

**EXHIBIT B
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES**

As stated in Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-219:

Attach any environmental studies which applicant has made or obtained in connection with the proposed site(s) or route(s). If an environmental report has been prepared for any federal agency or if a federal agency has prepared an environmental statement pursuant to Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act, a copy shall be included as part of this exhibit.

The results of the environmental studies associated with the portions of the High-Tech Interconnect Project (HIP or Project) that are the subject of this Application are discussed in previous and subsequent exhibits: **Exhibit A** describes land use; **Exhibit C** addresses potential impacts to sensitive biological resources; **Exhibit D** discusses potential impacts to other biological resources; **Exhibit E** summarizes the potential effects on the area's scenic quality and cultural resources; **Exhibit F** summarizes the potential effects on recreation resources; **Exhibit H** describes how the Project could affect existing local plans; and **Exhibit I** discusses the noise and communication impacts that are expected.

There is no federal land or involvement associated with this Project that would require National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents be developed for this Application.