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| 3 | SALT RIVER PROJECT AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT AND POWER DISTRICT. IN | Docket No.: L-00000B-21-0322-00195 |
| 5 | CONFORMANCE WITH THE | Case No. 195 |
| 6 | STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et. seq., FOR A | NOTICE OF FILING CERTIFICATE |
| 7 | COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE | OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY |
| 8 | DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230 KV TRANSMISSION | DC DC |
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| 14 | Paul A. Katz, designee of the Attorney Ge | eneral of Arizona, Mark Brnovich, as |
| 15 | Chairman and Presiding Officer of the Arizona P | ower Plant and Transmission Line Siting |
| 17 | Committee, gives notice of a separately filed Cer | tificate of Environmental Compatibility |
| 18 | with Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation | Commission. |
| 19 | DATED this 16^{72} day of November, 2 | 2021. |
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| 1 | BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE |
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| 8 | CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERHEAD COMPATIBILITY DOUBLE-CIRCUIT 230 KV TRANSMISSION LINE FROM THE EXISTING HENSHAW |
| 9 | SUBSTATION TO INTEL'S OCOTILLO |
| 10 | CONSTRUCTED ON INTEL'S OCOTILLO |
| 11 | CAMPUS, AND AN OVERHEAD TRANSITION CORRIDOR AT THE EXISTING SCHRADER |
| 10 | SUBSTATION, ALL WITHIN THE CITY OF |
| 12 | ARIZONA. |
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| 14 | A. INTRODUCTION. |
| 15 | Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Arizona Power Plant and |
| 16 | Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) held a public hearing on November 8 |
| 17 | through November 10, 2021 in Chandler, Arizona, in conformance with the requirements |
| 18 | of Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360, et seq., for the purpose of receiving |
| 19 | evidence and deliberating on the application (Application) of Salt River Project |
| 20 | Agricultural Improvement and Power District (Applicant or SRP) for a Certificate of |

- 21 Environmental Compatibility (Certificate) in the above-captioned case.
- The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present
 at one or more of the hearing days for the evidentiary presentations, public comment,
 and/or the deliberations:

| 25 | Paul A. Katz | Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich |
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| 26 | Zachary Branum | Designee of the Chairman, Arizona Corporation |
| 27 | | Commission (Commission) |

| 1 | Leonard C. Drago | Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality |
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| 2 3 | John R. Riggins | Designee for Director, Arizona Department of Water Resources |
| 4 | Mary Hamway | Appointed Member, representing incorporated cities and towns |
| 5 | Rick Grinnell | Appointed Member, representing counties |
| 6 | James Palmer | Appointed Member, representing agricultural interests |
| 7 | Jack Haenichen | Appointed Member, representing the general public |
| 8 | Margaret "Toby" Little | Appointed Member, representing the general public |
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| 10 | The Applicant was represented by J. Matthew Derstine of Snell and Wilmer, LLP, | |
| 11 | and by Karilee Ramaley of SRP. The City of Chandler joined as a party pursuant to A.R.S. | |
| 12 | § 40-360.05 and was represented by Jeffrey W. Crockett of Crockett Law Group, PLLC, | |
| 13 | and Kelly Schwab of the City of Chandler. The following parties were granted intervention | |
| 14 | pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05: The Reserve at Fulton Ranch Homeowners' Association, | |
| 15 | Pinelake Estates Homeowners' Association and Southshore Village Homeowners' | |
| 16 | Association, all represented by Meghan Grabel of Osborn Maledon, P.A. | |
| 17 | At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, after considering the (i) | |
| 18 | Application, (ii) evidence, testimony and exhibits presented by Applicant and interveners, | |
| 19 | and (iii) comments of the public, and being advised of the legal requirements of A.R.S. §§ | |
| 20 | 40-360 through 40-360.13, upon motion duly made and seconded, voted 9 to 0 to grant the | |
| 21 | Applicant, its successors and assigns, this Certificate for construction of the High-Tech | |
| 22 | Interconnect Project as described below. | |
| 23 | B. PROJECT OVERVIEW. | |
| 24 | The High-Tech Interconn | ect Project (the Project) is being developed to serve the |
| 25 | increased energy demands of Inte | el Corporation by interconnecting a new substation on the |
| 26 | Intel Campus (RS-28 Substation) to SRP's existing Henshaw Substation and Schrader | |
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Substation with new double-circuit and single-circuit 230 kV transmission lines, all located
 within the City of Chandler, Arizona.

The Project consists of both aboveground and underground transmission line segments, but only the aboveground transmission line segments of the Project, together with the RS-28 Substation, were presented to the Committee for consideration pursuant to A.R.S. §40-360(10). The components of the Project covered by the Application and this Certificate (CEC Project Components) consist of the following:

- Henshaw Substation to RS-28 Substation. A double-circuit 230 kV transmission line and structures constructed from the Henshaw Substation along Old Price Road to the RS-28 Substation on Intel's Ocotillo Campus;
- New RS-28 Substation. The RS-28 Substation constructed on the Intel Campus; and;
- Schrader Substation to the Underground Transition. Two independent singlecircuit 230 kV transmission lines and structures constructed to permit the interconnection of the new lines on the east side of the Schrader Substation that will follow one of three alternative route options to reach the point at which the new 230 kV lines will be constructed underground.
- **18 C. DESCRIPTION OF CEC COMPONENTS.**

The components of the Project presented to the Committee in the Application andapproved by this Certificate are described in detail below:

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Henshaw Substation to RS-28 Substation.

The first CEC Project component consists of a new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line that travels south from the existing Henshaw Substation along Old Price Road for 2.74 miles to a point on the western boundary of Intel's Ocotillo Campus where it will transition to an underground line and interconnect with the new RS-28 Substation, located roughly 0.3 miles east of Old Price Road.

The new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line will be constructed within a 1 corridor that extends 200 feet east of the Gila River Indian Community boundary along Old 2 Price Road. The transmission line will be constructed in an 80-foot-wide easement to be 3 obtained from private landowners and the City of Chandler. 4

The Henshaw Substation to RS-28 Substation project components are more fully described on Exhibit "A".

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The RS-28 Substation

The second CEC Project component consists of a new RS-28 Substation and 8 associated transmission lines and structures. The RS-28 Substation will be located on 9 approximately 23 acres of land on the Intel Ocotillo Campus east of Old Price Road and 10 north of the Chandler Heights Road. The substation will be enclosed by a 12-foot tall 11 decorative, masonry wall around the entire perimeter. The approximate size and location of 12 the RS-28 Substation are shown on Exhibit A. 13

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Schrader Substation to Underground Transition

The final CEC Project component consists of two new overhead single-circuit 230 15 kV transmission lines or circuits that will be constructed to interconnect to the Schrader 16 Substation at the 230 kV bays located on the east side of the Schrader Substation. 17

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Circuit One - Southern Boundary to the West or East. The first 230 kV circuit 19 (Circuit One) will be constructed to interconnect to one of the open 230 kV bays on the east side of the Schrader Substation. Circuit One will be constructed (1) utilizing one riser 20 structure where Circuit One transitions to underground construction within the Schrader 21 Substation and follows the southern boundary of the Schrader Substation to the west where 22 it will exit the Schrader Overhead Transition Corridor and be constructed along the Union 23 Pacific Railroad (UPRR) as shown on Exhibit B-1; or (2) if SRP is unable to secure the 24 necessary right-of-way (ROW) to follow the UPRR, Circuit One will exit to the east where 25 it will be constructed utilizing one riser structure where it will transition to underground 26 27

construction within the Schrader Substation and follow the East Route Option as shown on
 Exhibit B-2.

Circuit Two - Northern Boundary to the West or East Route Option. The second 3 230 kV circuit (Circuit Two) will be constructed as one of the following two options: (1) 4 The first option would consist of an aboveground transmission line that will be co-located 5 with the existing Santan to Corbell 230 kV transmission line approved in Decision No. 6 59791 as modified by Decision No. 60099 (Corbell to Schrader alignment) where the two 7 circuits would be constructed as an above ground, double-circuit 230 kV transmission line 8 on monopole structures. The new double-circuit 230 kV transmission line would continue 9 along the existing ROW for the Corbell to Schrader alignment within the Schrader 10 Overhead Transition Corridor to the point that it will transition to underground 11 construction at or near the western edge of the Schrader Overhead Transition Corridor 12 where it will join Circuit One along the UPRR as shown on Exhibit B-1; or (2) if SRP is 13 unable to secure the necessary right-of-way (ROW) to follow the UPRR, Circuit Two will 14 exit to the east where it will be constructed utilizing one riser structure where it will 15 transition to underground construction within the Schrader Substation and follow the East 16 Route Option as shown on Exhibit B-2. 17

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D. ADDITIONAL APPROVALS

The approval to co-locate Circuit Two with the Corbell to Schrader alignment under the terms of this Certificate as outlined above shall be deemed to amend Decision No. 59791 and Decision No. 60099 to authorize the reconstruction of the Corbell to Schrader alignment within the existing ROW as a double-circuit 230 kV transmission line inside the Schrader Overhead Transition Corridor.

In addition, SRP is specifically authorized to relocate the initial interconnection point for Circuit One and/or Circuit Two within the Schrader Substation during the term of this Certificate for the purpose of allowing for the change in bay positions and such change

in bay positions may necessitate the use of up to three aboveground structures for such 1 changes. 2

The typical transmission structure heights will be in the range of 100 to 185 feet but 3 will not exceed 199 feet and will occupy a right-of-way width of 100 feet where available. 4

CONDITIONS

This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

This authorization to construct the Project shall expire ten (10) years from the 1. 7 date this Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission, with or without 8 modification. Construction of the Project shall be complete, such that the Project is in-9 service within this ten-year timeframe. However, prior to the expiration of the time period, 10 the Applicant may request that the Commission extend the time limitation. 11

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In the event that the Project requires an extension of the term(s) of this 2. Certificate prior to completion of construction, the Applicant shall file such time extension 13 request at least one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the expiration of the Certificate. 14 The Applicant shall use reasonable means to promptly notify the Board of Supervisors of 15 Maricopa County, the City of Chandler, the Gila River Indian Community, Union Pacific 16 Railroad (UPRR) and all cities and towns within a five (5) mile radius of the centerline of 17 the Project and all landowners and residents within a five (5) mile radius of the centerline 18 of the Project, all persons who made public comment at this proceeding who provided a 19 mailing or email address, and all parties to this proceeding. The notification provided will 20 include the request and the date, time, and place of the hearing or open meetings during 21 which the Commission will consider the request for extension. Notification shall be no 22 more than three (3) business days after the Applicant is made aware of the hearing date or 23 the open meeting date. 24

During the development, construction, operation, maintenance and 3. 25 reclamation of the Project, the Applicant shall comply with all existing applicable air and 26 water pollution control standards and regulations, and with all existing applicable statutes, 27

| 1 | ordinances, master plans and regulations of any governmental entity having jurisdiction |
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| 2 | including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of Arizona, Maricopa |
| 3 | County, and their agencies and subdivisions, including but not limited to the following: |
| 4 | a. All applicable land use regulations; |
| 5 | b. All applicable zoning stipulations and conditions including but not limited to, |
| 6 | landscaping and dust control requirements; |
| 7 | c. All applicable water use, discharge and/or disposal requirements of the Arizona |
| 8 | Department of Water Resources and the Arizona Department of Environmental |
| 9 | Quality; |
| 10 | d. All applicable noise control standards; and |
| 11 | e. All applicable regulations governing storage and handling of hazardous |
| 12 | chemicals and petroleum products. |
| 13 | 4. The Applicant shall obtain all approvals and permits necessary to construct, |
| 14 | operate and maintain the Project required by any governmental entity having jurisdiction |
| 15 | including, but not limited to, the United States of America, the State of Arizona, Maricopa |
| 16 | County, and their agencies and subdivisions. |
| 17 | 5. The Applicant shall comply with the Arizona Game and Fish Department |
| 18 | (AGFD) guidelines for handling protected animal species, should any be encountered |
| 19 | during construction and operation of the Project, and shall consult with AGFD or U.S. Fish |
| 20 | and Wildlife Service, as appropriate, on other issues concerning wildlife. |
| 21 | 6. The Applicant shall design the Project to incorporate reasonable measures to |
| 22 | minimize electrocution of and impacts to avian species in accordance with the Applicant's |
| 23 | avian protection program. Such measures will be accomplished through incorporation of |
| 24 | Avian Power Line Interaction Committee guidelines set forth in the current versions of |
| 25 | Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines and Reducing Avian Collisions |
| 26 | with Power Lines manuals. |
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7. The Applicant shall consult the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) with respect to cultural resources. If any archaeological, paleontological, or historical site or a significant cultural object is discovered on state, county or municipal land during the construction or operation of the Project, the Applicant or its representative in charge shall promptly report the discovery to the Director of the Arizona State Museum (ASM), and in consultation with the Director, shall immediately take all reasonable steps to secure and maintain the preservation of the discovery as required by A.R.S. § 41-844.

8 8. The Applicant shall comply with the notice and salvage requirements of the
9 Arizona Native Plant Law (A.R.S §§ 3-901 *et seq.*) and shall, to the extent feasible,
10 minimize the destruction of native plants during the construction and operation of the
11 Project.

9. The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to promptly investigate, 12 identify and correct, on a case-specific basis, all complaints of interference with radio or 13 television signals from operation of the Project addressed in this Certificate and where such 14 interference is caused by the Project take reasonable measures to mitigate such 15 interference. The Applicant shall maintain written records for a period of five (5) years of 16 all complaints of radio or television interference attributable to operations, together with 17 the corrective action taken in response to each complaint. All complaints shall be recorded 18 to include notation on the corrective action taken. Complaints not leading to a specific 19 action or for which there was no resolution shall be noted and explained. Upon request, the 20 21 written records shall be provided to the Staff of the Commission. The Applicant shall respond to complaints and implement appropriate mitigation measures. In addition, the 22 Project shall be evaluated on a regular basis so that damaged insulators or other line 23 materials that could cause interference are repaired or replaced in a timely manner. 24

10. If human remains and/or funerary objects are encountered during the course
of any ground-disturbing activities related to the construction or maintenance of the
Project, the Applicant shall cease work on the affected area of the Project and notify the

Director of the ASM as required by A.R.S. § 41-865 for private land, or as required by 1 A.R.S. § 41-844 for state, county, or municipal lands. 2

- Within one hundred twenty (120) days of the Commission's decision 11. 3 approving this Certificate, the Applicant shall post signs in or near public rights-of-way, to 4 the extent authorized by law, reasonably adjacent to the Project giving notice of the 5 Project. Such signage shall be no smaller than a roadway sign. The signs shall advise: 6
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a. Future site of the Project;

b. A phone number and website for public information regarding the Project; and

c. Refer the Public to the Docket https://edocket.azcc.gov/Seach/Docket-Search.

Such signs shall be inspected at least once annually and, if necessary, be repaired or 10 replaced, and removed at the completion of construction. 11

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The Applicant shall make every reasonable effort to communicate the decision either approving or disapproving the Certificate in digital media.

Upon the approval of this Certificate by the Committee, the Applicant shall 12. 14 provide cities and towns within five (5) miles of the Project, the Board of Supervisors for 15 16 Maricopa County, the City of Chandler, the Gila River Indian Community, UPRR and known builders and developers who are building upon or developing land within one (1) 17 mile of the centerline of the Project with a written description, including the approximate 18 height and width measurements of all structure types, of the Project. The written 19 description shall identify the location of the Project and contain a pictorial depiction of the 20 facilities being constructed. The Applicant shall also encourage the developers and builders 21 to include this information in their disclosure statements. Upon approval of this Certificate 22 by the Commission, the Applicant may commence construction of the Project. 23

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13. The Applicant shall use non-specular conductor and non-reflective surfaces for the transmission line structures on the Project. 25

14. The Applicant shall be responsible for arranging that all field personnel 26 involved in the Project receive training as to proper ingress, egress, and on-site working 27

protocol for environmentally sensitive areas and activities. Contractors employing such
 field personnel shall maintain records documenting that the personnel have received such
 training.

The Applicant shall follow the most current Western Electricity Coordinating
Council (WECC) and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) planning
standards, as approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), National
Electrical Safety Code (NESC) standards, and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
regulations.

9 16. The Applicant shall participate in good faith in state and regional
10 transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to the Project
11 and to resolve transmission constraints in a timely manner.

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17. When Project facilities are located parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of any existing natural gas or hazardous pipeline, the Applicant shall:

- Ensure grounding and cathodic protection studies are performed to show that a) 14 the Project's location parallel to and within one hundred (100) feet of such 15 pipeline results in no material adverse impacts to the pipeline or to public 16 safety when both the pipeline and the Project are in operation. The Applicant 17 shall take appropriate steps to ensure that any material adverse impacts are 18 mitigated. The Applicant shall provide to Staff of the Commission, and file 19 with Docket Control, a copy of the studies performed and additional 20 mitigation, if any, that was implemented as part of its annual compliance-21 certification letter; and 22
- b) Ensure that studies are performed simulating an outage of the Project that
 may be caused by the collocation of the Project parallel to and within one
 hundred (100) feet of the existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline.
 The studies should either: (a) show that such simulated outage does not result
 in customer outages; or (b) include operating plans to minimize any resulting

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customer outages. The Applicant shall provide a copy of the study results to Staff of the Commission and file them with Docket Control as part of the Applicant's annual compliance certification letter.

The Applicant shall submit a compliance certification letter annually, 18. 4 identifying progress made with respect to each condition contained in this Certificate, 5 including which conditions have been met. The letter shall be submitted to Commission's 6 Docket Control commencing on March 15, 2022. Attached to each certification letter shall 7 be documentation explaining how compliance with each condition was achieved. Copies of 8 each letter, along with the corresponding documentation, shall be submitted to the Arizona 9 Attorney General's Office. With respect to the Project, the requirement for the compliance 10 letter shall expire on the date the Project is placed into operation. Notification of such filing 11 with Docket Control shall be made to the Board of Supervisors for Maricopa County, City 12 of Chandler, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in 13 this Docket. 14

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The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Certificate to the Board of 19. 16 Supervisors for Maricopa County and the City of Chandler.

20. Any transfer or assignment of this Certificate shall require the assignee or 17 successor to assume, in writing, all responsibilities of the Applicant listed in this Certificate 18 and its conditions as required by A.R.S. § 40-360.08(A) and R14-3-213(F) of the Arizona 19 Administrative Code. 20

21. In the event the Applicant, its assignee, or successor, seeks to modify the 21 Certificate terms at the Commission, it shall provide copies of such request to the Board of 22 23 Supervisors for Maricopa County, the City of Chandler, all parties to this Docket, and all parties who made a limited appearance in this Docket. 24

22. The Certificate Conditions shall be binding on the Applicant, its successors, 25 assignee(s) and transferees and any affiliates, agents, or lessees of the Applicant who have 26 27 a contractual relationship with the Applicant concerning the construction, operation,

maintenance or reclamation of the Project. The Applicant shall provide in any agreement(s) or lease(s) pertaining to the Project that the contracting parties and/or lessee(s) shall be responsible for compliance with the Conditions set forth herein, and the Applicant's responsibilities with respect to compliance with such Conditions shall not cease or be abated by reason of the fact that the Applicant is not in control of or responsible for operation and maintenance of the Project facilities.

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This Certificate incorporates the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

9 1. The Project aids the state and the southwest region of the United States in
10 meeting the need for an adequate, economical, and reliable supply of renewable electric
11 power.

- 12 2. The Project aids the state, preserving a safe and reliable electric transmission
 13 system.
- 14 3. During the course of the hearing, the Committee considered evidence on the
 15 environmental compatibility on the Project as required by A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq*.

4. The Project and the conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate
effectively minimize the impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the state.

5. The conditions placed on the Project in this Certificate resolve matters
concerning balancing the need for the Project with its impact on the environment and
ecology of the state arising during the course of the proceedings, and, as such, serve as
findings and conclusions on such matters.

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| 1 | 6. The Project is in the public interest because the Project's contribution to | |
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| 2 | meeting the need for an adequate, economical and reliable supply of electric power | |
| 3 | outweighs the minimized impact of the Project on the environment and ecology of the | |
| 4 | state. | |
| 5 | DATED this 16^{7h} day of November, 2021. | |
| 6 | THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING | |
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| 10 | Paul A. Katz, Chairman | |
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