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SRP Proposes Southeast Power Link Project New project addresses region's future energy needs

To address the growing demand for electricity, Salt River Project is initiating a process to site 230kilovolt (kV) power lines in southeast Mesa and northern Queen Creek. This area has already seen significant development, and local and SRP officials anticipate even more growth in the commercial, industrial, and residential sectors.

"The proposed transmission project will bring significant additional capacity and enhanced reliability to the power system in the area," said Grant Smedley, SRP project manager and director of power delivery engineering. "The goal of the project is to provide the infrastructure needed to enable the growth that is envisioned, while continuing to provide reliable and cost-effective energy to our existing customers in the region."

Moving forward at this time also permits SRP to take advantage of the opportunity to coordinate siting of this project with other major infrastructure projects in the area. "We want to ensure that residents, developers, prospective customers, and other stakeholders are aware of where the new lines will be located," said Smedley.

Residents who live in the area are encouraged to attend a public open house from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, May 14 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mountain Ranch Ward, 3440 S. Signal Butte Rd. in Mesa.

The open house will be an opportunity for the public to review informational displays, discuss the project with SRP team members, and provide input on route options. Members of the public can also provide input by visiting the project website at <u>srpnet.com/SPL</u> or by calling the toll-free project line at (833) 310-6345.

After evaluating public input on route options from the open house, SRP will submit an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee of the Arizona Corporation Commission. SRP plans to obtain a CEC for the project by the end of this year.

For more information about this project and SRP, visit srpnet.com/SPL.

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