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Bureau of Land Management
SunZia Southwest Transmission Project
C/O Adrian Garcia, Project Manager
P.O. Box 27115
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Subject: Pinal County Comments on SunZia Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Mr. Garcia,

Pinal County thanks you for the invitation to your public meetings regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. We also appreciate all the communication with the SunZia project team, BLM staff and their supporting contractors during our Work Session regarding the project on August 8, 2012.

Pinal County recognizes the need for additional electrical energy and we support the desire to improve transmission capability of energy generated from renewable resources. However, we are concerned that these 500 KV transmission lines use Pinal County natural resources and adversely impact view sheds in our open space areas with minimal benefits to Pinal County residents. It would be the County's desire for the transmission lines to take the shortest route possible with the least impact on our residents. We recognize that this transmission line must still go through the Arizona Power Plant and Line Siting Committee and Arizona Corporation Commission, so the Board desires to reserve comments on specific routes until the project reaches that stage of permitting.

The Board of Supervisors does support the SunZia project and would like to see this project stay on schedule. As such, we request the BLM complete its review process per your currently published schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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