SRP, City of Chandler Agree on Proposal to Underground a Portion of new Power Line on Price Road and Eliminate Route on Ellis Road

Salt River Project and the City of Chandler have reached an agreement on a proposed route alternative for the final segment of a new transmission line needed to serve the industrial area known as the Price Road Corridor.

The agreement calls for SRP to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) that proposes Price Road as the route for the double circuit 230-kilovolt power line to be constructed from the northern end of the Price Road Corridor south to the proposed RS-27 substation.

Portions of the route will be constructed underground with the City of Chandler paying the difference between building the line overhead – SRP’s standard – and the added cost of putting them underground.

Once the agreement between the City and SRP is executed, this will eliminate the need for an Ellis Road route alternative in its CEC application.

Chandler will use an account funded by SRP and previously used by the City to underground lower voltage lines and improve the appearance of various electrical or water facilities. SRP will enable the City to use funds from this account to pay for the difference in undergrounding costs. The City will also provide valuable right of way access on Price Road and Willis Road to the Gila River Indian Community boundary on the west and remove existing underground City utilities.
“We have worked hard to protect the integrity of one of the premier employment corridors in the Southwest,” Mayor Jay Tibshraeny said. “At the same time, we were very diligent in protecting our residential neighborhoods from the impacts of these types of projects. I would like to thank SRP, the business community and our citizens for working with us on this project.”

“The agreement between the City of Chandler and SRP represents a collaborative and great opportunity to meet the City’s objective of no overhead lines on Ellis or Price roads,” said SRP President David Rousseau. “Importantly, we can all now move forward with critical infrastructure to serve economic growth in the area.”

SRP will hold an open house tonight to answer questions and gather input from the public on this needed new power line project and will soon finalize a CEC application which will be considered in a hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee. A final decision to approve the CEC for the project will be decided at an open meeting of the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC).

SRP anticipates that the project could come before the ACC for approval this summer.

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