

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

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
4 OF EL RIO SOL TRANSMISSION, LLC, IN
5 CONFORMANCE WITH THE
6 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED
7 STATUTES § 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A
8 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
9 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE RIO
10 SOL TO SAGUARO INTERCONNECT
11 PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES THE
12 CONSTRUCTION OF 500 KILOVOLT (KV)
13 TRANSMISSION LINES AND AN
14 ASSOCIATED SWITCHYARD LOCATED
15 WITHIN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-21328A-25-0186-00249

Case No. 249

NOTICE OF HEARING

11 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and
12 Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of El Rio
13 Sol Transmission, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”)
14 authorizing the construction of the RioSol to Saguaro Interconnect Project (“Project”),
15 which includes new 500 kV transmission lines and an associated switchyard in Pinal
16 County.

17 Project facilities include two new 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission lines for about
18 0.5 miles from the permitted RioSol transmission line to a proposed 500 kV switchyard
19 called the Rancho Saguaro Switchyard and, from the Rancho Saguaro Switchyard, an
20 approximately 5.4 mile single 500 kV transmission line to the existing Arizona Public
21 Service Saguaro Substation. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

22 The hearing will be held at the **Embassy Suites Tucson Paloma Village**, located at
23 3110 E. Skyline Drive, Tucson, AZ 85718, **commencing on Monday, October 6, 2025,**
24 **at 1:00 p.m., and will continue each weekday through Thursday, October 9, 2025, as**
25 **necessary, at the same location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day.** If any revisions to
26 the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at

1 <https://riosol.energy/sic/> and on the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) website at:
2 <https://azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/hearings-and-meetings>.

3 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
4 **SESSION ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE,**
5 **ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE EMBASSY SUITES TUCSON PALOMA**
6 **VILLAGE, LOCATED AT 3110 E. SKYLINE DRIVE, TUCSON, AZ 85718.**
7 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE**
8 **HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.**

9 **THE PUBLIC CAN WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTEN TO THE**
10 **HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, OR ATTEND IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in
11 advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access as well
12 as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing
13 schedule, will be posted on the Project website at: <https://riosol.energy/sic/>.

14 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be
15 announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and
16 place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project and
17 ACC websites. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE**
18 **GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING**
19 **IS NOT REQUIRED.**

20 If a tour is taken, it will begin on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at approximately 9:00
21 a.m. or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman. A map and itinerary of any such
22 tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website at:
23 <https://riosol.energy/sic/>. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour.
24 During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what
25 is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other
26 discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court

1 reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.
2 Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

3 A map of the Project and detailed information about the Project are contained in the
4 Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 5 • ACC, Docket Control Center, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix,
6 Arizona
- 7 • Project Website: <https://riosol.energy/sic/>
- 8 • Eloy Santa Cruz Library, 1000 N Main Street, Eloy, AZ 85131
- 9 • Wheeler Taft Abbett Sr. Library, 7800 N. Schisler Dr., Tucson, AZ 85743

10 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, pre-
11 hearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

12 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
13 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set
14 for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities,
15 ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

16 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
17 promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or
18 other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to
19 represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the
20 area in which the Project is located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall,
21 not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become
22 a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,
23 Arizona 85007. The Committee, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons
24 parties to the proceedings.

25 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in
26 writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,

1 Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before October 6, 2025. A person making a
2 limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-
3 examine witnesses.

4 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 40-360 to
5 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. Substantive
6 communication not in the public record may not be made to any member of the Committee.
7 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission pursuant to
8 A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the matter
9 before the ACC must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

10 **DATED** this 25th day of August, 2025.

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15 Adam Stafford, Chairman
16 Arizona Power Plant and
17 Transmission Line Siting Committee
18 Assistant Attorney General
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Exhibit A

