

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE  
3 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)  
4 OF SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION, )  
5 L.L.C., IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE )  
6 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED )  
7 STATUTES 40-360, ET SEC., FOR A ) DOCKET NO.  
8 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ) L-00000AAA-16-0370-  
9 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING ) 00173  
10 CONSTRUCTION OF THE NON-WAPA- )  
11 OWNED ARIZONA PORTIONS OF THE )  
12 SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, )  
13 INCLUDING A NEW APPROXIMATELY ) CASE NO. 173  
14 66-MILE 345-KV TRANSMISSION LINE )  
15 IN COCHISE COUNTY FROM THE )  
16 ARIZONA-NEW MEXICO BORDER TO THE )  
17 PROPOSED SOUTHLINE APACHE ) AMENDMENT TO  
18 SUBSTATION, THE ASSOCIATED ) DECISION NO. 75978  
19 FACILITIES TO CONNECT THE )  
20 SOUTHLINE APACHE SUBSTATION TO )  
21 THE ADJACENT AEPSCO APACHE )  
22 SUBSTATION, AND APPROXIMATELY 5 )  
23 MILES OF NEW 138-KV AND 230-KV )  
24 TRANSMISSION LINES AND )  
25 ASSOCIATED FACILITIES TO CONNECT )  
THE EXISTING PANTANO, VAIL, )  
DEMOSS PETRIE, AND TORTOLITA )  
SUBSTATIONS TO THE UPGRADED )  
WAPA-OWNED 230-KV APACHE-TUCSON )  
AND TUCSON-SAGUARO TRANSMISSION ) PREFILING CONFERENCE  
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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and  
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before  
3 the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting  
4 Committee in Phoenix, Arizona, commencing at 11:03 a.m.  
5 on the 16th of October, 2020, with all participants  
6 appearing via videoconference.

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1 CHMN. CHENAL: Let's identify the parties and  
2 see if there's going to be any intervenors. And we'll  
3 get into a description of the project and the exhibits  
4 that I saw were delivered and we'll talk about the  
5 logistics.

6 So I'm not sure who's going to be doing the  
7 talking today. Is it Megan or Matt or Ed? I assume  
8 it's going to be one of you three.

9 MR. DERSTINE: It's going to be Ed.

10 MS. DeCORSE: Yes.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Let's do the  
12 appearances first, and then we'll get into the project  
13 description.

14 MR. BECK: My name is Ed Beck, and I'm here  
15 on behalf of Tucson Electric Power.

16 MS. DeCORSE: Megan DeCorse on behalf of  
17 Tucson Electric Power.

18 MR. DERSTINE: Matt Derstine with Snell &  
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2 Arizona Corporation Commission Staff.

3 MS. EDWARDS: Krysta Edwards on behalf of  
4 Southline.

5 MR. PATTERSON: And Doug Patterson on behalf  
6 of Southline Transmission.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. That looks like  
8 everybody. You miss the big screen where you get a lot  
9 more squares up versus an iPad.

10 All right. Is the applicant aware of any  
11 intervenors in this case? And I guess one of the  
12 logical potential intervenors is the Corporation  
13 Commission. But maybe, Ed, if you or Matt or Megan  
14 would answer that.

15 MR. BECK: The only party that we're aware of  
16 that has indicated interest is the Mountain View Ranch  
17 group. And as we've discussed before, they're outside  
18 of the specific project area that we're talking about,  
19 but they have some general concerns about the Southline  
20 project, and so they may or may not show up in the  
21 hearings. That's the only party we're aware of.

22 CHMN. CHENAL: And Stephen, any interest in  
23 the Corporation Commission intervening in this action?

24 MR. EMEDI: Thank you, Chairman Chenal. At  
25 this point, Staff does not intend to intervene;

1 however, the Legal Division thought it made sense to  
2 appear today just on the off chance that Staff changes  
3 its mind and decides that it does want to intervene.  
4 But presently, they have not indicated an intention to  
5 intervene in the matter.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Thanks very much.  
7 Let's -- so looks like there may or may not be  
8 intervenors. But at this point, you know, the only  
9 ones that are potentials are Desert Mountain -- or,  
10 Mountain Desert and the Corporation Commission.

11 Let's go through a project description. And  
12 let's start with that and the exhibits, if any, that  
13 you're presenting today that will be exhibits to the  
14 transcript.

15 MR. BECK: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

16 Marie, are you able to bring up the map on  
17 screen, the overview map?

18 While she's bringing that up, if she can, the  
19 project is a portion of the original Southline project,  
20 which was CEC Case 173. And TEP is proposing to build  
21 the portion of that project from Vail to Tortolita,  
22 roughly 64 miles of the original, I believe, 370-mile  
23 Southline project. And that's what we're here before  
24 you to discuss is that 64-mile segment that under the  
25 original CEC was not considered in depth by the

1 Committee because of Western preemption rights or an  
2 argument with preemption and the fact that it was going  
3 to be a hundred percent owned by Western Area Power.  
4 Now TEP becoming a part of this project and owning one  
5 of the circuits, we recognize, and as the Commission  
6 has also indicated, we need to obtain a CEC for the  
7 portion that we will own, build and own.

8           So on the map, which is now on the screen,  
9 basically the project goes from the bottom right-hand  
10 corner, you'll see a Number 1, which is the reference  
11 to the Vail substation expansion. Yeah, right there.  
12 And then the project is the blue line that extends up  
13 to the upper left corner to the Number 8, which is the  
14 Tortolita substation expansion. So it goes right along  
15 through the city of Tucson, basically parallel and  
16 adjacent to Interstate 10.

17           The project will entail TEP working with  
18 Western to rebuild their existing 115-kV line that is  
19 along that alignment. We would build it to a double  
20 circuit 230-capable line, with one circuit being owned  
21 by TEP, and the other circuit would continue to be  
22 owned by Western. And at least in the interim, they  
23 would operate it at 115, even though it will be built  
24 to 230 capability.

25           CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Let's have the



1 Exhibit 1 marked as -- the map marked as Exhibit 1 for  
2 the transcript to the conference today.

3 Is there any further discussion about the  
4 project itself, Ed?

5 MR. BECK: No, not at this time. That's  
6 basically the project we're bringing forward.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Let's talk about, then, the  
8 Notice of Hearing and the posting and publishing  
9 aspects that are typical for these cases. Is there a  
10 -- have you had an opportunity to look at the Notice of  
11 Hearing that just went out in the other -- the  
12 Hashknife case?

13 MR. BECK: Yes. We took an extensive look at  
14 that, and we modified our proposed Notice of Hearing to  
15 accommodate a lot of the language. I believe that has  
16 been provided to Marie for consideration as a draft.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: Marie, you're on mute.

18 MS. COBB: I have it.

19 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I'll have to look at it  
20 Monday when I'm back. Let me know what your  
21 anticipated filing date is.

22 MR. BECK: We're looking at by the end of  
23 next week, 21 -- 21st, 22nd possibly. It's some  
24 printing logistics we're working through.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Well, I'll look at

1 that and I should be able to get that back to you  
2 Monday, Tuesday morning at the latest, with any  
3 comments that we'd have, okay?

4 MR. BECK: Great.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: And what's your -- well, I  
6 say -- as soon as I say that, you know, you never know,  
7 after you've been gone a week, what happens. But is  
8 late Tuesday good enough for you?

9 MR. BECK: Yes, that will work.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Where are you going to  
11 publish, Tucson Daily Star?

12 MR. BECK: Arizona Daily Star, yes.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: I'm sorry. Arizona Daily  
14 Star. Did I say Tucson Daily Star? Excuse me. It's  
15 Arizona Daily Star. Excuse me.

16 What about signs and locations?

17 MR. BECK: So we also provided, again this  
18 morning, the map of the proposed sign locations, which  
19 I think we proposed that would be our Exhibit 2, and  
20 we're showing 22 proposed locations. The scale is a  
21 little bit tough. It's the blue dots on this map, the  
22 little blue squares. So you can see they're scattered  
23 much less in the rural areas and more intense in the  
24 urban area of Tucson. And we're proposing those 22  
25 signs subject to final ability to get permitting and so

1 on to place those signs.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure.

3 MR. BECK: We don't anticipate issues, but at  
4 this point it's 22 signs that we're planning. We've  
5 reached out to Western Area Power. We think we're fine  
6 putting signs on their rights-of-way. So our biggest  
7 issue probably will be road rights-of-way.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: And I assume the signs will be  
9 consistent with previous TEP signs in recent cases in  
10 terms of the information that will be contained in the  
11 signs?

12 MR. BECK: That is correct, yes.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, good.

14 And who are the affected jurisdictions in  
15 this case?

16 MR. BECK: Mr. Chairman, just to ask, do you  
17 need to put that as an exhibit?

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Sorry. Yes, Exhibit 2.  
19 Exhibit 2 will be marked and a part of this transcript,  
20 yes.

21 MR. BECK: As far as affected jurisdictions,  
22 there's Pima County and Pinal County. Primarily, we'll  
23 be in Pima, but we do touch the edge of Pinal with the  
24 portion into the Saguaro substation. We have the city  
25 of Tucson, town of Marana, and the town of Sahuarita.

1 Town of Sahuarita, we don't actually cross through the  
2 town of Sahuarita as it is, but they have an interest  
3 in that particular area, so we're notifying them.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, very good.

5 And I know I'm moving this along a little  
6 more quickly, so I apologize if we're breezing through  
7 this, but I think we've talked about a lot of this in  
8 previous informal meetings we've had. Let's talk about  
9 the evidentiary hearing, the location and the  
10 anticipated dates.

11 MR. BECK: So we're planning for December 1st  
12 as a starting date, and we had a note that it was  
13 starting at 10:00 a.m. We needed to verify what your  
14 preference is for timing of the start.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: I think we do it the way we  
16 normally have, you know, being an afternoon start,  
17 1:00, let's say. Because of Matt's suggestion, I think  
18 it was a good one, to basically have the hearing, you  
19 know, we could start in one week and then continue over  
20 into the next, I think we've got plenty of time that we  
21 don't have to start it at 10:00. And that's certainly  
22 much less of a stress for some of the Committee Members  
23 who have to drive to it. So it would be the normal  
24 1:00 p.m. start time on December 1st.

25 And then how many days should we notice it

1 for and then how many days do you believe it will  
2 actually take to do this hearing?

3 MR. BECK: I think, as we've discussed  
4 previously, we're hoping that we can complete the case  
5 in that first week so that it would run through the  
6 Friday, potentially. And we had the carryover days  
7 into the following week just in case there's more  
8 questioning or public input than we expected.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: And I don't have my calendar  
10 up. Is the 1st a Tuesday, the 1st of December?

11 MR. BECK: I believe it is.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes, okay. So we start the  
13 afternoon of Tuesday, December 1st. You believe it  
14 could be completed as early as Friday; and if not,  
15 we've got the next week. How many days should we --  
16 you know, should the notice of hearing -- I'm sorry I  
17 didn't have a chance to review it this morning, but how  
18 many days into the following week would it be your  
19 preference to hold for the hearing?

20 MR. BECK: Well, I believe your Committee  
21 Members were good possibly through Wednesday at the  
22 latest. Didn't you lose a few Committee Members?

23 CHMN. CHENAL: Marie, you'll have to refresh  
24 our recollection. You're on mute.

25 MS. COBB: So we lose Zach Branum and Patty

1 Noland that following week.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: The entire week?

3 MS. COBB: Yes. And then there's -- you  
4 know, Jim Palmer is not available until after lunch on  
5 the 7th.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: What day of the week is that?

7 MS. COBB: On Monday.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: Monday, okay.

9 MS. COBB: So he's not available until after  
10 lunch. And then on Thursday he's only available until  
11 10:00 a.m., which is the 10th. And then Member  
12 Villegas is unavailable on Tuesday, December 8th, from  
13 9:00 to 11:00, so a couple of hours.

14 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Well --

15 MR. BECK: Mr. Chairman, do you have the  
16 prerogative in the Committee to set additional days and  
17 we just have to post them, or...

18 CHMN. CHENAL: You know, yes, maybe. I  
19 probably do. We've never crossed that bridge, because  
20 every time we've done one of these notices we've always  
21 allowed plenty of time. For example, in this case,  
22 we'd notice it through the following Friday, whatever  
23 date that is. So we go from the 1st through -- Tuesday  
24 through Friday the first week and Monday through Friday  
25 the second week just to be safe. I mean, I think the

1 statutes and rules allow me to do that, but, you know,  
2 again, I've never had the occasion where we've run out  
3 of time as the notice has been -- as the hearing has  
4 been noticed and had to do that.

5 I mean, the risk is on you. You know, I  
6 appreciate that it ties up the hotel and there's the  
7 cost associated with that. But if you're able to  
8 negotiate a way where you only pay for the time that we  
9 use it, then it seems like it would make more sense to  
10 notice it as necessary throughout the following week.  
11 But it's easy for me to spend your money, if the case  
12 is if you reserve it, you've got to pay for it.

13 MR. BECK: Well, I would say because of the  
14 importance of the project to us and our interest in  
15 getting through this in one set of hearings, one set of  
16 timing, we probably should notice through the 11th, I  
17 think is the Friday.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: I think it's smart. I mean,  
19 we'll have a quorum for the whole time period. And,  
20 you know, it's like moving the Red Army; it's hard to  
21 get everything together to do this. And with the  
22 holidays, I'd be afraid you'd be out into January  
23 sometime. And we promised we'd get this thing set and  
24 heard and decided, and I'd hate to run into a snag  
25 because we didn't reserve enough time.

1 MR. BECK: I appreciate that. So we'll  
2 notice through the 11th, and then we'll see what we can  
3 work out with the venue.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay.

5 MR. DERSTINE: And, Mr. Chairman, it's  
6 starting at 1:00 p.m. on the 1st, is that right?

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Yes. And then I think the  
8 same would go for the following Monday, 1:00 start,  
9 because, again, we'll have people like -- Member  
10 Villegas and Member Palmer will probably drive in that  
11 morning.

12 MR. DERSTINE: All right. We'll have to  
13 revise the draft Notice of Hearing that we sent you or  
14 Marie can do it. However you want to handle the  
15 changes and the edits to the draft Notice of Hearing,  
16 you tell us what you want.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: Why don't you do it, because I  
18 can't look at it until Monday. Well, let's put it like  
19 this to be polite: I'm not going to look at it until  
20 Monday. I could take the afternoon off and look at it  
21 and not visit some historic sites around here, but I  
22 think I'm going to do that and I'll look at the hearing  
23 notice on Monday. So that will give you plenty of  
24 opportunity to get it to us. And I can get it turned  
25 around pretty quickly. So if you would be kind enough



1 to do that.

2 And then we'll have the agenda. Marie, you  
3 can do the agenda based on the Notice of Hearing -- the  
4 revised Notice of Hearing that will be sent.

5 I assume the usual arrangements will be made  
6 for lodging for out-of-town Committee Members,  
7 Mr. Beck?

8 MR. BECK: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: I think we talked that we will  
10 not do a physical tour, but we would appreciate a  
11 robust flyover. And I know a lot of these Google  
12 flyovers are pretty quick, they're a couple, three,  
13 four, five minutes. I think you can slow the plane  
14 down and we can spend a little more time with the  
15 Google flyover and spend some time doing it much  
16 slower. We can take some time to do that, and I think  
17 that will -- given the coronavirus pandemic, I just  
18 think it's safer we don't do a tour, a physical tour.

19 MR. BECK: Mr. Chairman, just briefly,  
20 regarding our venue, how many rooms should we ask be  
21 set aside for Committee Members? Would you be able to  
22 give us some indication of that?

23 CHMN. CHENAL: We'll have to have Marie poll  
24 the Committee to verify. I was going to get into the  
25 logistics here in a moment, but let's talk about it

1 now. We'll have to get a head count. I know in the  
2 other hearing we have set, the Hashknife case, I  
3 believe every Member is going to appear in person. So  
4 we'll get a head count and get back to you. I'll  
5 certainly be there in person.

6 MR. BECK: Okay.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: We won't have a tour.

8 Let's talk about the venue, then. Obviously,  
9 we're going to need -- we'll have the large hearing  
10 room that we've used in the past. But have you given  
11 thought as to how you're going to set it up to  
12 accommodate pretty much a full Committee -- we'll be  
13 missing a few people at various times -- but with  
14 distancing in between, how that's going to look?

15 MR. BECK: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I think Renee  
16 can -- Renee will speak a little bit to that.

17 But one follow-up from our previous  
18 discussion. I think you were reaching out to your  
19 Committee Members to see whether we needed to provide a  
20 second device for them to be able to see Zoom or if  
21 they might have their own devices. I don't know if you  
22 were able to get any feedback.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: I think Marie has.

24 MS. COBB: Yes. So the only Committee Member  
25 that I have heard back from so far that does not have a

1 personal device is Member Haenichen. Everybody else  
2 either has an iPad, a tablet, or a laptop that is  
3 enabled with a camera. Does that answer your question?

4 MR. BECK: So, Mr. Chairman, would we maybe  
5 have a couple of devices available for Mr. Haenichen  
6 and --

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah, I think that's -- if you  
8 have them already, three maybe, if you already have  
9 them. I'm listening to what Marie said very carefully,  
10 of the people I've heard back from. So now I have a  
11 hundred questions about, well, who did we not hear back  
12 from? And did we not hear back from them because they  
13 don't have it or they don't care or what gives? So  
14 let's have a few extra just to be safe.

15 MR. BECK: Renee, do you want to talk about  
16 the venue?

17 MS. DARLING: Yes, absolutely.

18 Chairman, we are not going to use the same  
19 room as we normally do. We're actually going to be  
20 using the grand ballroom, which is much larger, and  
21 that's to accommodate a 6-foot table per person. So  
22 you've got -- it will be very long, a very long series  
23 of tables for the Committee, but it will have a similar  
24 configuration as what we used in the other room with  
25 the screens to your right, TEP across from you -- the

1 lawyers across from you, and TEP to the left of you.  
2 So the setup will be the same; it will just be much  
3 more spread out.

4 And then we're going to use the Palo Verde  
5 room as kind of a public viewing room or overflow room,  
6 and that will have the ability to comment from that  
7 room. But we can, if it's your preference, also set up  
8 a microphone in the ballroom if they're so inclined to  
9 come in and comment within the ballroom itself.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, let me ask a question on  
11 that, Renee. If people show up in the Palo Verde room,  
12 will they be able to see the hearing that's taking  
13 place in the grand ballroom?

14 MS. DARLING: Yes. They can actually watch  
15 the hearing from the Palo Verde room if they so choose.  
16 There will be a 6-foot screen set up in that room,  
17 along with chairs with 6-foot social distancing between  
18 the chairs. And there will be a computer and audio  
19 linked back to the room so that they can literally like  
20 be one of the Zoom -- one of the Zoom squares, right,  
21 is the Palo Verde room. So they can come up to the  
22 camera and leave a comment.

23 CHMN. CHENAL: I don't see a need to have  
24 those people in the grand ballroom then.

25 MS. DARLING: I didn't either, but I didn't

1 know if you preferred it.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: No. No. To the contrary,  
3 actually.

4 MS. DARLING: Yes. I figured the fewer  
5 people, the better.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Yep. Okay, that sounds great.  
7 I guess it's a little academic since most, if  
8 not every one, of the Committee Members will be  
9 physically present, so we don't have to worry about how  
10 many Zoom squares we're going to need. But how is it  
11 going to work? So let's say the attorneys are asking a  
12 panel, and you have the Committee Members watching.  
13 And, you know, while the attorneys are asking the  
14 questions and the panel is responding, what will we see  
15 on the screen?

16 MS. DARLING: Yes. So Zoom has the speaker  
17 view setup, which means as a person speaks, just their  
18 picture will pop up, the person that's actually  
19 speaking. So even if you and I are speaking back and  
20 forth, our picture will keep shifting. So what you'll  
21 see is the person speaking and then the presentation  
22 itself up on the big screen, but you also can see it in  
23 front of you on your laptop or your device.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: So if I'm asking a question of  
25 Matt, and he and I are discussing it back and forth and

1 we're the speaker views, he and I, who will occupy --  
2 will the panel occupy another square that we'll be able  
3 to see and the witnesses?

4 MS. DARLING: Right. You won't see any of  
5 the other people on the Zoom meeting while you're in  
6 speaker view talking to each other. You'll see the  
7 presentation and then the picture of you when you speak  
8 and then the picture of Matt when he speaks. But  
9 everybody will see, whether they're in the room or at  
10 home, they will see the presentation and the two of you  
11 speaking back and forth with each other.

12 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I think that sounds  
13 fine. I think that's a really good way to handle this  
14 and I think it will work just fine. I think that's  
15 smart, so that's good.

16 MS. DARLING: Right. And the idea is --  
17 sorry.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Go ahead.

19 MS. DARLING: The idea for the PowerPoint is  
20 to build the two -- you know how we normally have the  
21 map on the left screen and the presentation on the  
22 right screen -- is to build that into a single  
23 PowerPoint presentation, because the left screen, you  
24 really can't send that signal out to the people that  
25 aren't in the room. But we'll figure all that out and

1 we'll certainly be paying attention to the hearing  
2 before ours and adjust any plans we have based on how  
3 that goes.

4 CHMN. CHENAL: And then the Committee Members  
5 at least will be provided a separate iPad with the  
6 documents loaded, as in previous cases?

7 MS. DARLING: Yes, absolutely.

8 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay, perfect.

9 MS. DARLING: And just one other thing.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure.

11 MS. DARLING: They'll still have their own  
12 microphones. So the audio will be through the  
13 microphones and the speakers in the room, not through  
14 the computer for the Zoom meeting.

15 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. So we'll have to mute  
16 the computers.

17 MS. DARLING: Yes.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I'm sorry to move this  
19 along a little quickly. I've got that other call in 15  
20 minutes, which I'm sorry this came up, but it's  
21 something I have to do.

22 Let's set a date for the prehearing  
23 conference. And maybe we already have talked about a  
24 date. I'm sorry. Excuse me. Can you remind me what  
25 the date is?

1 MR. BECK: We did, Mr. Chairman. I believe  
2 November 24th at 2:00 p.m.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Very good. Is  
4 there any litigation or ongoing disputes of any legal  
5 nature regarding the project?

6 MR. BECK: No, there's -- we're not aware of  
7 any litigation, per se. The only issue of concern...

8 CHMN. CHENAL: Is the Mountain View, is that  
9 what you were talking about?

10 MR. BECK: Yes, sir, Mountain View, the  
11 Mountain View issue, but it's not in any type of  
12 litigation.

13 CHMN. CHENAL: Right. And the Mountain View  
14 is not impacted by the line that's going to be the  
15 subject of the hearing either, as I understand it?

16 MR. BECK: Right. That's correct.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: It's a different part of the  
18 line.

19 All right. And what is the form of the  
20 application or how are you going to call it -- title  
21 the pleading? I know it's going to have the look and  
22 the feel of an application, but just so I'm aware of it  
23 if you've made that decision yet.

24 MR. BECK: I'm not sure we've got the title  
25 finalized, but it's basically going to be an



1 application just like you would see in your typical  
2 case. So from a look and feel, it's going to be hard  
3 to discern it between a normal application and this  
4 particular case.

5 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay.

6 MR. DERSTINE: My working draft title is,  
7 supplement to application to amend pursuant to ARS  
8 40-252 and ARS Section 40-360, et seq.

9 CHMN. CHENAL: Beautiful, beautiful,  
10 beautiful. It's music to a lawyer's ears.

11 Okay. The draft Procedural Order will be  
12 similar to the one that was issued in the Hashknife  
13 case. If you -- I will let you know right now, if you  
14 have any thoughts on how to tweak that specifically for  
15 this case, please let me know. But I think other than  
16 the dates and things like that, I think -- and the  
17 project description, I think basically it's going to be  
18 very similar. But again, if you have comments or  
19 tweaks on that, please let me know.

20 We'll have the public comment again the first  
21 evening, December the 1st. I don't see that we need  
22 one for the following week; I mean, we'll be available  
23 to take public comment. But I believe in the Hashknife  
24 case they put in a hearing date for the second week as  
25 a possibility, and I don't think that's necessary,

1 unless you do. I think the one -- since it's all going  
2 to take place in hearing, that should be sufficient.

3 MR. BECK: Yeah. Mr. Chairman, I don't think  
4 we see a need for any additional public comment  
5 session, because you typically would take those that  
6 might show up during the hearing anyway.

7 CHMN. CHENAL: Sure. Out of curiosity, just  
8 remind me, what other permits, either federal, state,  
9 county, city, or town, are necessary for this project  
10 in addition to the CEC?

11 MR. BECK: With at least one of our  
12 substations, we may have to provide a new development  
13 plan to the City because we're expanding the substation  
14 site. But because our substations are existing,  
15 there's really very little in the way of permitting.  
16 And we'll need typical construction and right-of-way  
17 use permits as we're building portions of the project.

18 CHMN. CHENAL: All right.

19 MR. BECK: And I apologize. My camera went  
20 out, so that's why I'm not on screen.

21 CHMN. CHENAL: Kathryn, any requests or  
22 comments, suggestions or concerns that you have, from  
23 your perspective, in this hearing we're going to have  
24 where it's live and there could be parts of it remote?

25 THE COURT REPORTER: Not that I can think of

1 at the moment.

2 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Well, you let us know  
3 if you do.

4 What is the capability for a member of the  
5 public to attend the hearing virtually, I guess that's  
6 the last question I have, or provide public comment?

7 MR. BECK: We will have the virtual  
8 capability for the public, as well as they can be in  
9 the Palo Verde room if they do show up, but they will  
10 also have the ability to come in virtually.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: And then when I have a hearing  
12 and I see someone -- some people sitting there and I  
13 know they're there to give comment, I try to, as a  
14 courtesy to them, allow them to provide their comment  
15 and leave so they don't have to wait five hours or  
16 whatever. How will we be able to accommodate those  
17 people that appear virtually? Will someone let me know  
18 that someone has appeared and they're in the waiting  
19 room or how will that work?

20 MR. BECK: Well, I think one way, we could  
21 have them raise their hand so that someone will notice  
22 that they've joined, and then we could alert you to  
23 that fact.

24 MS. DARLING: Just real quick.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah, Renee.

1 MS. DARLING: So we're going to have a  
2 full-time moderator. The moderator is in charge of  
3 keeping the Zoom meeting organized and going. So  
4 they'll make sure to be muting people's microphones, if  
5 they're forgetting to do it themselves, to help control  
6 the noise and make sure that only the people that are  
7 speaking are on mic.

8 They can also -- I mean, we have to come up  
9 with a plan, but we could just have like a sign in the  
10 Palo Verde room, if you would like to make a comment,  
11 call this number or text this number, and then it would  
12 be the moderator's number. Or we can say, raise the  
13 hand on the computer, like Ed suggested. We'll figure  
14 it out, but we'll make sure there's a way that we know  
15 somebody is there that wants to make a comment and then  
16 we can let you know.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: That sounds good. So if I'm a  
18 member of the public and I want to attend the hearing  
19 virtually, what do I do? I join the Zoom meeting?

20 MS. DARLING: Yep, you just click the link  
21 from your computer. And we can post the link on our  
22 project website, we can put it in the public notices,  
23 things like that, to make sure they have the ability to  
24 know what that link is.

25 CHMN. CHENAL: So is it possible -- I mean,

1 if there were -- I'm making this number up -- but 30  
2 people that wanted to appear, in addition to all of us  
3 that are involved with the hearing, are there enough  
4 squares for that or how is that going to work?

5 MS. DARLING: Yeah, it can handle hundreds of  
6 people.

7 MR. BECK: They don't all show up on the  
8 screen, Mr. Chairman. I think the names are listed.

9 MS. DARLING: Yes, that's true. That's  
10 correct.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. Well, we'll -- it's a  
12 brave new world. We'll figure it out. I'm looking  
13 forward to this.

14 I don't think I had anything else. No, I  
15 don't have anything else.

16 And just let me turn it back to you. Do you  
17 have any thoughts, questions, concerns about the  
18 hearing?

19 MR. BECK: I don't think we have specific  
20 concerns. Just so you are aware, we're doing a public  
21 virtual open house next week with -- via Zoom, and we  
22 are sending out a newsletter to a notification area  
23 that's on each side of the corridor. So there's almost  
24 40,000 people that will receive that newsletter, which  
25 will provide a background on the original Southline

1 project and then TEP's proposed project and how that  
2 fits in and then also notify them of the hearings.

3 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. All right. 40,000,  
4 that's a good number of people.

5 MR. BECK: Yes.

6 CHMN. CHENAL: Kudos to your teams that are  
7 getting the word out and getting that all organized,  
8 the outreach.

9 MR. BECK: Yeah, we've been pretty busy.

10 CHMN. CHENAL: Yeah.

11 Okay. Matt, Elias, Megan, any other  
12 thoughts, questions?

13 MR. DERSTINE: This is Matt. I was just  
14 going to ask if you had given any thought to having the  
15 Cleveland Clinic require a COVID test for all the  
16 participants before we show up in the room or if there  
17 was going to be any testing requirements?

18 CHMN. CHENAL: Well, the Cleveland Clinic, I  
19 don't know about that, but I walked into kind of a --  
20 how do you describe it -- a building full of like -- it  
21 was like a market, brewery, coffee, chocolate, pasta,  
22 all kinds of stuff, but it was in a closed facility  
23 here in Albuquerque, very nice project, but they took  
24 everyone's temperature before you walked in. We should  
25 give a little thought to that. We really should give a

1 little thought to that.

2 MR. DERSTINE: We have. Yeah, we've thought  
3 about -- and we need to look into how that might be  
4 staffed, but to at a minimum take temperatures and  
5 maybe have folks fill out the kind of little check  
6 sheet that you might do if you go into the doctor's  
7 office, you haven't had any symptoms, the kind of  
8 certification I have to fill out if I go into my  
9 office, just so that we're doing what we can to keep  
10 people safe.

11 CHMN. CHENAL: I'm very open to that. I  
12 think that would be a wonderful idea, in all  
13 seriousness. Temperatures and disclosures, I think  
14 that's a wonderful idea.

15 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. We'll look into  
16 logistics of that.

17 CHMN. CHENAL: Okay. I don't mean to rush  
18 people, but I need to get going on my next one if  
19 there's no other questions. And if something comes up,  
20 please let me know. We want to do this right, and I  
21 think we've shown we're serious about getting this  
22 heard and decided as quickly as possible.

23 MR. DERSTINE: Thanks for your time.

24 CHMN. CHENAL: All right. Everyone, thank  
25 you very much and we'll see you at the prefiling

1 conference -- prehearing conference. And if anything  
2 shows up, comes up and we need to talk, just let me  
3 know. I'll make myself available.

4 (The prefiling conference concluded at  
5 11:43 a.m.)

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