republic and one in the  
12 East Valley Tribune within that 10-day window, right?  
13 Is that right, Manny?

14 MR. TARANGO: Yes. I'm sorry. Yes. I  
15 couldn't hit my mute button fast enough. That's  
16 correct.

17 MR. DERSTINE: All right. So I think we're  
18 in good shape there. So it's September 28th.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Have we -- I'm sorry. I  
20 apologize. I wasn't able to get to my office today to  
21 review this with Tod. As Mr. Derstine knows, we had  
22 another hearing just before this one that kind of took  
23 our time. But the anticipated hearing dates, if  
24 someone could remind me of those dates.

25 MR. DERSTINE: You have us blocked out



1 starting on November the 8th for two weeks.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: And do you believe it will --  
3 how long do you think this hearing will take,  
4 Mr. Derstine?

5 MR. DERSTINE: You know, I'm notoriously bad  
6 at these predictions, but I think we're doing the right  
7 thing in blocking out two weeks with the intervenors.  
8 I remain optimistic that it's the kind of a case that  
9 we might get it done in a week, but I'm guessing 10  
10 days would be the outside, and that would be inclusive  
11 of deliberations.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. It's hard to guess,  
13 especially if you have intervenors. But two weeks  
14 should be sufficient, should it not, given what we know  
15 so far?

16 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, I think so.

17 MR. KATZ: I also think the 11th of  
18 November -- this is Paul Katz -- is Veterans Day. I  
19 don't know whether we would go through the hearing on  
20 that date or not.

21 MR. DERSTINE: Oh, good point.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: We have never done it on  
23 holidays, so that would -- normally that would not be  
24 done. That would be your call, Mr. Katz, but, I mean,  
25 normally those holidays -- we don't have hearings on

1 holidays like that.

2 MR. DERSTINE: We'll tailor our notice of  
3 hearing to make sure it reflects the holiday. I  
4 appreciate that.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: So this will probably be the  
6 last group of documents I'll be dealing with, but I  
7 appreciate that you need to get these back. So we'll  
8 talk about a -- we'll talk about a prehearing  
9 conference date in a minute. But if you get the notice  
10 of hearing to me even before the filing date, I'm happy  
11 to work on it and get it back to you at least -- and  
12 usually, as you know, when you provide it to me there's  
13 little or -- few or no changes to what you send me.  
14 And I understand the papers need that more to block out  
15 the space than they do for the exact wording, but we  
16 can get that back to you.

17 And as we've been trying to do, and Tod is  
18 very good about keeping me on track, we try to get  
19 these notices of hearing back to you immediately or  
20 within the day of when you submit them. So we can do  
21 that and then we can get our other documents out,  
22 including the procedural order and those kind of  
23 things, so you'll have everything you need so you can  
24 file and get your publication done. So Republic and  
25 the East Tribune.

1 Signs. And what about the signs? One of the  
2 exhibits had some sign locations. Maybe you want to  
3 review that now.

4 MR. DERSTINE: I think we have a separate  
5 map. And I don't know if you wanted to mark, for the  
6 court reporter, the first map we used as an exhibit,  
7 and then we have the separate map for the proposed sign  
8 locations, I believe.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, exactly. Exhibit 1, 2,  
10 3, 4. We'll have four exhibits, Kathryn. This is the  
11 second one. You have copies of them, so those will all  
12 be exhibits to the transcript. Thank you.

13 So Exhibit 2 is the location for signs.

14 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, I think we're efforting  
15 that at the moment.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: It's up.

17 MR. DERSTINE: Oh, that's it. I see the  
18 stars. Great. Does anyone want to walk -- well, maybe  
19 it's self-explanatory. Is Kenda going to talk about  
20 that?

21 MR. HEIM: Kenda is going to talk about that.

22 MS. POLLIO: Yeah, I can talk about it. We  
23 have signs identified in areas where we feel like  
24 people can pull off safely if they would like to review  
25 the sign, you know, there's kind of an area where it

1 is, as well as on very prominent corners close to where  
2 the route would be.

3 So you can see that 1, the first sign, is up  
4 by Shrader, which is on Ocotillo Road right at the  
5 railroad, so very well traveled and there's a place to  
6 pull off.

7 The second sign is down at Chandler Heights,  
8 so at the bottom or southern end of that SP1 and SP2  
9 segment. Again, there's a nice pull-off there, you  
10 know, where you can see the railroad and see the  
11 corridor very visibly.

12 Number 3 is up by Henshaw. And that, again,  
13 is along Old Price Road and kind of gets you to seeing  
14 where the substation is and the beginning of the line.

15 4 is -- there's a very large City of Chandler  
16 sign that kind of introduces you to the Price Road  
17 Corridor, so there's a nice area there to see where the  
18 transmission line is and it's a well traveled road.

19 The bottom two signs, 5 and 6, are both in  
20 that southern portion. So the people on Sun Lakes --  
21 one kind of on Chandler Heights outside of Intel's  
22 property, so the people that are traveling on Chandler  
23 Heights can see it. And the other is at the base of  
24 H2, so it's going to be on Intel's property, but  
25 there's a number of people that can see that or people

1 that are down Old Price Road or on the Gila River  
2 Indian community.

3 So that is why the five locations were  
4 selected and should be at where I would consider the  
5 prominent locations by where the route would travel.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Six locations, right?

7 MS. POLLIO: I mean six. Sorry. Very good.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: They look good. It's going to  
9 be a well known project to begin with, but those look  
10 like excellent locations for signage. So I don't have  
11 anything on that, any questions on that.

12 Social media to announce the hearing. We  
13 talked about that, Mr. Robertson, somewhat. But what  
14 social media will be used and how will it be used to  
15 get the notice of hearing out into circulation?

16 MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah. So again, we  
17 anticipate using Facebook and Instagram ads to drive  
18 awareness of that, from a social media perspective, to  
19 get that information out and get notice of hearing out  
20 as well.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: And what will be the -- what's  
22 the word, it's not study area -- but the area where  
23 these Facebook ads will be sent, forwarded to? My  
24 understanding is that can be done in geographic  
25 locations. So what areas will be targeted by Facebook

1 and Instagram?

2 MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah. So generally speaking,  
3 it will be a 1-mile radius around the sections of line  
4 that you see here.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: Will it include a mile radius  
6 around the S1 to S2 locations?

7 MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, sir.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: I mean, my sense says that's  
9 going to be the area of -- where there's going to be  
10 the most people impacted by this and maybe in  
11 opposition to the project, just to suspect, because  
12 it's not being undergrounded, and the other areas are,  
13 at least other areas are at least along Chandler  
14 Heights Road.

15 MR. DERSTINE: I don't -- Mr. Chairman -- and  
16 maybe, Kenda, you can tell us. I don't think we're  
17 going a mile deep into the Gila River Indian community  
18 in terms of our notifications. But I think as to --  
19 and then maybe you can tell us, specifically in terms  
20 of our notification, how far south we're going into Sun  
21 Lakes.

22 MS. POLLIO: So we are -- it is basically, I  
23 will say, the mile. We did go a mile -- we identified  
24 a mile radius into the Gila River Indian community. We  
25 are trying to get the allotment information. We have

1 requested it very early in the process. We have not  
2 received it. However, because we did not receive the  
3 allottee information, we did work with tribal council  
4 and there's a hospital there that we have talked to.  
5 But very important is that we went to -- down to the  
6 community center at the Gila River Indian community and  
7 we have posted all of our notifications. We've left  
8 postcards, so as people come in they're able to receive  
9 them.

10 So on the Gila River Indian community we  
11 actually casted a very wide net just because we hadn't  
12 received that detailed allottee information, but we did  
13 -- we are covering as much as we can with the Gila  
14 River. With Sun Lakes we did go down a mile south from  
15 RS-28. So from RS-28 and where that underground  
16 alignment would be, we went down that far.

17 So in general, it actually encompasses, you  
18 know -- again, that mile radius around everything is a  
19 good -- is a good indicator, and that is how we got the  
20 30,000 residents or mailing addresses and customers in  
21 that area. So that was kind of our mailing list that  
22 we've sent out two different mailers to. But that same  
23 list is used to generate the geographic information for  
24 social media, as well as e-mails, you know, we've also  
25 done e-mails. So we are using a -- I think casting a

1 very large net on all fronts and trying to be  
2 consistent.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: So when I looked at the line  
4 SP1 to SP2, that line, does the notification area for  
5 social media -- and that's at least Facebook. And  
6 maybe clarify whether it's Facebook and other means,  
7 such as Instagram, or if it's just Facebook. But that  
8 line, SP1 to SP2, is it a mile to the east, a mile to  
9 the west, a mile to the north, and a mile to the south  
10 of that line, or is it some other configuration?

11 MS. POLLIO: It is generally that, yes. I  
12 mean, we went outside of where the canal is, over a  
13 mile to the east and to the west. We did capture --  
14 again, because we were originally notifying just the  
15 project in general, so we have notified people along  
16 the underground portion. I know that's not part of  
17 this case, but that is where we got the -- those  
18 numbers.

19 So around the SP1, SP2, yes, we did go out to  
20 that mile-wide buffer, that is correct. And then where  
21 it kind of gets a little -- then it kind of follows the  
22 underground somewhat, which is not as much as a rounded  
23 bubble, which is why we're saying generally. Sometimes  
24 it's a -- we're kind of trying to straighten it out  
25 because of just the underground alignment portions.



1 But that's where we picked up those numbers.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: I understand. So that's good.  
3 Thank you. Is it Facebook and Instagram and something  
4 else or is it just Facebook or what social media is  
5 being used?

6 MR. ROBERTSON: Yeah. So it is just Facebook  
7 and Instagram. We had done a lot of work, Chairman, to  
8 try and get the Nextdoor app, to be able to work on  
9 that. And they are redoing their processes and are not  
10 allowing utilities, such as us, to utilize it for that.  
11 So that was the feedback we got. Still engaged there.  
12 Still, quite honestly, pushing to try and get that.  
13 But anyways, we haven't been able to do that yet, but  
14 are attempting to do that, though.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: So we have the publication, we  
16 have the posting, we have social media, you've  
17 discussed you've sent mailers and e-mail?

18 MR. ROBERTSON: Yes, sir.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. And so all those  
20 methods will be used to broadcast the hearing, the  
21 notice of the hearing, the information about the  
22 hearing, correct?

23 MR. ROBERTSON: Yes.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Good. Notice to affected  
25 jurisdictions. What are the affected jurisdictions?

1 Chandler, of course.

2 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah. Someone can correct me  
3 if I'm missing someone, but I think it's City of  
4 Chandler, Maricopa County, and then the Gila River  
5 Indian community are the three. Am I missing anyone?  
6 I think that's it.

7 MS. MASER: No, you're not.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Where is the  
9 hearing going to be held?

10 MS. POLLIO: So you can see on this map the  
11 hearing is going to be held at the Hilton Phoenix  
12 Chandler, and that is located on 2929 West Frye Road.  
13 So it's Frye Road and the 101. And we have had a  
14 hearing there and I think you may have remembered it.  
15 It had a nice big room, had a lot of big hallways. It  
16 was a good location for a hearing. We've had one there  
17 before. So it's the Frye Road and the 101.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I recall. Good. Let's  
19 go to your Exhibit 3. I just want to make sure, for  
20 the signage, we talk about what's going to be on the  
21 signage. I'm sorry. That didn't make any sense. What  
22 information is going to be on the signage? And we'll  
23 talk about Exhibit 3 after that. But the six signs  
24 that will be posted, what information?

25 MS. POLLIO: So we have generally identified

1 very close, obviously close to what is in -- we've been  
2 identifying similar to what's in the notice of hearing.  
3 So we'll definitely have the location, we'll identify  
4 the start times, and we'll identify the dates. And  
5 again, somewhat near, best we can, the notice of  
6 hearing information. So it's very large, oversized  
7 signage that we've used in the past. So we were going  
8 to continue with the same sign company and the same  
9 dimensions and everything else.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. And that will include  
11 the docket information?

12 MS. POLLIO: Absolutely, the docket  
13 information as well. And, you know, we will also be  
14 putting the CEC application at the libraries as well,  
15 hard copies at the libraries in the area. We have  
16 three identified.

17 MR. KATZ: Hey, Tom.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, Paul Katz.

19 MR. KATZ: Yeah. Being a good government  
20 employee, our Internet went out. I have no phone  
21 service on our office phone or WiFi connection to you  
22 guys, so I just called in. I missed about two or three  
23 minutes.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: We're just discussing notice  
25 right now.

1 MR. KATZ: Yeah, that's fine. That's fine.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. So signage will also  
3 include the project website, is that correct?

4 MS. POLLIO: Yes, the project website, as  
5 well as it has the 1-800 -- we have a 1-800 hotline  
6 that we have a person that answers it, you know, every  
7 day, and we return calls within 24 hours. So we will  
8 also have that 1-800 number, as well as the website,  
9 listed.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Perfect. And you mentioned a  
11 couple libraries would also include the application and  
12 transcripts, is that correct?

13 MS. POLLIO: Yes. We have three libraries  
14 identified, one in Sun Lakes, one at -- it's called  
15 Chandler Hamilton, which is by Hamilton High School,  
16 which is very close to SP1, as well as the Chandler  
17 Downtown, the main Chandler Downtown library. So we  
18 have three identified.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Perfect. Let's talk about  
20 the tour. I jumped the gun when I was looking at  
21 Exhibit 3. But I guess that will be a decision that  
22 will have to be made by Chairman Katz when -- based on  
23 COVID. But I think, at least when we discussed this  
24 initially, the numbers were going down and it made  
25 sense to consider a tour, at least have it available in

1 case, you know, it was decided to go forward with it.  
2 So I see you've done that, so let's talk about that for  
3 a moment.

4 MS. POLLIO: I'll also mention that we do  
5 have -- we will have a 3D aerial video flyover that we  
6 have prepared that will also help that we'll be able to  
7 show prior to the decision on the route tour that,  
8 again, hopefully will help make that decision, but we  
9 did also prepare a route tour. We tried to obviously  
10 put detailed directions, as well as stopping points. I  
11 can just go over it very quickly.

12 Starting at the hotel, we would basically be  
13 traveling on the 202 down south. Basically, the first  
14 stop would be at the existing Shrader substation. So  
15 that's, again, a very nice open location that people  
16 can get out of vehicles, has a very open area, and you  
17 can walk and view the railroad corridor down. So it's  
18 a nice big open space that would allow for that.

19 The second stop, you know, we would be able  
20 to go down -- go east on Chandler Heights Boulevard  
21 where you'll see SP2. Again, we don't have getting out  
22 necessarily. It basically is just a turnaround.  
23 There's a nice turnaround there. There's not an open  
24 area that has a lot of places for a number of vehicles  
25 to get out, but it's very easy to turn around and look

1 up the railroad. Again, these mirror or mimic our sign  
2 locations. So 1 and 2 is doing that.

3           And then we do have the route tour following  
4 the underground portion. Again, I know it's not  
5 necessarily part of the application that's being  
6 contemplated, but we felt like that's a good way to get  
7 over to Intel is following where the underground route  
8 goes. Basically, you're entering into Intel, into that  
9 property close to Chaparral Way, which is where the  
10 underground goes in. We'll be able to drive in, look  
11 at the RS-28 substation location. Again, very open  
12 space, open area to get out to look at. We can walk  
13 around and look up and down Old Price Road. Go up Old  
14 Price Road, and then we'll have to come off and go up  
15 New Price Road.

16           We'll go over and look at the existing  
17 Henshaw substation, which is where Point Number 4 is or  
18 Stop Number 4. Again, a nice big space to get out.  
19 And then we will wrap it up and travel back up to the  
20 hotel.

21           Overall, this is -- you know, again, if you  
22 were on a race course driving this, the whole thing may  
23 take you 20 minutes. With the four stops and getting  
24 out, as well as obviously driving, and I know sometimes  
25 people are following, you know, obviously people can

1 follow, we would say this generally takes about an hour  
2 and a half to two hours is what the allotted time would  
3 be needed, you know, to do it and allow time to get out  
4 and make sure that -- out, in, that type of thing,  
5 because obviously it's all on the record and the court  
6 reporter is there.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Right. So question, Kendra.  
8 When you're going from SR2 over to the Intel  
9 substation, RS-28, I see on Exhibit 3 here, Prefiling  
10 Exhibit 3, the red line follows Chandler Heights Road,  
11 but then it kind of goes north a little, northwest, to,  
12 is that Chaparral Way or another street. Is that the  
13 location of the undergrounding or not?

14 MS. POLLIO: No, it is. So the underground  
15 route follows Chandler Heights Road. So the route tour  
16 would actually go on Chandler Heights Road, then it  
17 goes north on Alma School Road, then it turns west on  
18 Lake Drive, then west on Chaparral Way, and then it  
19 enters into Intel.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: So that's the -- that's the  
21 location of the undergrounding, is that correct?

22 MS. POLLIO: That is correct.

23 MR. ROBERTSON: It is. And Chairman, if  
24 you're curious as to why we're going up that route,  
25 Chandler Heights dead ends there at Alma School. There

1 is no more Chandler Heights. So you can't just go  
2 straight through.

3 MS. POLLIO: Oh, thank you, Josh.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I see on your tour  
5 Observation Number 2, and it says Observation Point 2,  
6 "From the parking lot in front of the Hoopes  
7 substation." So is that where Number 2 is, the Hoopes  
8 substation? Yeah, it's right there. Is the Intel  
9 substation, RS-28, going to be built next to it or is  
10 it going to actually replace it?

11 MS. POLLIO: Zack, do you want to take that?

12 MR. HEIM: I can answer that. So RS-28 will  
13 be located directly south of the Hoopes and Synergy  
14 substations. Ultimately, Hoopes and Synergy will get  
15 retired once Intel is served from the 230 system.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: So once the RS-28 is built,  
17 the Hoopes substation will be retired?

18 MR. HEIM: Correct.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. All right. Thank you.  
20 I think it looks like a good tour, and it clarified for  
21 me the route of the underground. I just made the  
22 assumption it was going to head west on Chandler  
23 Heights Road and just tie in directly from Chandler  
24 Heights Road, but I can see -- I didn't know it dead  
25 ends. So that is helpful.



1           Let's go back to the lodging. I just want to  
2 make sure, my standard question, that the lodging will  
3 be covered by the applicant here, and the Members that  
4 wish to stay at the Hilton Phoenix Chandler will --  
5 they won't have to cover the costs of the lodging, is  
6 that correct?

7           MR. DERSTINE: That's right.

8           CHMN. CHENAL: Let's talk about the  
9 prehearing conference and a date. And Tod, I'll go  
10 back to you, if there was one that was kind of penciled  
11 in or not?

12          MR. BREWER: There was not.

13          CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. So Chairman Katz, let's  
14 figure out a date that makes sense for your schedule  
15 and for everybody else. If this hearing is going to  
16 begin November 8th, usually we like to have those the  
17 week before, so, you know, the week of November 1st or  
18 the week before that. If this is contentious,  
19 sometimes it's good to have it -- the reason, for  
20 obvious reasons, we like to have it within 10 days  
21 before is that that's the deadline for intervenors to  
22 file their notice of -- or, request for intervention.  
23 So you like to know who those people are before you  
24 have your prehearing conference, that's why we do it  
25 within the 10 days. So is there a good date? I'm not

1 going to be here.

2 (No response.)

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Mr. Katz, are you on the line?

4 MR. KATZ: I'm on my cell phone. Can you  
5 hear me now?

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah.

7 MR. KATZ: Yes. Oops, I've got to get to the  
8 right month.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: So like November 1st might be  
10 a good date, November 2nd.

11 MR. KATZ: Any day that week would work.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Let me ask the applicant and  
13 the other folks, you know, what your preference might  
14 be for that. Again, if you have a lot of intervenors  
15 or a lot of opposition, you've got some matters to have  
16 to deal with, you want to give yourself a little more  
17 time since the hearing will start a week later. So I  
18 think the 1st or 2nd of November would be a good  
19 choice.

20 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, either the end of the  
21 week, so the 28th, 29th, or November 1st or 2nd,  
22 whichever works for the Chairman's schedule.

23 MR. KATZ: The 1st, 2nd, or 3rd all work.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: What about the 28th or the  
25 29th of October?

1 MR. KATZ: Let me see. The 28th would work.  
2 The 29th would have to be in the afternoon.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, let's ask the applicant  
4 what you want. Sounds like there's options there.

5 MR. DERSTINE: Well, speaking for myself, I  
6 don't have anyone else's calendar here, the afternoon  
7 of the 29th is fine. Yeah, so the 29th would be the  
8 10-day-out period. And so, yeah, maybe November the  
9 1st is better. That way we're within the 10 days and  
10 the parties who need to intervene then will use that  
11 date. Although, it makes it tough if you're going to  
12 file exhibits the day before, typically. So maybe the  
13 2nd is the best day.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: I think that's fine, unless --

15 MR. KATZ: That's fine.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: -- unless anyone has an  
17 objection. What's a good time for you all?

18 MR. DERSTINE: Doesn't matter to me.

19 MR. KATZ: This is Paul. Doesn't matter to  
20 me.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. 1:00, 1:30? How  
22 is 1:30 in the afternoon?

23 MR. DERSTINE: Fine.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. November 2nd at  
25 1:30 p.m. That will be the date and time for the

1 prehearing conference. I think the procedure --

2 MR. KATZ: I also have a question too, going  
3 back to the draft notice of hearing. Is there a date  
4 that's set for that? Does that get filed with the  
5 application or are we going to have a date for that to  
6 be submitted to us?

7 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, we will have -- we're  
8 just finalizing the draft notice of hearing and we  
9 should have that off to you -- Michele, I don't know  
10 how close -- certainly by Monday of next week we'll  
11 have it off for you to review. And if we can get it to  
12 you sooner, we will.

13 MR. KATZ: That's fine. Thank you.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: Because the filing date is  
15 going to be September 28th, so we'll review it and make  
16 sure we get it back to you for purposes of publication.  
17 And then when you actually file and get the actual  
18 filing information, I can finalize that and get that  
19 back to you that day for publication, for the actual  
20 publication. So I think we're good there.

21 Procedural order will be just probably very  
22 similar to the other procedural orders. Public comment  
23 will be the evening -- the first evening of the  
24 hearing, and then at other times at the Chairman's  
25 discretion.

1 Permits, what other permits are necessary for  
2 this project other than the CEC?

3 MR. DERSTINE: Zack, are there any?

4 MR. HEIM: So we would need to seek a permit  
5 from the Union Pacific Railroad for that corridor, but  
6 that's the only major other permit that we would  
7 expect.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: There's nothing from the City  
9 of Chandler, use permits or anything like that?

10 MR. HEIM: We will have permits to work in  
11 the roadway, so like construction-type, but those are  
12 more for traffic control.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure. At the hearing we'll  
14 want to make sure we have strong, robust WiFi, as we  
15 always like to have.

16 Then I assume the applicant will have, you  
17 know, an iPad or tablet or something with the documents  
18 loaded --

19 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: -- as normal, as you normally  
21 do.

22 In terms of the tour, because we always have  
23 that in the procedural order, we like to include kind  
24 of what day that would be. Traditionally, we've  
25 started these hearings at 1:00 in the afternoon of the

1 first hearing day to allow the out-of-town Members that  
2 want to drive in to drive in. And it's easier on the  
3 AV group, I think, just to have the thing start at  
4 1:00. And then that evening we have the public  
5 comment. And then traditionally we've had the tour the  
6 morning of the second day.

7           You know, the Committee will have heard an  
8 afternoon of testimony and gotten an overview of the  
9 project, have some information, and I think the tour is  
10 much more meaningful that way, but the tour also is  
11 early enough that -- some of the benefits of the tour,  
12 it will give them that opportunity then to ask  
13 questions appropriate, because of the tour, without  
14 going too far into the hearing.

15           So I'd like to suggest that maybe we have the  
16 tour, if there is going to be one, Tuesday morning.  
17 But are there thoughts on that? Again, if I was going  
18 to be the Chairman, I think that's what I'd do. But if  
19 the applicant or -- I go between Paul, Mr. Katz, and  
20 Chairman Katz. I've got to figure out which one. So  
21 I'm going to start saying Chairman Katz, if you have a  
22 preference. But normally we put this in a procedural  
23 order, and that's going to come at us pretty quickly  
24 here. So before I just did that, I thought I'd raise  
25 it and see if anyone disagreed with having a tour, if

1 there is one, on Tuesday morning, or if there's another  
2 time that works better.

3 MR. KATZ: Tuesday morning is fine with me.  
4 Whatever works for the applicant is fine.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. I'm not hearing  
6 any violent objection to that, so -- and again, that's  
7 going to have to be a decision made based on the  
8 circumstances, whether you'll have a tour.

9 MS. POLLIO: This is Kenda. The public  
10 comment session on the first evening, it usually -- I  
11 know that we usually take a break. We usually go to  
12 5:00, take a break, and start maybe at 5:30 or 6:00.  
13 Is that what you're thinking here as well?

14 CHMN. CHENAL: I think 5:30.

15 MS. POLLIO: Okay. Thank you.

16 CHMN. CHENAL: So I'm assuming this is going  
17 to be, again, kind of a hybrid hearing where there will  
18 be in-person and people can appear via Zoom, the public  
19 and witnesses can appear via Zoom. Is that the intent?  
20 I just want to make sure.

21 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Good. Food, you know,  
23 the care and feeding of the Committee. Lunch on the  
24 first day, and then breakfast and lunch during the  
25 hearings. And dinner will be on the Committee Members'

1 own and I don't think we need -- well, let me think.  
2 On this hearing, because there could be some  
3 opposition, there may be some people -- and I don't  
4 know how long the public comment will take, but that  
5 one could take longer than the typical one where  
6 there's only a few people that show up and then the  
7 Committee Members go and have dinner on their own.

8           If it were my hearing, I'd limit it to two  
9 hours. I'd have snacks for the Committee between 5:00  
10 and 5:30. I'd limit the public comment to no later  
11 than 7:30, and that's still time for people to go out  
12 and have dinner. So that's how I was planning on doing  
13 it in Tucson. The Tucson hearing was going to follow  
14 that format. I think that was acceptable to the  
15 Committee Members for that hearing.

16           But I guess I'll ask the question of the  
17 applicant and Chairman Katz, if that's acceptable in  
18 this case?

19           MR. KATZ: Works for me. Paul Katz.

20           MR. DERSTINE: I think that's fine here.  
21 Yeah, whatever the Chairman's preference is, I think  
22 that's fine. I think it doesn't work to have a big gap  
23 between the close of the hearing and public comment. I  
24 think it's good to -- if we want to do it at 5:30, that  
25 seems to work. And we'll make sure that there's



1 suitable refreshment to keep folks awake and looking  
2 sharp until the end of the public comment session.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Good. I think that's a good  
4 way to do it.

5 Okay. I think that covers -- I think that  
6 covers what I wanted to cover. What else -- what  
7 topics have I missed or what would you like to discuss?

8 MR. ROBERTSON: Chairman, I do have just one  
9 point of clarification on the notification areas. I  
10 just wanted to point out that when we speak about  
11 "about 1 mile," it is about 1 mile. For example, if  
12 you look at this map, we did draw the line on McQueen  
13 if you look at that by SP1, SP2, that road to the east.  
14 That's just under 1 mile, but it's right at 1 mile.  
15 And instead of kind of cutting off half a neighborhood  
16 there, that's where we drew the line for the  
17 notification.

18 We tried to keep the neighborhoods together.  
19 And to that point as well, with regard to the Ocotillo  
20 neighborhood that's north of the underground portion,  
21 we notified that entire area there, so it's a much  
22 broader distribution of notification than just the 1  
23 mile area.

24 And then to the south, it's not on this map,  
25 but to the south there is the Sun Lakes community.

1 Again, didn't want to cut the Sun Lakes community in  
2 half given the proximity to the project, particularly  
3 the Intel substation. So we did notify all the way  
4 down to the entirety of the Sun Lakes community there  
5 as well. So just wanted to clarify that.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: And thank you for that. And  
7 I'm not holding you to it, I just -- it's clear to me  
8 the opposition is going to come from the aboveground  
9 portion, I mean, a lot of the opposition will be from  
10 the folks that are in the area around SR1 to SR2. And  
11 I just -- I'm concerned to make sure that they get  
12 notice. I suspect they already have notice of this and  
13 are familiar with the project and will be -- will not  
14 need the call to action, but they will get that call to  
15 action. And hopefully it doesn't lead to the storming  
16 of the Bastille. But as long as we've got roughly a  
17 mile, you know, all around it, we'll be good. Not  
18 holding you to the exact dimensions.

19 MR. ROBERTSON: Appreciate it.

20 CHMN. CHENAL: I think that's all on my list.  
21 When you file it on -- or, when you file the  
22 application on or about September 28th, I guess we'll  
23 already have reviewed and gotten back to you a draft  
24 notice of hearing, a rough draft. When you file it,  
25 we'll get our documents out, we'll get the notice of

1 hearing back to you, the procedural order, the agenda,  
2 and then we'll get out a letter to the Staff at the  
3 Corporation Commission asking for their input. And  
4 those are the four documents that we get out usually  
5 the day or day after the application is filed, but the  
6 notice of hearing we'll try to get you back the day of.

7 MR. DERSTINE: One question on the sign. I  
8 know we've had some discussions about we want the signs  
9 to be as visible as possible, and we at one point had  
10 some discussion about whether there was value in having  
11 the map. But I think we've landed on you want a map  
12 included on the signs, as well as all the verbiage  
13 that we talked about in terms of the project website,  
14 et cetera, phone number for the information line,  
15 correct?

16 CHMN. CHENAL: That's correct. Thanks for  
17 the clarification. Yeah.

18 Anything else?

19 MR. DERSTINE: I think that's it.

20 MR. KATZ: And this is Paul again. I just  
21 want to thank all of you and I look forward to learning  
22 a lot from each and all of you. I feel comfortable  
23 doing this because I spent 22 of my 45 years as a  
24 Superior Court judge, but I don't know all of you and  
25 this is a new protocol and procedure, so I hope you'll

1 be patient with me and I'll be patient with all of you.

2 And one other thing I'll continue. I'm not  
3 going to require you to use a podium and wear dresses,  
4 suits, and ties. Informal casual will continue to be  
5 the mode of dress.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: I've done my job. My great  
7 handoff.

8 Well, I'll tell you, Paul, this is the --  
9 you're looking at the A team. The attorneys and the  
10 staff and all the people you see on the screen are the  
11 A team. They do as good a job as anybody of all the  
12 applicants. SRP does an amazing job and they're top  
13 rate, all of them.

14 MR. KATZ: And I confess, I haven't been on  
15 the screen for about a half an hour. The phone and  
16 Internet is still down here. It's wonderful. It's  
17 been doing this almost every evening. Anyway, I have a  
18 good idea of what we're doing, and in time I'll be  
19 getting together with you to work through all of this  
20 so the next time around I'm capable of moving it on my  
21 own.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure. And again, if there's  
23 anything that comes up between now and at least  
24 October 1st, let me know, and after that let Chairman  
25 Katz know, and we'll take care of it.

1           If there's nothing else, I guess this meeting  
2 will come to a swift end. It's been nice working with  
3 all of you. And we may see each other again on this  
4 case, but -- let's see, we probably won't, at least on  
5 a video call. So it's been a pleasure to work with all  
6 of you.

7           (Exhibits A-1 through A-4 were marked.)

8           (The prefiling conference concluded at  
9 5:15 p.m.)

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