

RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
(Authorizing Submission of Comments to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission
Line Siting Committee in Case No. 171)

RESOLUTION NO. 15-392

1 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham way of life is to promote "enjoyable harmony between**
2 **members of the Nation and their environment" (Constitution of the Tohono**
3 **O'odham Nation, Article XVIII, Section 1); and**

4 **WHEREAS, the Tohono O'odham Nation is charged with the responsibility to preserve "its**
5 **historic and cultural artifacts and archeological sites" as well as "preserve and**
6 **cultivate native arts, crafts and traditions" (Constitution, Article VI, Section**
7 **1(c)(8) and Article XVIII, Section 1; and**

8 **WHEREAS, SunZia LLC has proposed to construct two new 500 KV transmission lines and**
9 **associated facilities originating at a new substation (SunZia East) in Lincoln**
10 **County, New Mexico and terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal**
11 **County, Arizona; and**

12 **WHEREAS, in order to construct the transmission lines, SunZia LLC must first obtain a**
13 **Certificate of Environmental Compatibility from the Arizona Power Plant and**
14 **Transmission Line Siting Committee; and**

15 **WHEREAS, SunZia LLC has applied for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility on**
16 **September 2, 2015, and the case is entitled "In the Matter of the Application of**
17 **SunZia Transmission LLC, In conformance with the Requirements of Arizona**
18 **Revised Statutes 40-360, Et Seq. for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility**
19 **Authorizing the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project, which includes the**
20 **Construction of Two New 500 KV Transmission Lines and Associated Facilities**
21 **originating at a New Substation (SunZia East) in Lincoln County New Mexico, and**
22 **Terminating at the Pinal Central Substation in Pinal County, Arizona. The**
23 **Arizona Portion of the Project is Located within Graham, Greenlee, Cochise,**
24 **Pinal and Pima Counties; and**

25 **WHEREAS, in order to consider the issuance of the Certificate of Environmental**
26 **Compatibility, the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee**
27 **has set a hearing for October 22-23, 2015 in Tucson; and**

28 **WHEREAS, the proposed transmission line would have an adverse effect on cultural**
29 **resource sites located in the project corridor and would degrade the cultural**

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1 **landscape of the project area in particular the San Pedro River Valley which was**
2 **traditionally used by Tohono O'odham for hunting and gathering; and**

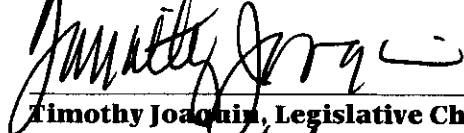
3 **WHEREAS, the proposed SunZia transmission line would adversely impact ancestral lands**
4 **and destroy natural resources and negatively affect the surrounding**
5 **environment; and**

6 **WHEREAS, it is in the Tohono O'odham Nation's interest to provide is providing comments**
7 **in this matter to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting**
8 **Committee, which has scheduled a hearing on this matter on October 22-23,**
9 **2015 in Tucson.**

10 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Council hereby authorizes the**
11 **Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation to provide comments on this matter to**
12 **the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee in substantially the form**
13 **attached to this resolution.**

14 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 12TH**
15 **day of OCTOBER, 2015 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 3,021.4 FOR;**
16 **-0- AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and [05] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the Council by**
17 **Article VI, Section 1(c)(8); Article XVIII, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Tohono O'odham**
18 **Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and approved by the**
19 **Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6, 1986, pursuant to**
20 **Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

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23 **TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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27 **Timothy Joachim, Legislative Chairman**

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29 14 day of October, 2015

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33 **ATTEST:**

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36 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**

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Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono O'odham Nation on the 14 day of October, 2015 at 2:09 o'clock, P .m., pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48 hours of submittal.

TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL



Timothy Joaquin, Legislative Chairman

APPROVED

on the 15 day of October, 2015

DISAPPROVED

at 1:59 o'clock, P .m.


EDWARD D. MANUEL, CHAIRMAN
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 15 day of

October, 2015, at 3:05 o'clock, P .m.


Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary

ACTION: AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS TO THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE IN CASE NO. 171

Moved: COUNCILMAN ARTHUR WILSON

SECOND: COUNCILWOMAN DIANA MANUEL

DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2015

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 367.2	1. FRANCES MIGUEL (Roberta E. Harvey)	183.55	X			X
	2. VERNON J. SMITH (Gloria Zazueta)	183.55	X			
CHUKUT KUK 332.1	1. ETHEL GARCIA (Marlakay K. Henry)	165.95	X			
	2. BILLMAN LOPEZ (Patricia Vicenti)	165.95	X			
GUACHI 265.0	1. TIMOTHY L. JOAQUIN (Lonis L. Johnson)	132.55	X			
	2. LORETTA LEWIS ()	132.55	X			
GU VO 265.0	1. GRACE MANUEL (Dallas Lewis)	124.8	X			
	2. PAMELA ANGHILL (Jeffery Antone, Sr.)	124.8	X			
HICKIWAN 205.8	1. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Shirley Molina)	102.45	X			
	2. SANDRA ORTEGA ()	102.45	X			X
PISINEMO 219.9	1. CHESTER ANTONE (Tony Murrietta)	110.0	X			
	2. MONICA K. MORGAN ()	110.0	X			
SAN LUCY 226.5	1. DIANA MANUEL ()	111.45	X			
	2. JANA MONTANA (Gloria Ramirez)	111.45	X			X
SAN XAVIER 228.6	1. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III (Gene Enis)	114.3	X			
	2. RACHEAL VILSON-STONER (Olivia Villegas-Liston)	114.3	X			X
SCHUK TOAK 180.6	1. ANTHONY J. FRANCISCO JR. (Theresa Donahue)	90.3	X			
	2. QUINTIN C. LOPEZ (John Fendenheim)	90.3	X			X
SELLS 513.5	1. ARTHUR WILSON (Beverly Rivas)	256.55	X			
	2. BARBARA HAVIER ()	256.55	X			
SIF OIDAK 231.6	1. LUCINDA ALLEN (Nicholas Jose)	115.75	X			
	2. MARY LOPEZ ()	115.75	X			
TOTAL		3,015.3	3,021.4	-0-	-0-	[05]