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Re: **Pinal County Energy Center, LLC Project Bella
Line Siting Application 233
Docket Control # L-21314A-24-0144-00233**

Dear Mr. Van Flein, Ms. Paladino, and Mr. Baxter:

I want to invite the Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission to make whatever comment you feel appropriate in writing, by live testimony, or both on the above Application of the Pinal County Energy Center, LLC Project Bella ("Application") to construct a transmission line and associated substation facilities as more fully described in the Application. The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee has an ongoing interest in the technical expertise of your staff in considering applications that come before it, and your legal position in matters relating to the construction of the project in conformance with A.R.S. § 40-360 *et seq.*

If you wish to submit your comments in writing, please do so by filing them with Docket Control, with copies to the Applicant and the members of the Committee. If you wish to have one or more members of your staff testify, please notify me by letter containing the names of your staff who

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will testify and a summary of their proposed testimony. Please file the summary with Docket Control, with a copy to the Applicant, and other interested persons, and the Committee members. It would be very helpful if the written opinions or the testimony summary on technical matters were filed and sent on or before the pre-hearing conference on August 6, 2024, so that the Applicant and others will have an opportunity to respond at the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on August 12, 2024.

The Committee likely will be interested in your opinion about whether the proposed project improves the reliability and/or the safety of operation of the grid and the delivery of power in Arizona.

We would, of course, welcome your thoughts on any other legal or technical issues relevant to our statutory review that you feel we should consider.

If you have any questions concerning our request, please do not hesitate to call me. We look forward to your input.

Very truly yours,



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