



BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

ROBERT "BOB" BURNS
Chairman

BOYD DUNN
Commissioner

SANDRA D. KENNEDY
Commissioner

JUSTIN OLSON
Commissioner

LEA MÁRQUEZ PETERSON
Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SALT RIVER SALT RIVER PROJECT
AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT &
POWER DISTRICT IN CONFORMANCE
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF
ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES,
SECTION 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING
CONSTRUCTION OF A 230KV DOUBLE-
CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE
ORIGINATING AT THE PLANNED AND
PERMITTED RS-17 SUBSTATION, NEAR
JUDD AND ATTAWAY ROADS IN PINAL
COUNTY, TO THE PLANNED AND
PERMITTED RS-17 SUBSTATION,
ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING MOODY
SUBSTATION, LOCATED NEAR PECOS
AND RECKER ROADS, IN THE TOWN OF
GILBERT, MARICOPA COUNTY,
ARIZONA, AND INCLUDING A NEW
230/69KV SUBSTATION NEAR THE
INTERSECTION OF COMBS AND
MERIDIAN ROADS, IN OR ADJACENT TO
THE TOWN OF QUEEN CREEK,
ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. L-00000B-09-0311-00148

DECISION NO. 77770

**ORDER AMENDING DECISION NO.
71441**

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Open Meeting
September 22 and 23, 2020
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Background

1. On December 23, 2009, the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission")

1 issued Decision No. 71441 (Docket No. L-00000B-09-0311-00148), which granted the Certificate
2 of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) issued by the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line
3 Siting Committee (“Siting Committee”) for Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power
4 District’s (“SRP” or “Company”) 20 mile double-circuit 230 Kilo-Volt (“kV”) transmission line and
5 regional 230/69 kV substation (“Project”).

6 2. On August 27, 2020, SRP filed a request for modification to the order approving the
7 CEC pursuant to Decision No. 71441, that required SRP to finish construction of the substation and
8 transmission line facilities by December 23, 2021. SRP states in the request, that the Project is still
9 needed but is seeking an extension in order to avoid incurring costs before they are necessary. In
10 addition, SRP does not anticipate needing the Regional 230/69kV Substation (“RS-24” or “Pfister
11 Substation”), which is included within the CEC for some time, but that it will be needed in the future.
12 SRP requests a five-year extension for the 230kV transmission line and 15-year extension for the
13 Pfister Substation to December 23, 2026, and December 23, 2036, respectively.

14 **Staff Analyses and Recommendations**

15 3. Staff has reviewed Decision No. 71441 and the Company’s request for an extension
16 of time for construction of the Pfister Substation. The Project, which was originally intended to
17 procure new generation sources, has not yet been needed due to SRP acquiring several existing
18 independently owned power generation facilities which allowed the Company to cut costs that would
19 have been required for construction. While additional time to construct the Project has been
20 requested, SRP has stated the Project is still necessary. Throughout the past decade, the Company
21 has focused on developing a significant amount of new renewable generation resources. SRP now
22 plans to utilize the Project to access these renewable generation resources in order to meet SRP’s
23 2035 Sustainability goals. SRP also states that the Project is necessary in order to increase the
24 reliability and performance of the regional high-voltage system for the planned development in the
25 region, such as the recently approved Southeast Power Link in Mesa.

26 4. Staff concludes that SRP’s extension request is timely, reasonable and in the public
27 interest. Therefore, Staff recommends that the deadline to complete the construction of the
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1 transmission line and substation be extended by five years and 15 years, respectively, to December
2 23, 2026, and December 23, 2036.

3 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the subject matter contained herein pursuant
5 to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-252 and 40-360 *et seq.*

6 2. Notice of the proceeding has been given in the manner provided by law.

7 3. The Commission having reviewed and considered the motion to extend the time
8 limitation set forth in Decision No. 71441 and the Staff Memorandum, concludes that it is in the
9 public interest to extend the time limitation contained in Decision No. 71441.

10 ORDER

11 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Decision No. 71441 is hereby amended to extend the
12 term of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility originally issued to Salt River Project
13 Agricultural Improvement and Power District by five years to December 23, 2026 for the 230kV
14 transmission line and 15 years to December 23, 2036 for the Regional 230/69kV Substation.

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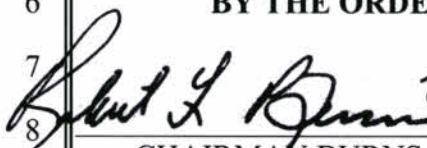
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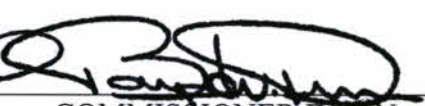
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1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other aspects of Decision No. 71441 shall remain in
2 effect.

3 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.
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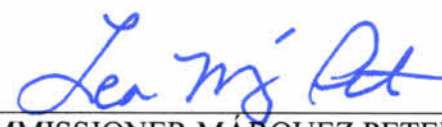
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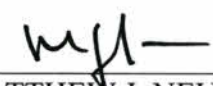
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MATTHEW J. NEUBERT,
Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission,
have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this
Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of
Phoenix, this 22 day of October, 2020.

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21 MATTHEW J. NEUBERT
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

23 DISSENT: _____

24 DISSENT: _____

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