

EXHIBIT F RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND ASPECTS

The following addresses the requirements of Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-219, which states:

State the extent, if any, the proposed site or route will be available to the public for recreational purposes, consistent with safety considerations and regulations, and attach any plans the Applicant may have concerning the development of the recreational aspects of the proposed site or route.

Existing Conditions

Regional recreation information near the Southeast Power Link (SPL) Project (Project) and surrounding areas were gathered from Maricopa County, the City of Mesa, Arizona and the Town of Queen Creek, Arizona. Regionally, Maricopa County has a diverse geography, which offers a multitude of recreational opportunities. The terrain within the large county ranges from the broad, sloping alluvial plain south of the Phoenix metropolitan area to rugged mountain formations within areas of the southern portion of the county like the Sonoran Desert National Monument and also in the eastern portion of the county within the Tonto National Forest. Within the broad area of Maricopa County there are also regional and local parks associated with various mountain ranges such as the Estrella Mountains, South Mountains, Phoenix Mountains, McDowell Mountains, Utery Mountains and the Santan Mountains.

The recreational activities more specific to the Project Study Area (PSA) are limited and include only an organized sports area (No Sunday Futbol Club [NSFC] Strikers Soccer Complex) and a few parks, greenbelts, and/or catchment basins.

As discussed in **Exhibit A** (Land Use) and depicted on **Figures A-1** and **A-2** lands traversed by the Proposed Alignment are under the jurisdiction of the City of Mesa, Town of Queen Creek, Maricopa County, and Arizona State Land Department (ASLD).

Proposed Alignment

Northern Alignment

Loop 202 Proposed Alignment

The Proposed Alignment (P1 – P3) would parallel existing roads/highways for its entire length, approximately 1.55 miles along the east side of Loop 202, or 1.67 miles along the west side of Loop 202. There are no Maricopa County Active Open Space lands near the Proposed Alignment. City of Mesa has one designated recreational area (Arizona Skyline Community Park) within 1,000 feet of the Proposed Alignment.

RS-31 Substation Siting Area

There are no Maricopa County Active Open Space lands, City of Mesa Open Spaces or recreational areas within 1,000 feet of the RS-31 Substation Siting Area (226 acres).

Central Alignment

State Route (SR)-24 Proposed Alignment

The Proposed Alignment (P5 – P6) would parallel future SR-24 for its entire length, approximately 2.08 miles on the north side of SR-24, or 2.55 miles along the south side of SR-24. There are no County of Maricopa Active Open Space lands or City of Mesa Open Space lands or recreational areas within 1,000 feet of the Proposed Alignment.

Southern Alignment

Crismon Road Proposed Alignment

The Proposed Alignment (P6 – P14) would parallel existing transmission lines and existing and planned roads for its entire length, approximately 2.11 miles. There are no County of Maricopa Active Open Space lands, or City of Mesa or Town of Queen Creek Open Spaces or recreational areas within 1,000 feet of the Proposed Alignment.

Potential Effects

The Project substation and transmission line will not be available for public recreation purposes but the Project would not preclude recreational uses in the area around the Project components. The Proposed Alignment was sited to parallel existing disturbed corridors to the extent possible (existing roadways, electric utility infrastructure line rights-of-way (ROWs), section and property lines). Although the proposed ROW would represent an increase over any existing ROWs, it would likely result in no infringement on open space and recreational lands. Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP) would work with the City of Mesa, Town of Queen Creek, ASLD, and Maricopa County during the construction phase to ensure compliance with future plans near the Project components in order to maintain their high quality of services and facilities.

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