

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT  
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET SEQ.,  
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE  
SANTA RITA CONNECTION 138 KILOVOLT  
(KV) TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT,  
WHICH INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
A NEW 138 KV TRANSMISSION LINE  
ORIGINATING AT THE EXISTING SONORAN  
SUBSTATION (SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 16 S,  
RANGE 14 E), AND TERMINATING AT THE  
PLANNED SANTA RITA SUBSTATION  
(SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 S, RANGE 14 E),  
EACH LOCATED WITHIN PIMA COUNTY,  
ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-  
00261

Case No. 261

**NOTICE OF FILING  
SUPPLEMENTAL EXHIBITS**

Pursuant to the Procedural Order entered in this docket on April 22, 2026,  
Tucson Electric Power Company (“TEP” or “Applicant”) hereby files supplemental  
exhibits that the Applicant intends to present at the hearing in this matter. These  
exhibits are in addition to the exhibits filed on May 18, 2026.

Exhibit TEP-17	Amendments to Application
Exhibit TEP-18	Addition to Witness Presentation
Exhibit TEP-19	Supplemental Outreach Summary
Exhibit TEP-20	Arizona Corporation Commission Staff Letter

Attached to this Notice are the above-referenced exhibits.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26th day of May, 2026.

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**EXHIBIT TEP-17**

**AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION**

**DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

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**Amendment to Application for Certificate of Environmental Compatibility  
Tucson Electric Power Company - Santa Rita Connection Project  
Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

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**Purpose:** To make corrections to the application for a certificate of environmental compatibility filed on April 17, 2026 in Docket No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261.

**Page 17**

**Delete:**

TEP plans to use existing company land rights or COT and Pima County road rights-of-way (“ROWS”), where possible, or obtain ROW leases and easements for construction, operation and maintenance, in up to 100-foot-wide corridors.

**Replace with:**

TEP plans to use existing company land rights or COT and Pima County road rights-of-way (“ROWS”), where possible, or obtain ROW leases and easements for construction, operation and maintenance, in up to 1,500-foot-wide corridors.

**Pages 19 and 30**

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**Page 371**

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[Key Observation Point (KOP) #4]

**Replace with:**

[Updated Key Observation Point (KOP) #4, attached]

## Key Observation Point (KOP) #4



Simulated Baseline Condition



Simulated Condition

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**EXHIBIT TEP-18**

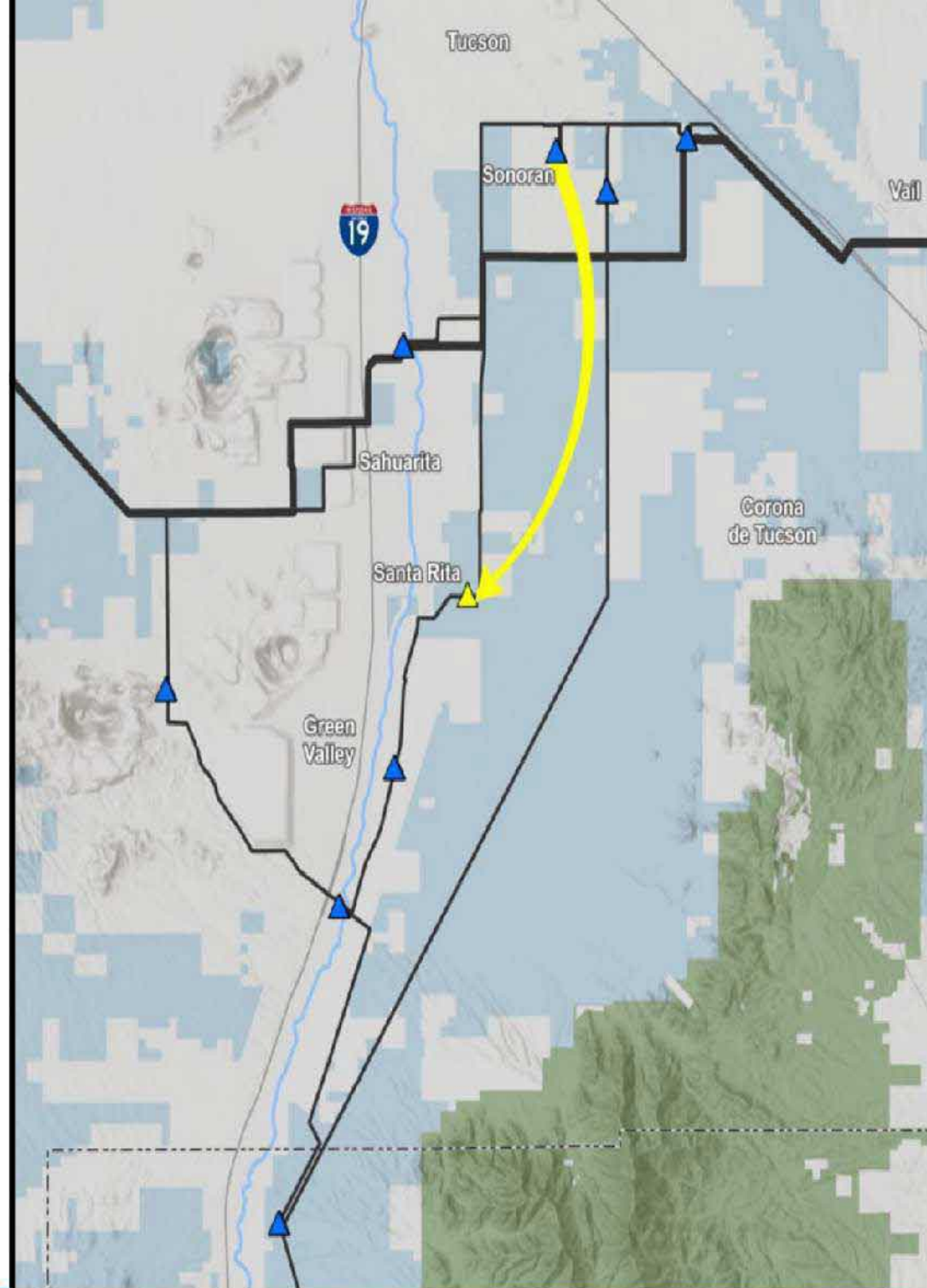
**ADDITION TO WITNESS PRESENTATION**

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# In Summary

- Vail to Kantor is a radial and **not subject** to NERC Compliance
- Canoa Ranch – Kantor connection brings Kantor into the Bulk Electrical System and **subject** to NERC
- Being part of Bulk Electrical System is a good thing
- NERC compliance studies identify potential overload (P6 Event)
- The Project alleviates potential overload



**EXHIBIT TEP-19**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL OUTREACH SUMMARY**  
**DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

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# Santa Rita Connection Project Supplemental Outreach

Outreach Method		Date(s)
Webpage	English	April 17, 2026
	Spanish	
	Interactive Map	
Agency	Email Update Attached Map	April 21, 2026
	Town of Sahuarita Email Anna Casadei	March 12, 2026
Elected Officials	Email Update	April 22, 2026
	Town of Sahuarita Council Meeting Staff Report, Map & PPT	May 11, 2026
Tribal	Email Update Attached Map	April 24, 2026
	Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Email	May 7, 2026
	White Mountain Apache Tribe Email Attached Section 106 Letter	May 6, 2026
Postcard		May 12, 2026
Newspaper Ad	Arizona Bilingual	May 2026 Issue
	Green Valley News	May 24, 2026
Social Media Ad	Facebook English & Spanish	April 27 - May 27, 2026
	Instagram English & Spanish	
	Analytics	
Email Blast	Email Body	May 19, 2026
	Report	
Public Comment (Redacted)		March 28 - May 22, 2026

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# Santa Rita Connection Project

Tucson Electric Power is preparing plans for new transmission facilities that will increase energy capacity and enhance system reliability to customers in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the surrounding area.

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## Project Description

A new 138 kilovolt transmission line will connect the existing Sonoran Substation on Swan Road, south of Old Vail Connection Road, to the proposed Santa Rita Substation on Corto Road, south of Santa Rita Road. The Santa Rita Substation will support service reliability for homes, businesses, and other customers in the area.

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On April 17, 2026, TEP filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) with the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC). The CEC describes two possible routes for the construction of a transmission line. These routes can be viewed below or on our [interactive map](#). The Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee will consider TEP's application at an upcoming hearing, which is open to the public.

If you have questions about the project, please send an email to [SantaRitaConnection@tep.com](mailto:SantaRitaConnection@tep.com) or call 520-770-7520.

**Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Hearing**  
 Tuesday, May 26, 2026

A public hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee will begin on Monday, May 26 at the Desert Diamond Casino - Tucson, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Ariz. Public comment will be taken in person and virtually during a special evening session on May 26 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The hearing schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 26: 1 p.m. with public comment session starting at 5:30 p.m.
- May 27-29 as necessary from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- [Video link to view the CEC hearings](#)
- [Video link to view the public comment session](#)

**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
 For the public to participate in the comment session starting at 5:30 p.m. on May 26

- Meeting Link: [Click here](#)
- Meeting ID: 849 2181 3378
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- Call In Number: +1 (253) 205-0468

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Certificate of Environmental Compatibility Application

- [Application](#) — Filed April 17, 2026 (204mb)
- [Notice of Public Hearing](#)


Prefiling Conference – April 7, 2026

- [Transcripts](#)
- [Exhibits](#)

Hardcopies of the application can be viewed at:


- Sahuarita Library, 670 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- Conrad Joyner-Green Valley Library, 601 La Cahada Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

### Project Benefits




**Increased Capacity**

New 138-kV transmission line and Santa Rita Substation will provide greater capacity to help meet the current and future energy needs of the community.



**System Reliability**

The addition of a new 138-kV transmission line will enhance the regional grid, providing redundancy and stability.



**System Upgrades**

The new Santa Rita Substation will allow for the retirement of an older 46-kV substation and will help prevent potential reliability issues.

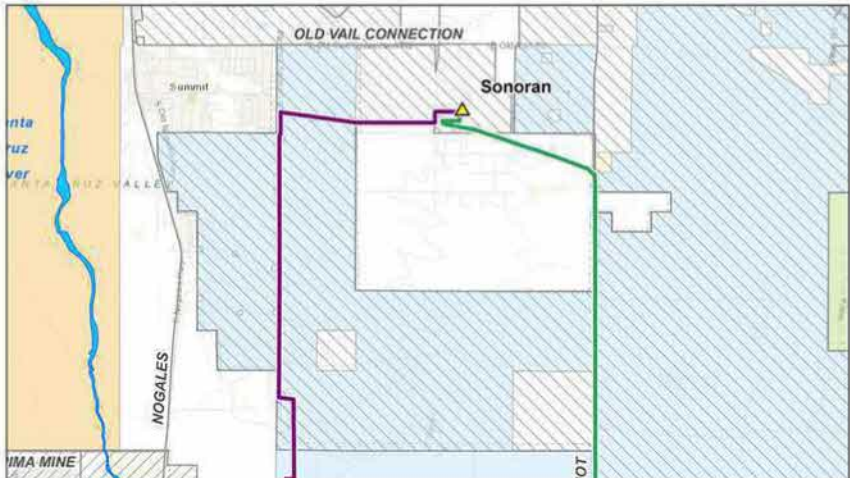
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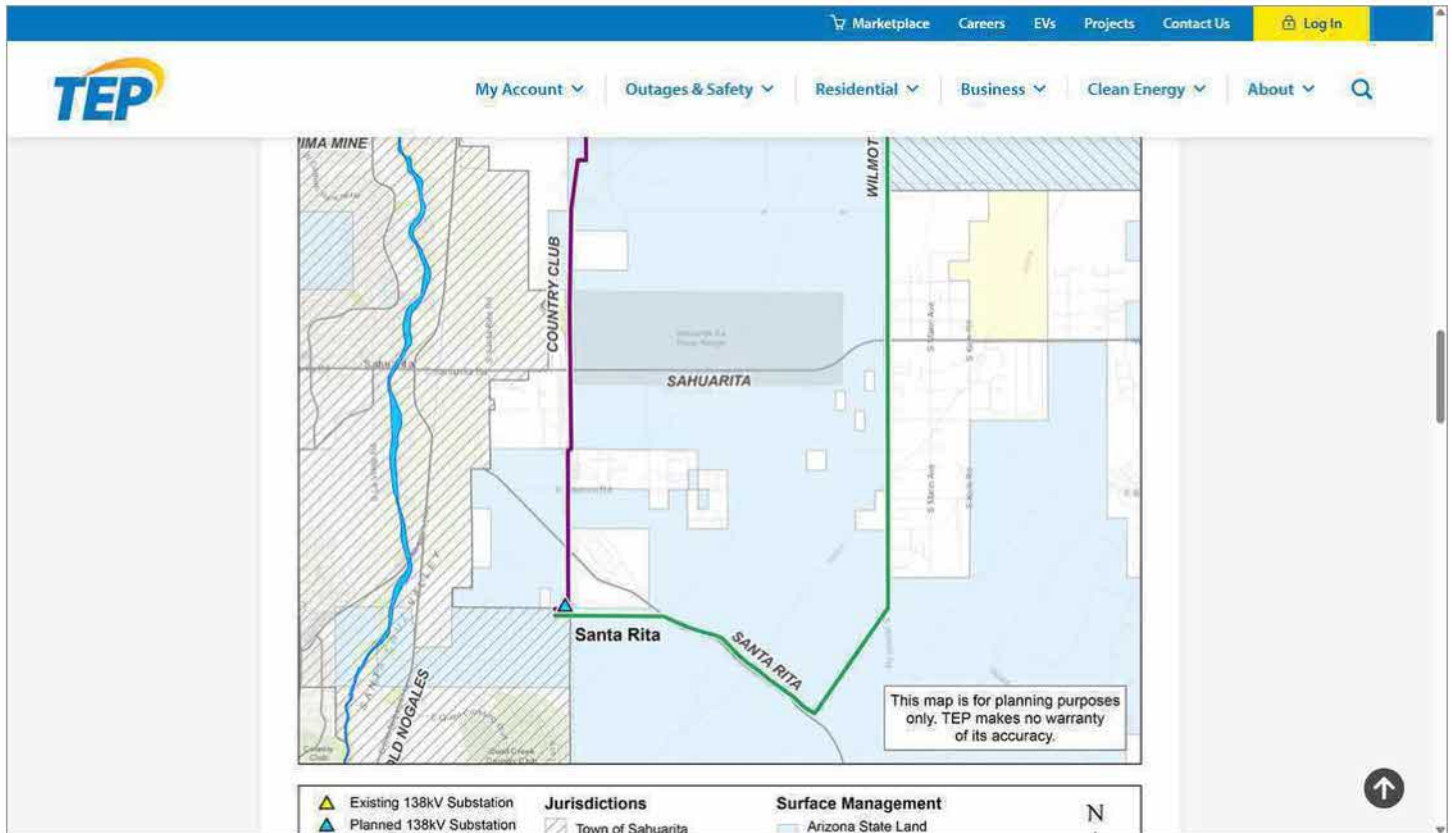
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### Project Maps

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▲ Planned 138kV Substation  
**Route Alternatives**  
 - Route 1  
 - Route 3

Town of Sahuarita  
 City of Tucson  
 Unincorporated Pima County Boundary

Arizona State Land Department  
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**Archived Maps**

- [Planning Study Map](#)
- [Refined Routes](#)
- [Alternative Routes](#)

**Planning and Siting Process**

TEP's Planning and Siting process is designed to be transparent and instill trust from the public that we are doing our due diligence, that we listen to feedback and that we incorporate that feedback honestly to build the most environmentally compatible project we can.

This comprehensive process involves five phases. Where at each phase we either seek public and stakeholder input, or we are incorporating the input received into our analysis. Every step in the process is about learning from the community, refining our understanding of the project and finding the best solutions to the challenges presented.

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**Phase 1: Pre-Analysis**

- Conduct Field Visits
- Develop Study Area
- Identify Opportunities and Constraints
- Conduct Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Develop Preliminary Segments

**Phase 2: Data Inventory**

- Conduct Research and Collect Data

**Phase 3: Suitability Assessment**

- Develop Suitability Models
- Conduct Suitability Assessment
- Field Review
- Refine Segments
- Public and Stakeholder Outreach

**Phase 4: Compatibility Analysis**

- Conduct Compatibility Analysis
- Develop Route Alternatives
- Field Review

**Phase 5: Concept Evaluation**

- Public and Stakeholder Outreach
- Identify Preferred Route
- Submit CEC Application
- Public Notification and Hearing

### Required Approvals and Timeline

Under state law, TEP must secure a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) to build the transmission line. TEP filed a CEC application on April 17, 2026, with the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, which reviews CEC applications in a public process that allows neighbors and others to provide comments. The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) must review and approve the CEC before TEP can begin construction.

October 2025 to March 2026	April 2026	May 2026	July 2026
Transmission Line Siting Process	CEC Application Filing	Line Siting Hearing	ACC Open Meeting

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### Outreach Materials

**March 2026**

- [Agency Briefing](#)
- [Open House Posters](#)

**February 2026**

- [Postcard No. 3](#)
- [Newspaper Notice](#)
- [Road Sign](#)

**January 2026**

- [Suitability Assessment Presentation](#)
- [Refined Segments Map](#)
- [Postcard No. 2](#)

**November 2025**

- [Public Notice](#)
- [Postcard No. 1](#)
- [Agency Briefing](#)
- [Open House Posters](#)

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## Public Participation

TEP encourages residents, property owners and other stakeholders to participate in the line siting process by:

- Attending public open houses
- Filling out an online comment form below
- Sending email comments to [SantaRitaConnection@tep.com](mailto:SantaRitaConnection@tep.com)
- Calling 1-520-770-7520 and leaving a voicemail message to offer comments and ask questions
- Mailing a letter with comments to:
  - TEP Santa Rita Connection Project
  - P.O. Box 711
  - Mail Stop CB200
  - Tucson, AZ 85701-0711

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### Online Comment Form

Your Name \*

First Name

Last Name

Email \*

Phone Number

Please enter a valid phone number.

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# Proyecto de Conexión Santa Rita

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) está preparando planes para nuevas instalaciones de transmisión que aumentarán la capacidad energética y mejorarán la fiabilidad del sistema para los clientes de Sahuarita, Green Valley y sus alrededores.

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## Descripción del proyecto

La nueva línea de transmisión de 138 kilovoltios se extenderá desde la subestación Sonoran existente en Swan Road, al sur de Old Vail Connection Road, hasta la subestación Santa Rita propuesta en Corto Road al sur de Santa Rita Road. La subestación Santa Rita respaldará la confiabilidad del servicio para los hogares, negocios y otros clientes en el área.



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El 17 de abril de 2026, TEP presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Corporaciones de Arizona (Arizona Corporation Commission, ACC) para obtener un Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental (Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, CEC). En el CEC se detallan dos posibles rutas para la construcción de una línea de transmisión. Estas rutas se pueden ver a continuación o en nuestro [mapa interactivo](#). El Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona considerará la solicitud de TEP en una próxima audiencia, que estará abierta al público.

Si tiene preguntas sobre el proyecto, envíe un correo electrónico a [SantaRitaConnection@tep.com](mailto:SantaRitaConnection@tep.com) o llame al [520-770-7520](tel:520-770-7520).

### Audiencia sobre el Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental

A partir del 26 de mayo de 2026, Una audiencia pública ante el Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona comenzará el lunes, 26 de mayo, en Desert Diamond Casino - Tucson, 7350 S Nogales Hwy, Tucson, Arizona. Los comentarios del público se tomarán en persona y virtualmente durante una sesión especial nocturna el 26 de mayo a partir de las 5:30 p.m.


El horario de la Audiencia Pública:

- **Martes, 26 de Mayo:** Comenzando a la 1:00 p.m. Una sesión de comentario pública a las 5:00 p.m.
- **27-29 de Mayo:** Como necesario desde las 9:00 a.m. a las 5:00 p.m.

- [Enlace de video para ver la audiencia de la CEC](#)
- [Enlace de video para ver la sesión de comentarios públicos](#)

Únase a la reunión de Zoom:  
Para que el público participe en la sesión de comentarios que comenzará a las 5:30 p. m. del 26 de mayo

- Enlace de la reunión: [Haga clic aquí](#)
- ID de la reunión: 849 2181 3378
- Código de acceso: *ninguno*
- Número de teléfono: +1 (253) 205-0468



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La Solicitud del Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental

- Solicitud de Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental 204 mb
- Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Pre- Conferencia de Presentación

- Transcripción
- Documentos probatorios

Se pueden consultar copias impresas de la solicitud en:

- La biblioteca de Sahuarita, 670 W. Sahuarita Rd., Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- La biblioteca Conrad Joyner-Green Valley, 601 La Cañada Dr., Green Valley, AZ 85614

### Beneficios del proyecto



**Mayor capacidad**

La nueva línea de transmisión de 138 kV y la Subestación de Santa Rita proporcionarán una mayor capacidad para ayudar a satisfacer las necesidades energéticas actuales y futuras de la comunidad.



**Fiabilidad del sistema**

La incorporación de una nueva línea de transmisión de 138 kV mejorará la red regional, proporcionando redundancia y estabilidad.



**Mejoras del sistema**

La nueva Subestación de Santa Rita permitirá retirar una subestación antigua de 46 kV y ayudará a prevenir posibles problemas de fiabilidad.

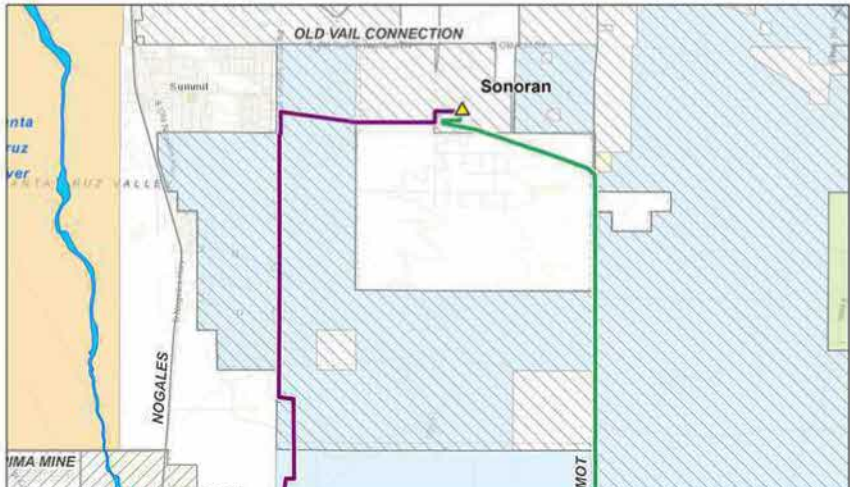
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### Mapas del Proyecto

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▲ Existing 138kV Substation  
▲ Planned 138kV Substation  
Route Alternatives

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▲ Planned 138kV Substation  
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**Archivo de mapas**  
 • [Mapa del área de estudio](#)

**Proceso de planificación y ubicación**

El proceso de planificación y ubicación de TEP está diseñado para ser transparente e infundir confianza al público en que estamos haciendo nuestra diligencia debida, que escuchamos los comentarios y que los incorporamos con transparencia para desarrollar el proyecto más compatible con el medio ambiente.

Este proceso integral implica cinco fases. En cada fase, buscamos aportes del público y de las partes interesadas o incorporamos la información recibida en nuestro análisis. Cada paso del proceso consiste en aprender de la comunidad, perfeccionar nuestra comprensión del proyecto y encontrar las mejores soluciones a los desafíos presentados.

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### Aprobaciones requeridas y cronograma

Conforme a la ley estatal, TEP debe obtener un Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental (CEC) para construir la línea de transmisión. TEP presentó una solicitud de CEC el 17 de abril de 2026 ante el Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona, el cual revisa las solicitudes de CEC en un proceso público que permite a los vecinos y a otras partes interesadas proporcionar comentarios. La Comisión de Corporaciones de Arizona (ACC) debe revisar y aprobar la solicitud de CEC antes de que TEP pueda comenzar la construcción.

De octubre de 2024 a marzo de 2026	Abril de 2026	Mayo de 2026	Julio de 2026
Comentario público	Presentación de la solicitud del CEC	Audiencia de ubicación de la línea	Reunión abierta de ACC

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### Materiales de difusión

**Febrero de 2026**

- [Postal n.o 3](#)
- [Aviso en el periódico](#)

**Enero de 2026**

- [Presentación de la Evaluación de Idoneidad](#)
- [Mapa del Segmento Refinado](#)
- [Postal n.o 2](#)

**Noviembre de 2025**

- [Aviso al público](#)
- [Postal n.o 1](#)
- [Sesión informativa de la agencia](#)
- [Carteles de puertas abiertas](#)

### Participación pública

TEP anima a los residentes, propietarios y partes interesadas a participar en el proceso de ubicación de la línea mediante:

- La asistencia a las reuniones abiertas públicas

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## Participación pública

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- La asistencia a las reuniones abiertas públicas
- El relleno de un formulario de comentarios en línea
- El envío de comentarios por correo electrónico a [SantaRitaConnection@tep.com](mailto:SantaRitaConnection@tep.com)
- Llamando al 1-520-770-7520 y dejando un mensaje de voz para ofrecer comentarios y hacer preguntas
- Enviando una carta por correo postal a:  
TEP Santa Rita Connection Project  
P.O. Box 711  
Mail Stop C6200  
Tucson, AZ 85701-0711

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### Online Comment Form

Your Name \*

First Name Last Name

Email \* Phone Number

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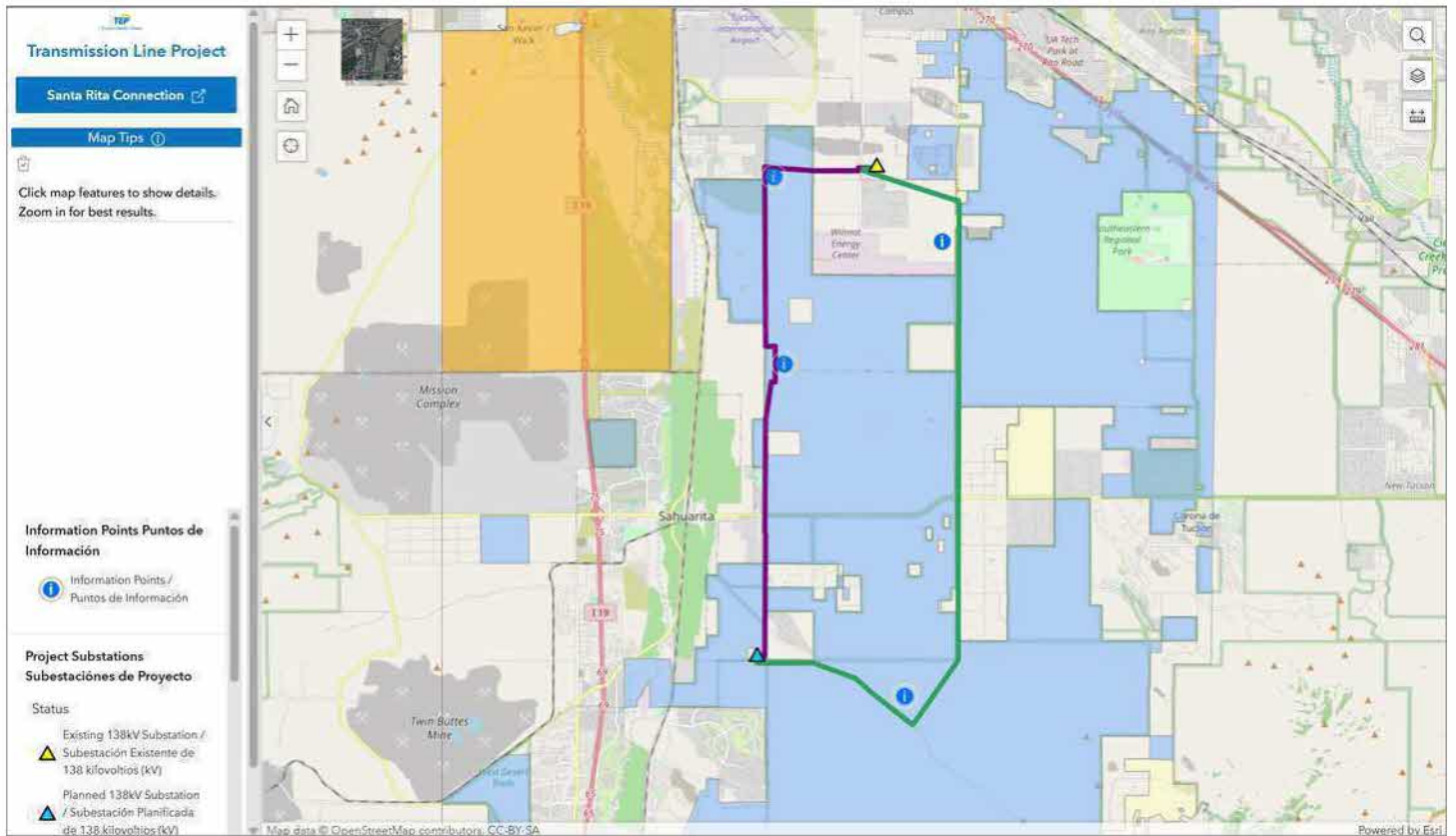
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Hello,

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) is preparing plans for the Santa Rita Connection Project, a new 138kV transmission line that will increase energy capacity and enhance system reliability for customers in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the surrounding area.

Following a comprehensive planning and siting process, TEP has identified two possible routes for the proposed transmission line to connect TEP's existing Sonoran Substation in the City of Tucson to TEP's planned Santa Rita Substation located in unincorporated Pima County.

TEP must secure a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) before building the project. The company's CEC application, filed on Friday April 17 and is available on the project webpage, will be reviewed by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee in a public hearing scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

**Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee – Hearing**

- Tuesday, May 26 - 1:00 p.m. with public comment session starting at 5:30 p.m.
- May 27-29 as necessary from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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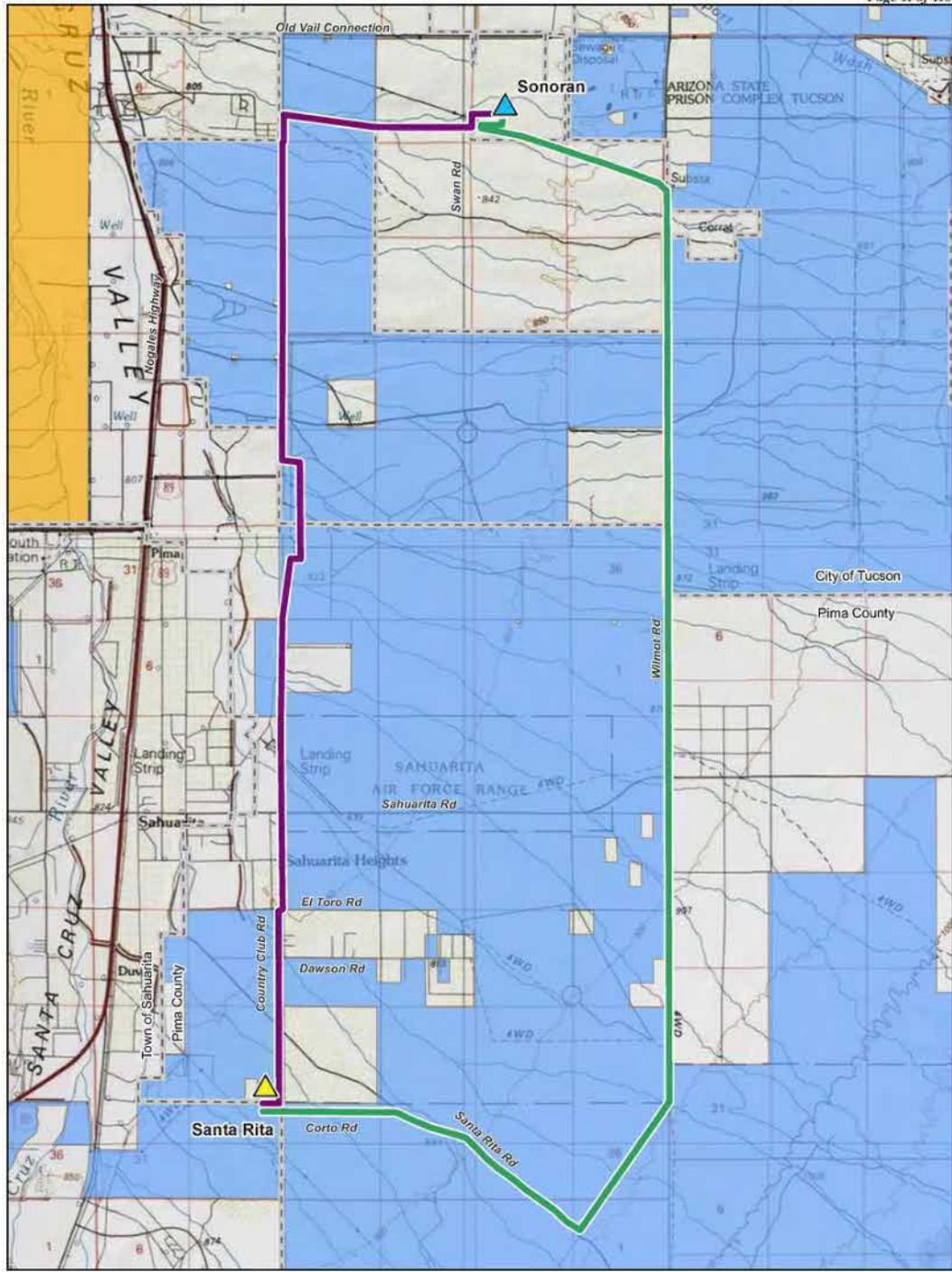
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**Exhibit A-3**  
Location  
**Santa Rita Connection Project**

▲ In-Service 138kV Substation  
▲ Planned 138kV Substation

**Surface Management**  
 Arizona State Land  
 Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District

**Proposed Route Alternatives**  
 Route 1  
 Route 3

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**RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL E-Mail] Santa Rita Substation Permitting**

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**From** Santa Rita Connection <SantaRitaConnection@tep.com>

**Date** Thu 2026-03-12 12:57 PM

**To** Anna Casadei <[REDACTED]@sahuaritaaz.gov>; Ortiz Y Pino, Christopher <Christopher.OrtizYPino@tep.com>

**Cc** Santa Rita Connection <SantaRitaConnection@tep.com>

Hi Anna,

The Santa Rita Substation will be on a leased parcel from ASLD that is directly adjacent to the "Rosemont" CopperWorld parcel. The Santa Rita Substation will now house the connection from CopperWorld. This will be a cost benefit to TEP customers as CopperWorld will be footing the bill for a portion of this larger substation that will benefit nearly 14k residents in the South of Tucson/Sahuarita area.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Chris Ortiz y Pino  
Siting, Outreach and Engagement Project Manager  
Tucson Electric Power/UNS Electric Inc.  
520-633-8693



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**From:** Anna Casadei <[REDACTED]@sahuaritaaz.gov>

**Sent:** Thursday, March 12, 2026 11:50 AM

**To:** Ortiz Y Pino, Christopher <christopher.ortizypino@tep.com>

**Cc:** Santa Rita Connection <SantaRitaConnection@tep.com>

**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXTERNAL E-Mail] Santa Rita Substation Permitting

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Can you please refresh my memory – is the collocated substation proposed to be built on the parcel owned by Rosemont or the adjacent ASLD parcel?

**Anna Casadei, AICP**  
*Community Development Director*

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**From** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>

**To** [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

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Should you have any questions or comments or desire a briefing on the project, please feel free to contact me directly at [teresa.bravo@tep.com](mailto:teresa.bravo@tep.com).

Best regards,

-Teresa

*Teresa Bravo, MBA*

Sr. Government Relations Rep., Local Affairs & Tribal Liaison

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**DATE:** May 11, 2026

**TITLE:** Tucson Electric Power Santa Rita Connection Project

**SUBJECT:** Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the proposed Santa Rita Connection Project.

**FROM:** Doris Mensah, Management Intern, Town Manager's Office

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) staff will present on the proposed Santa Rita Connection Project.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Council's pleasure.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*If the Council chooses not to take a position, no motion is necessary.*

If council chooses to take a position, staff recommends the following motion:

*"I move to direct staff to prepare a letter for submittal to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Docket indicating..."*

Choose One:

- 1. ... Support for the transmission line project with no preference on route."*
- 2. ... Support for the transmission line project with a preference for Route 1."*
- 3. ... Support for the transmission line project with a preference for Route 3."*
- 4. ... Opposition to the transmission line project."*

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**STRATEGIC PLAN:**



Economic Expansion & Placemaking



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Infrastructure & Facilities



Highly Performing Organization



Community Well-being

Other

**OTHER/GOALS:** N/A

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

TEP is proposing a new 138kV transmission line that will extend approximately 9-10 miles from the existing Sonoran Substation (located near S. Swan Road and E. Old Vail Connection Road) to the proposed Santa Rita Substation (to be located near S. Country Club Road and E. Corto Road). The proposed Santa Rita Substation will support service reliability for distribution customers in the area. It will serve homes and businesses as far north as Sahuarita Road.

TEP states that the project will provide benefits to the area in terms of increased capacity and system reliability while also allowing for the retirement of an older 46-kV substation and a temporary substation, both of which are located within the Town of Sahuarita.

Four route alternatives were initially proposed for the transmission line. Following the public participation phase of the project, two of the four routes were selected (Routes 1 and 3) to forward to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, which will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, to consider TEP's application for a *Certificate of Environmental Compatibility*. Following this public hearing, the application will move forward to the Arizona Corporation Commission for final approval.

The Town Council has the opportunity to comment on the project and the remaining alignments. Should the Council wish to comment, staff will draft a letter for the Mayor's signature. The letter may be provided to TEP or submitted directly to the Docket **by May 15**. Staff recommends that if a position is taken, the letter be submitted directly to the Docket.


Staff is seeking direction from the Council on the following:

1. Does the Council wish to comment on the project?
2. What is the comment that the Council would like to provide?
  - a. Support or not support the project
  - b. Alignment preference, if any

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Alignment Map
2. TEP Presentation (to be provided upon availability)



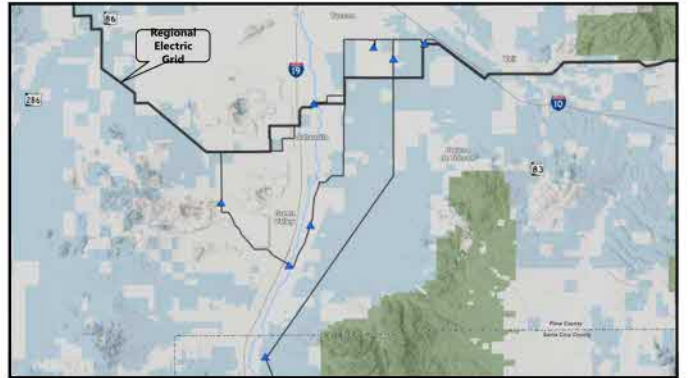


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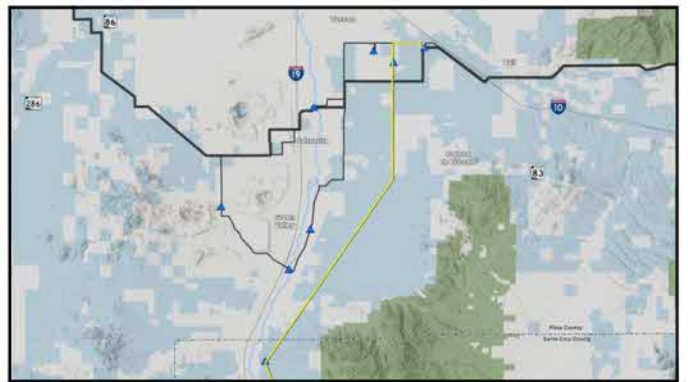
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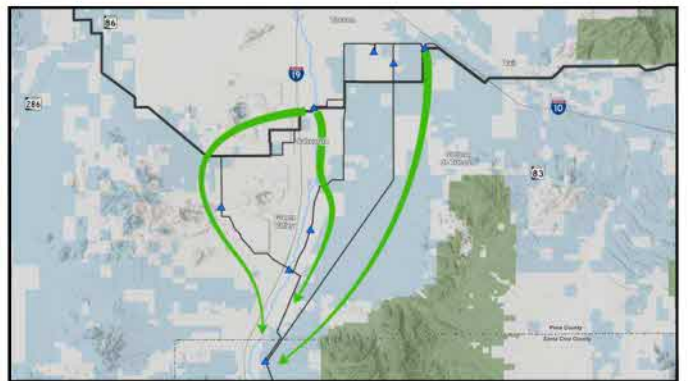
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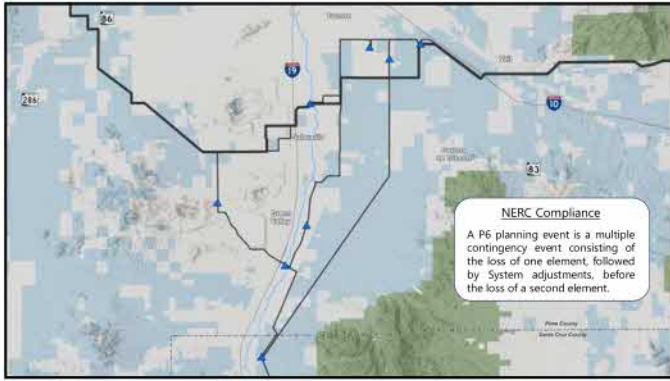
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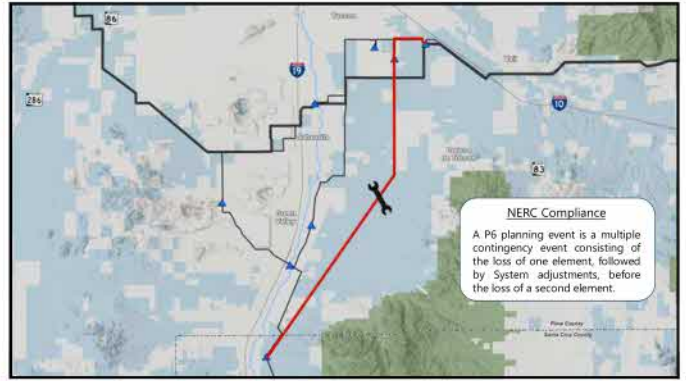
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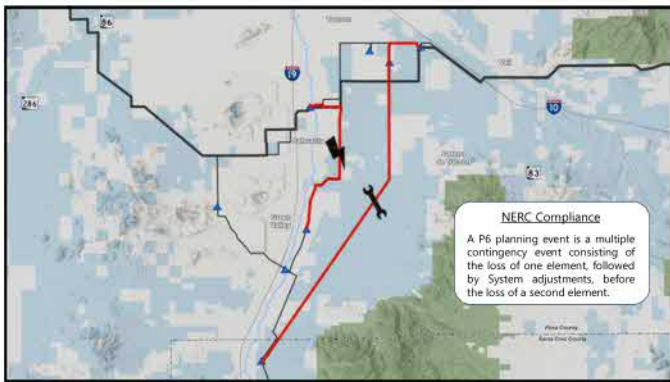
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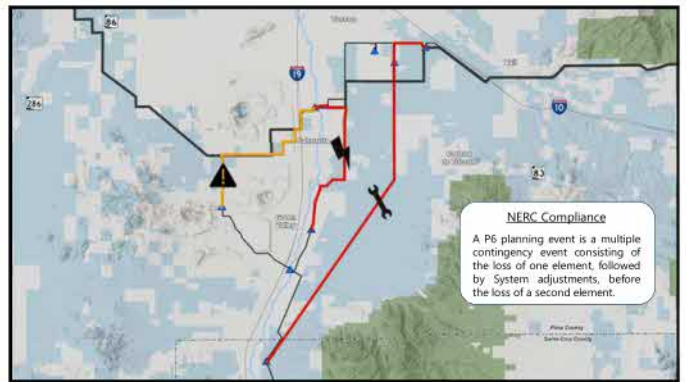
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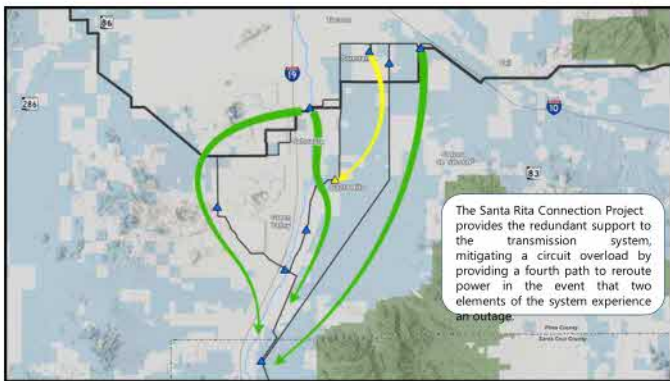
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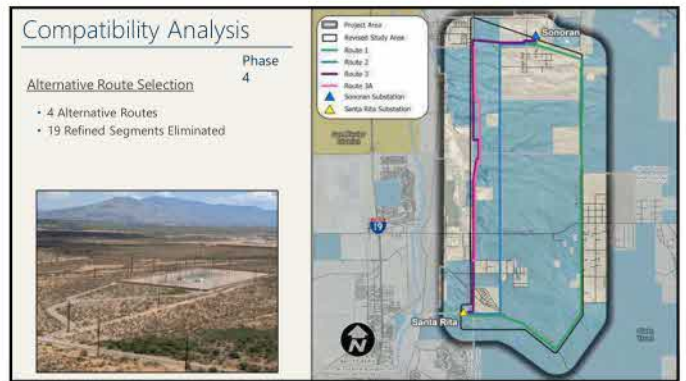
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## Concept Evaluation

Phase  
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### Route 1

- Lowest Cost
- Highest overall environmental compatibility
- Public Support

### Route 3

- Primarily co-located on existing facilities
- Shortest distance
- No public opposition



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## Proposed Routes

Route 1
Length - 17.4 miles
Cost - \$16.5 Million
<b>Land Ownership</b>
• State Trust 60.5%
• Private - 39.5%
<b>Jurisdictions</b>
• Tucson - 21.6%
• Pima County - 77%
• Sahuarita - 1.4%

Route 3
Length - 13.3 miles
Cost - \$18 Million
<b>Land Ownership</b>
• State Trust - 86.3%
• Private - 13.7%
<b>Jurisdictions</b>
• Tucson - 52.7%
• Pima County - 45.8%
• Sahuarita - 1.5%



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**From** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>

**To** [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

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<https://uns.sharefile.com/d-s91b0964f37ac4f4bb15facf7225d1786>

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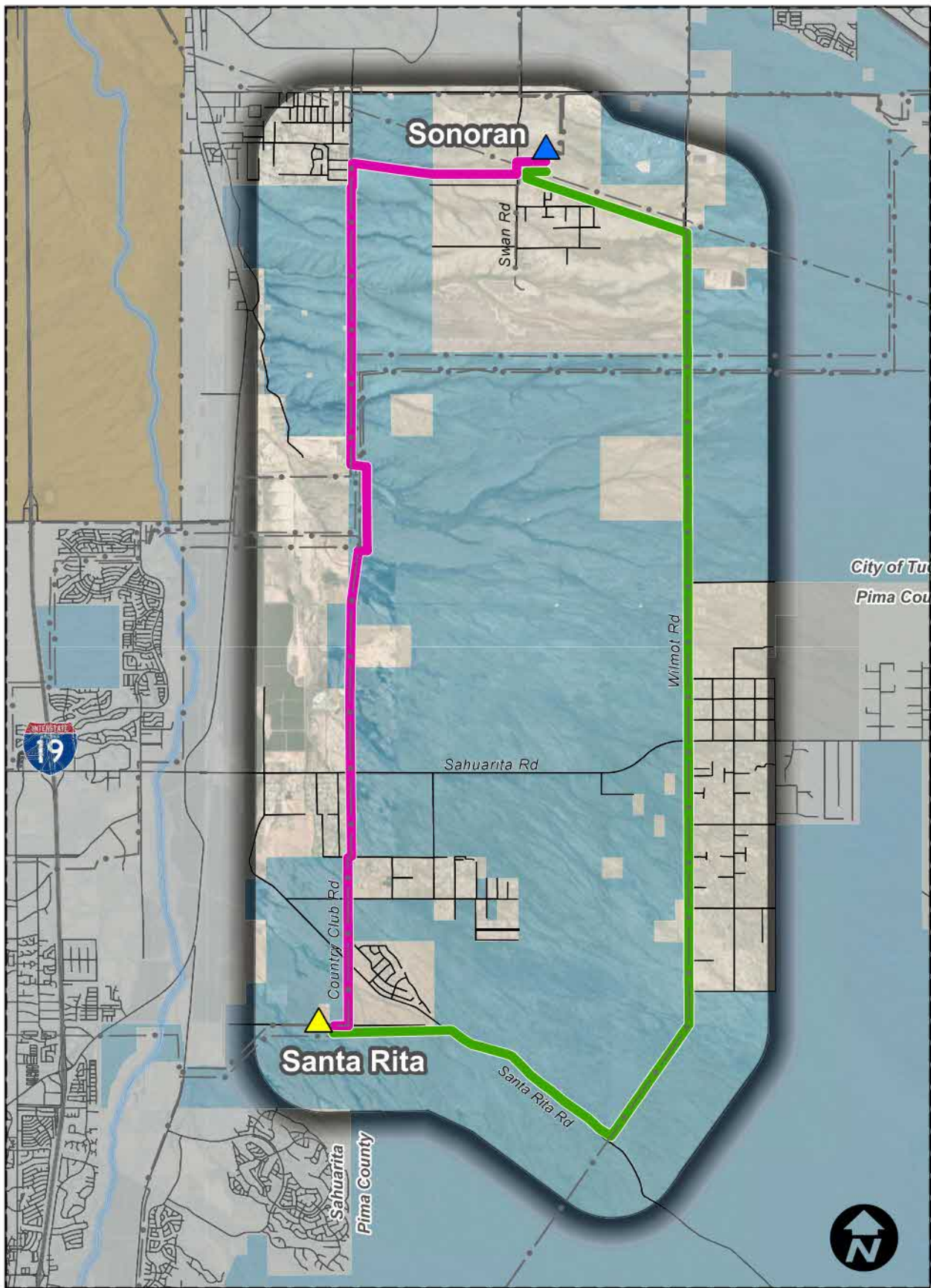
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Respectfully,

-Teresa

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**Santa Rita Connection**  
**Proposed Routes**

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-  Route 1
-  Route 3
-  Project Vicinity

**Surface Management**

-  State Trust Land
-  Private Land
-  Tohono O'Odham San Xavier District



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**From** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>  
**Date** Thu 5/7/2026 4:14 PM  
**To** Ortiz Y Pino, Christopher <Christopher.OrtizYPino@tep.com>  
**Cc** Bryner, Clark <CBryner@tep.com>

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**From:** Eiselt, Sunday <[REDACTED]@srpmic-nsn.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 7, 2026 9:31 AM  
**To:** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL E-Mail] Re: TEP - Santa Rita Connection CEC Filed April 17, 2026

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Good morning. The SRPMIC THPO defers to the Tohono O'Odham Nation THPO as lead in the consultation process for this project.

B. Sunday Eiselt  
THPO Archaeologist  
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

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**From** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>  
**Date** Wed 5/6/2026 1:57 PM  
**To** Ortiz Y Pino, Christopher <Christopher.OrtizYPino@tep.com>  
**Cc** Bryner, Clark <CBryner@tep.com>

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Section 106 letter.pdf;

Hi Chris,

I received the attached response from the White Mountain Apache Tribe regarding the Santa Rita Connection Project.

Best,

-Teresa

*Teresa Bravo, MBA*

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**From:** Mark Altaha <[REDACTED]@wmat.us>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 6, 2026 9:16 AM  
**To:** Bravo, Teresa <Teresa.Bravo@tep.com>  
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Please refer to the attached tribal consultation letter.

Thank you,

Mark Altaha - THPO  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Historic Preservation Office  
Fort Apache, Arizona



**White Mountain Apache Tribe**  
**Office of Historic Preservation**  
**PO Box 1032**  
**Fort Apache, AZ 85926**  
**Ph: (928) 338-3033 Fax: (928) 338-6055**

**To:** Teresa Bravo, MBA Sr. Government Relations Representative

**Date:** May 06, 2026

**Re:** *Tucson Electric Power proposed Santa Rita Connection Project*

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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the project dated; April 24, 2026. In regard to this, please refer to the following statement(s) below;

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the above proposal for a new 138kV transmission line that will increase energy capacity and enhance system reliability for customers in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the surrounding area, Sahuarita, Pima County, Arizona.

Please be advised, we have reviewed the information provided and determined the proposed transmission line project will have ***“No Adverse Effect”*** to the tribe’s cultural heritage resources and/or traditional cultural & historic properties.

Thank you for the continued tribal engagement and consultation, and collaborations in protecting and preserving places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

*Mark Altaha*

White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Trial Historic Preservation Officer

# Santa Rita Connection Project



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**Please see the opposite side of this postcard for hearing details.**

Additional hearing information is available on the project webpage, as well as an electronic copy of the CEC application.

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) ha identificado dos posibles rutas para una línea de transmisión que conectará la Subestación Sonoran existente y la Subestación Santa Rita planificada como parte del Proyecto de Conexión Santa Rita. Las rutas se pueden consultar en [tep.com/santa-rita-connection](http://tep.com/santa-rita-connection).

El 17 de abril de 2026, TEP presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Corporaciones de Arizona para obtener un Certificado de Compatibilidad Ambiental (Certificate of Environmental Compatibility, CEC). El Comité de Emplazamiento de Centrales Eléctricas y Líneas de Transmisión de Arizona considerará la solicitud de TEP en una próxima audiencia, que estará abierta al público.

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May 26 through 29, 2026

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**Sesión especial para escuchar los comentarios del público: 26 de mayo a las 5:30 p.m.**

Santa Rita Connection Project  
P.O. Box 711  
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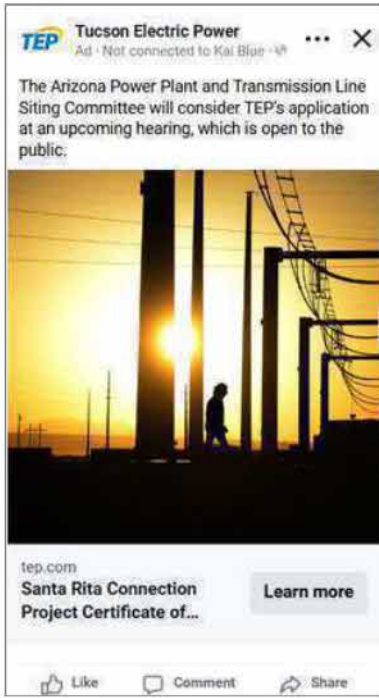
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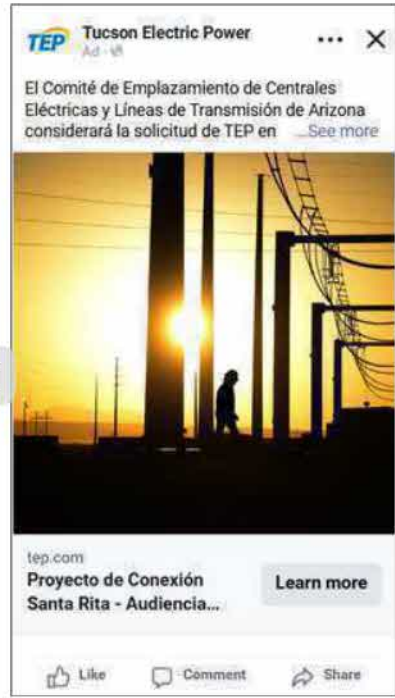
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 Order Number: GVN001072

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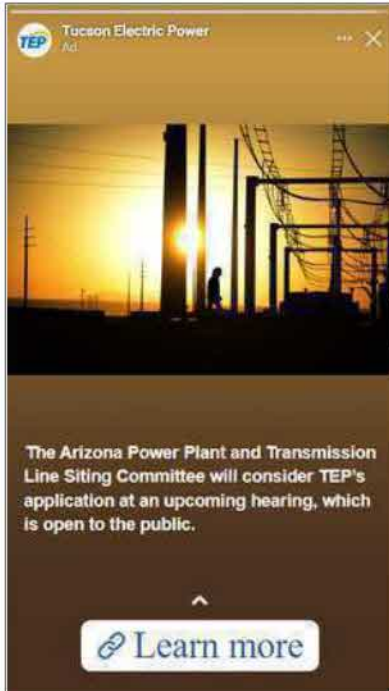


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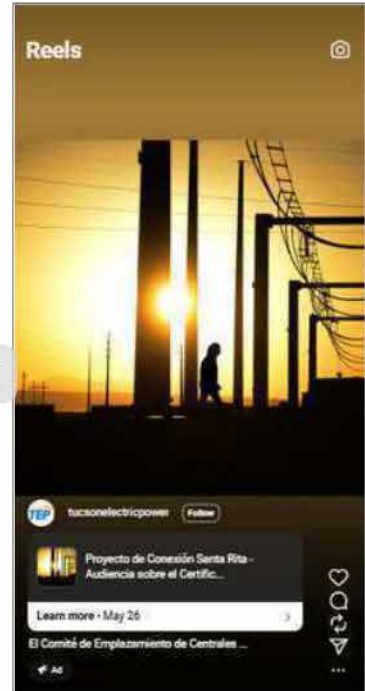


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Ad Campaign Duration: April 27 - May 27, 2026

Analytics as of May 12, 2026	Impressions (Total Views)	Reach (Individual Users)	Clicks (Project Webpage)	CTR (Click-Through-Rate)
Total (English & Spanish)	139,974	44,000	325	23%



## Tucson Electric Power

### **Santa Rita Connection Project Update**

Tucson Electric Power (TEP) is preparing plans for the Santa Rita Connection Project, a new 138kV transmission line that will increase energy capacity and enhance system reliability for customers in Sahuarita, Green Valley, and the surrounding area.

TEP must secure a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) from the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) before building the project. The company's CEC application, filed on Friday April 17 and is available on the project webpage, will be reviewed by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee in a public hearing scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 26, 2026.

#### **Arizona Power Plant & Transmission Line Siting Committee – Hearing**

Tuesday, May 26 - 1:00 p.m.

Public Comment Session starting at 5:30 p.m.

May 27-29 as necessary from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00  
p.m.

Desert Diamond Casino Tucson – Conference  
Center

7350 S Nogales Hwy Tucson, AZ 85756

## Proposed Routes

Following a comprehensive planning and siting process, TEP has identified two possible routes for the proposed transmission line to connect TEP's existing Sonoran Substation in the City of Tucson to TEP's planned Santa Rita Substation located in unincorporated Pima County.



## Public Participation

TEP encourages residents, property owners and other stakeholders to participate in the line siting process by:

- Attending public open houses
- Filling out an online comment form on our project webpage
- Sending email comments to [SantaRitaConnection@tep.com](mailto:SantaRitaConnection@tep.com)
- Calling 1-520-770-7520 and leaving a voicemail message
- Mailing a letter with comments to:

- TEP Santa Rita Connection Project  
P.O. Box 711  
Mail Stop CB200  
Tucson, AZ 85701-0711

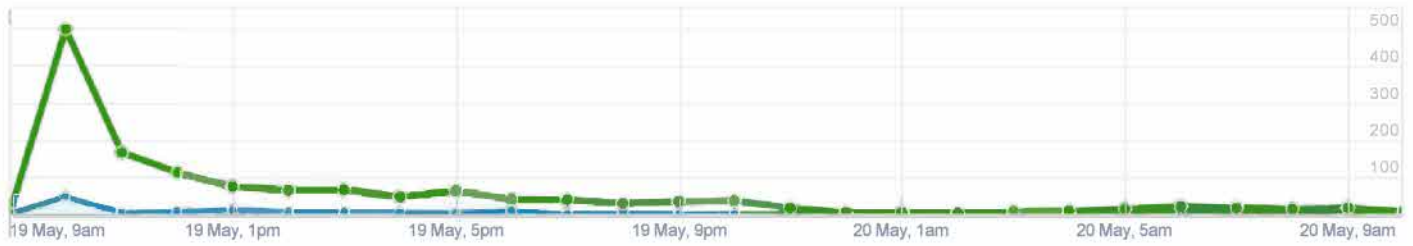


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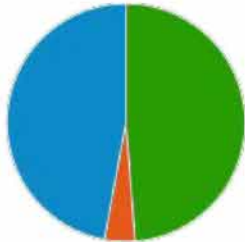
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● Opens and ● Link Clicks for first day



## Campaign Overview



**901** Unique opens  
 1,547 total opens to date  
**76** Bounced  
 4.11% couldn't be delivered  
**870** Unopened  
 Open rates are only estimates

**50.88%** of all recipients opened so far  
**3.22%** clicked a link (57 people)  
**0%** unsubscribed (0 people)  
**0** people marked it as spam (0%)  
**0** shares across Facebook & email

## Links Clicked

**57** people clicked  
 Giving you a **6.33%** click rate.

**110** total clicks  
 Made by 57 people

**1.93** clicks per person  
 Average of all those who clicked.

**844** didn't click  
 That's 93.67% of all those who opened.

Link (URL)	Unique	Total
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<a href="https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/#participation">https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/#participation</a>	1	2

## Public Comments - Redacted

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**Comment Date:** 4/23/2026

**Comment Method:** Online Comment Form

**Topics:**

**Route(s) Preferred:**

**Route(s) Opposed:**

PostFiling

### Comment

I am [REDACTED] of Save the Scenic Santa Ritas, Association, a 501-C3. SSSR hereby applies to be a "party" in the the May Line Siting Hearing. Please contact me immediately to confirm that SSSR will be a party for the upcoming hearing.

Thank you, [REDACTED]

### Response

Thank you for sharing your comments. We will include these in our project record that will be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

I have attached the Procedural Order and the Notice of Hearing which contain the appropriate process to becoming a party to the proceeding.

For the latest updates on the project, I invite you to visit the project webpage at <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>

## Public Comments - Redacted

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**Comment Date:** 5/6/2026

**Comment Method:** Voicemail

**Topics:**

**Route(s) Preferred:**

**Route(s) Opposed:**

PostFiling

### Comment

this is [REDACTED] and I'm interested in getting some information more about the Tucson electric power Santa Rita connection. if you can give me a call back, I would appreciate it. my name is [REDACTED] I live in Sahuarita, off of Sahuarita Rd and Country Club Rd. my home number is [REDACTED] please give me a call at your next convenient account day thank you

### Response

Mr. Ortiz y Pino spoke with [REDACTED] to discuss what the project is proposing. [REDACTED] provided [REDACTED] address, at which point we discussed how the line would impact [REDACTED] home. [REDACTED] was informed that the proposed project is to rebuild the existing line in its place, with slightly taller more robust poles, in a rust color. These rebuilt poles would support a second circuit. It was explained that a 2nd circuit consists of 3 additional wires. [REDACTED] was intrigued by the project and pleased that it would not affect any homes. [REDACTED] was directed to the webpage where [REDACTED] could download the application and see visual simulations of the structures nearest [REDACTED] home.

## Public Comments - Redacted

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**Comment Date:** 5/20/2026

**Comment Method:** Voicemail

**Topics:**

**Route(s) Preferred:**

**Route(s) Opposed:**

PostFiling

### Comment

my name is [REDACTED] my phone number is [REDACTED] I live in quail Creek in Green Valley and I was calling I wanted a little bit more information about the hearing date for the transmission line plan for this area and so I have a couple questions about public comment please give me a call [REDACTED] thank you.

### Response

[REDACTED] had questions about the schedule of the hearing and the ability to make public comment. I let [REDACTED] know that the hearing would start at 1pm and continue through 5pm, breaking for 30 minutes before the public comment session begins at 530pm I let [REDACTED] know that we have links to listen to the hearing online and if [REDACTED] or others from [REDACTED] community were unable to attend the public comment session in person that a separate team meeting link was available to make comment virtually.

I asked if [REDACTED] had any questions or concerns regarding the project, and [REDACTED] simply said "we" don't want it.

## Public Comments - Redacted

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**Comment Date:** 5/20/2026

**Comment Method:** Voicemail

**Topics:**

**Route(s) Preferred:**

**Route(s) Opposed:**

PostFiling

### Comment

I need to speak to a live person please I'll call back some other time please there hopefully I can reach somebody that's there and it is a query thank you

### Response

## Public Comments - Redacted

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**Comment Date:** 5/22/2026

**Comment Method:** Online Comment Form

**Topics:**

**Route(s) Preferred:**

**Route(s) Opposed:**

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### Comment

Please describe any nexus between the Santa Rita connection Project and Project Blue, including but not limited to power service redundancy, cost recovery, and possible service for expanded data center activity for Project Blue or similar data center projects.

### Response

Thank you for sharing your questions. We will include your questions in our project record that will be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission.

There is no nexus between the Santa Rita Connection Project and Project Blue, nor any other data center.

For the latest updates on the project, I invite you to visit the project webpage at <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>

**EXHIBIT TEP-20**

**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION STAFF LETTER**

**DOCKET NO. L-00000C-26-0125-00261**

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**ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

May 19, 2026

Mr. Adam Stafford, Chairman  
Arizona Power Plant and  
Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Assistant Arizona Attorney General  
2005 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004-1592

RE: The Santa Rita Connection Transmission Line Project  
Line Siting Application 261  
Docket Control No. L-00000C-26-0125-00261

Dear Chairman Stafford:

On April 22, 2026, the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") received your letter regarding Tucson Electric Power Company's ("TEP or Applicant") application ("Application") for the issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") authorizing the construction of the Santa Rita Connection Transmission Line Project ("Project").

This letter is Staff's response addressing the question of whether the proposed Project improves the reliability and/or safety of the operation of the grid and the delivery of power in Arizona.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

On April 17, 2026, the Applicant filed an application for the issuance of a CEC for the proposed Santa Rita Connection Transmission Line Project. The Project consists of an approximately 13 to 17 mile long, single-circuit, 138-kilovolt alternating current transmission line to connect the existing TEP Sonoran Substation to the planned TEP Santa Rita Substation.

While the TEP Substations are mentioned, they are not included within this CEC. The Project was included in the Applicant's Ten-Year Plan filed with the Commission on January 30, 2026, in Docket No. E-99999A-25-0006.

The Project is located within the City of Tucson and unincorporated Pima County, Arizona, as well as areas within the Town of Sahuarita. The transmission line would cross a mix of land with various owners, including property owned or managed by Pima County, the Town of Sahuarita, the City of Tucson, the Arizona State Land Department, and private landowners. The line would originate at the existing Sonoran Substation, located 0.25 miles east of Swan Road and

5.5 miles south of I-10, and would terminate at the planned Santa Rita Substation, located approximately 0.75 miles south of the intersection of South Santa Rita Road and South Country Club Road and approximately 1.9 miles east of Continental Road. The straight-line distance from the existing Sonoran Substation to the planned Santa Rita Substation is approximately 10.7 miles.

The Applicant has proposed two routes for the Project. Route 1 has a length of 17.4 miles and an estimated cost of approximately \$16,580,000. Route 3, as named by the Applicant, has a length of 13.3 miles and an estimated cost of \$18,020,000. The Applicant plans to use existing rights-of-way ("ROW"), where possible, however, in areas not covered by existing franchise agreements or easements, the Applicant plans to acquire up to a 100-foot-wide ROW. The Applicant is requesting a siting corridor of 500 to 1,500 feet wide depending on the route selected, to allow for routing flexibility.

Although only one route will be constructed, the Applicant requests that the Committee and Commission approve both routes for construction. Route 1 requires co-location with a proposed transmission line owned by UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNSE"). The UNSE line and related structures are being considered for funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy ("DOE"). The award status of the grant, terms, conditions, and restrictions on the use of DOE grant funds are currently under review by the DOE and remain uncertain. UNSE cannot assure TEP that those terms will be known at the time TEP needs to begin procurement and construction. Therefore, the Applicant requests approval of both routes so that it may meet the required in-service date for the Project regardless of whether UNSE is awarded a grant that would permit co-location. The Applicant states that both routes were selected based on their ability to address community concerns, minimize environmental impacts, and have the lowest construction costs.

The Applicant states the Project is needed to improve the reliability of the TEP electrical system serving southeastern Pima County, and coupled with the planned Santa Rita Substation, will provide additional capacity to serve the Town of Sahuarita and surrounding communities. Specifically, the Project would add an additional transmission pathway to relieve potential overloads under contingency conditions on the transmission system. The Applicant further states that by proposing a design that generally co-locates the new circuit on existing or approved structures, the Applicant has sought to minimize the effect on the ecology and environment.

In order to fully analyze any potential effects on the bulk transmission system from the proposed Project, Staff requested that the Applicant provide copies of all applicable System Impact Studies ("SIS") or other relevant studies. The Applicant informed Staff that while an independent SIS was not performed for the Project, the Project has been included in planning models used for TEP's annual transmission planning studies, which include power flow and transient stability analysis. The Applicant provided the past two capital budget studies for Staff to review. These studies identified the Project as a mitigation project for a planning event violation that caused thermal overload conditions. With the addition of the Project, the identified system deficiencies in the area would be mitigated and allow TEP to meet the required planning criteria as outlined by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and Western Electricity Coordinating

Council. Additionally, since the generation capabilities are not changing as a result of the Project, it does not impact available transmission capacity.

### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on Staff's review of the Application and the Applicant's responses to a Staff-issued data request, as well as the studies provided, Staff believes the proposed Project could improve the reliability and safety of the grid and the delivery of power in Arizona.

If there are any questions about this matter, please contact Thomas Abshire of Staff at (602) 542-0941.

Sincerely,



Ranelle S. Paladino  
Briton A. Baxter  
Utilities Division Co-Directors

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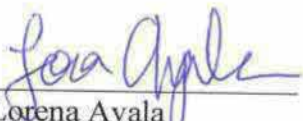
On this 19th day of May 2026, the foregoing document was filed with Docket Control as a Utilities Division Correspondence, and copies of the foregoing were mailed on behalf of the Utilities Division to the following who have not consented to email service. On this date or as soon as possible thereafter, the Commission's eDocket program will automatically email a link to the foregoing to the following who have consented to email service.

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