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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] TEP - Santa Rita Connection CEC Filed April 17, 2026

Thanks, Teresa. Your team is always so good about keeping the Town in the know.

I appreciate the invitation to be engaged in the process. Right off the cuff, I would make one observation, that Route 3 seems to be more community-oriented, and Route 1 more mining-oriented. That said, I would expect more support from the Town Council and general community with Route 3 than Route 1. And, I'm not saying that because our Town Council is anti-mining, in fact quite the opposite. I'm saying that because it was on January 26, 2026, that my Town Council was briefed on this project by TEP reps and at that time TEP reps made it clear that while it expected a future mining operation in the Santa Ritas would benefit from the new sub-station, the project has been on TEPs books for quite some time as a needed project to improve system redundancy and service delivery, but also to meet future growth demands to the east of Town. Yes, Route 3, I feel, does a better job fitting that narrative than would Route 1. Route 3's alignment due north provides advantageous proximity to a number of exciting developments for our community, namely the County's proposed Regional Water Reclamation Facility, as well as the 1,000 acre wildlife preserve project being proposed by the Phoenix Zoo. With the Santa Rita sub-station in place, I'm confident that Hudbay would take appropriate steps to pay for the infrastructure needed to connect its project to the sub-station to secure power to meet its operational needs, making Route 1 largely irrelevant from my limited perspective.

Please let me know if you have any questions for me. Again, thanks for the heads up.

Shane D. Dille

Town Manager

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

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 3:08 PM

To: Shane Dille <sdille@sahuaritaaz.gov>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] TEP - Santa Rita Connection CEC Filed April 17, 2026

Dear Mr. Dille,

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.

Desert Diamond Casino Tucson – Conference Center

7350 S Nogales Hwy Tucson, AZ 85756

We appreciate your engagement in this important energy project. To learn more and for updates about this project, please visit <https://www.tep.com/santa-rita-connection/>.

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.

Best regards,

-Teresa

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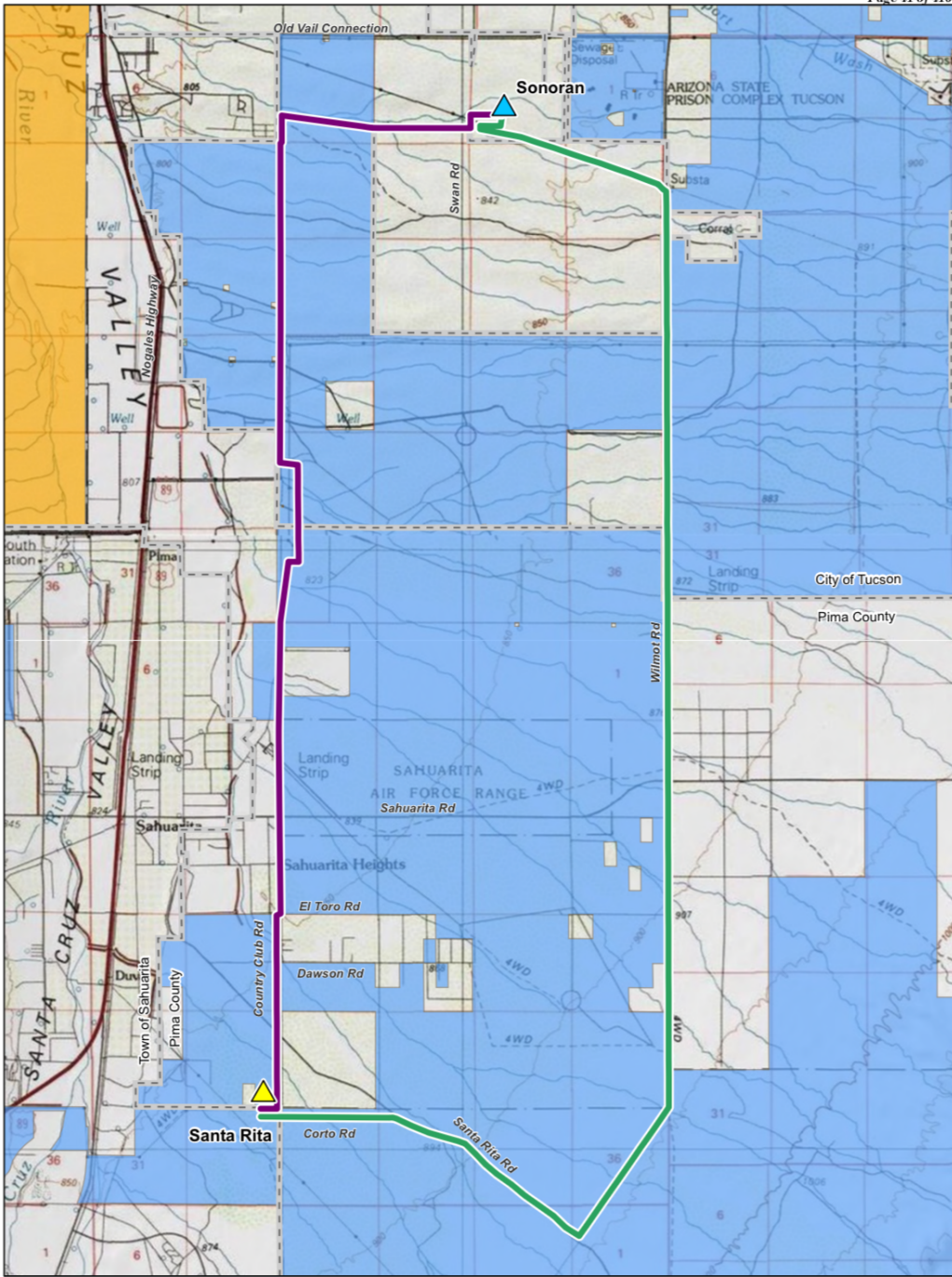
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Proposed Alignments Below



<p>Exhibit A-3 Location</p> <p>Santa Rita Connection Project</p>	In-Service 138kV Substation Planned 138kV Substation	<p>Surface Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arizona State Land Tohono O'odham Nation, San Xavier District 	<p>Proposed Route Alternatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Route 1 Route 3
	<p>1:62,500</p> <p>Miles</p>		<p></p> <p>This map is for planning purposes only. TEP and UNS Energy make no warranty of its accuracy.</p> <p>Sources: ERI, UNS, TEP, BLM, and Pima County GIS. Projection: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N Basemap: ERI USA Topo</p>