

Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 12:08:17 PM Mountain Standard Time

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Request for Council to oppose TEP powerline  
**Date:** Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 8:23:29 AM Mountain Standard Time  
**From:** Bianca Quijada  
**To:** John Dougherty, Thomas Nelson, Paige Humphrey  
**CC:** Mayor and Council, Shane Dille, Beth Abramovitz

Thank you for reaching out to the Town on your concerns with Tucson Electric Power and allegations that TEP intends to partner on some portion of the Santa Rita Substation and associated distribution power lines. Such a partnership, or any effort to enter in any such partnership has not been brought forward by TEP at either its Jan 26, 2026, or its more recent May 11, 2026, meeting with the Town Council.

At its meeting on June 8, 2026, the Town Council directed staff to invite TEP to join the Council again at its June 22, 2026, meeting. The Council's intent is to provide TEP with an opportunity to shed more light on and to discuss proposed system upgrades in support of the growth demands from Santa Cruz County, Green Valley, Sahuarita and Vail areas, and how those proposed upgrades do or don't interact with TEP's mandate to serve the Copper World Mine. At the end of the day, this item on the Council's June 22, 2026, meeting will provide space for TEP to walk the Town Council through the larger electric system as described above, and to potentially vote again in support of either of the proposed power line alignments (Route 1 or Route 3). This was the specific direction provided by the Council.

Respectfully,  
**Bianca Quijada**  
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**From:** John Dougherty <[jdougherty@scenicsantaritas.org](mailto:jdougherty@scenicsantaritas.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 9, 2026 8:54 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@sahuaritaaz.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@sahuaritaaz.gov)>  
**Cc:** Thomas Nelson <[tnelson@scenicsantaritas.org](mailto:tnelson@scenicsantaritas.org)>; Paige Humphrey <[outreach@scenicsantaritas.org](mailto:outreach@scenicsantaritas.org)>  
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Good morning: in a recent email, Town Manager Shane Dille had requested SSSR to direct complaints to the Corporation Commission. We had already done so with the attached May 28 filing.

I urge you to carefully review the attached letter.

We respectfully request the Town of Sahuarita passes a resolution and sends a letter to the Commission, under the docket number included in my letter, formally stating opposition to approving the CEC until TEP fully discloses its relationship with Hudbay and supplying

power to Copper World.

The Town should also ask the Commission to require TEP to obtain an independent System Impact Study to analyze the impact of Copper World being added to the grid. TEP has not done this.

It is urgent to pass the resolution and approve a letter at your next meeting since you have no meetings in July. The ACC is expected to review TEP's application next month.

Requesting the ACC to require TET to provide additional information before approving the CEC is in the best interests of your constituents and the town.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the ACC process, how to review the docket and why this in the best interest of Sahuarita citizens.

Thank you,

John Dougherty

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