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Salt River Project Receives Final Approval for Southeast Power Link Project

New Project Addresses Southeast Valley's Future Energy Needs

Earlier today, the Arizona Corporation Commission unanimously approved a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility for a power line project that will enable Salt River Project to meet growing energy needs in the Southeast Valley.

The approval is the final step of the application for the Southeast Power Link project submitted by SRP to the ACC that allows for construction of seven miles of new overhead 230-kilovolt (kV) power lines. A half-mile of the proposed route will be located in Queen Creek and the remainder in Mesa. The project also includes a new 230/69-kV receiving station.

The project will help SRP provide needed electricity for anticipated residential, commercial and industrial customer growth in the general area east of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport.

“We are pleased we are able to move forward with critical infrastructure that will help prepare this growing region for its future as a leading employment and technology hub and as a thriving residential community,” said Mike Hummel, SRP General Manager and CEO. “SRP appreciates the cooperation and support from the city of Mesa, town of Queen Creek, and other stakeholders in the area that led to today’s decision.”

Several technology companies have expressed interest in locating operations in the area, which includes the Elliot Road Technology Corridor and other areas in the vicinity of the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport. By siting the new infrastructure now, SRP will coordinate with other infrastructure projects planned for the region such as airport expansion and new State Route 24 freeway construction.

“The Gateway Area is Mesa’s fastest growing technology sector with major corporations who have been the catalyst for housing, shopping and entertainment,” Mayor John Giles said. “New infrastructure is key to bringing more great companies and high wage jobs to the area. I am pleased to work with the community and our neighboring cities on this important project.”

Over the past several months, SRP conducted a public process comprised of extensive outreach activities. The process included meetings with municipalities, agencies, landowners and other stakeholders. In addition, SRP held a public open house in May to solicit input on potential route options from local residents and businesses.

For project information and updates, visit srpnet.com/SPL.

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