

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY
EL19-006

REQUEST DATE : 02/26/19
RESPONSE DATE : 03/12/19
REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.12:

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:22:18, provide the following:

- a) An analysis of the compatibility of the proposed facility with present land use of the surrounding area, with special attention paid to the effects on rural life and the business of farming; and
- b) A general analysis of the effects of the proposed facility and associated facilities on land uses and the planned measures to ameliorate adverse impacts.

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- a. The land in the public and private ROW can be used for the same purpose as prior to this Project. The land will be subject to the restrictions as stated in the easements. These restrictions include that trees and structures that might interfere with the safety, operation or maintenance of the line may not be permitted in the ROW. No adverse impacts are anticipated due to the restrictions, because the 230kV transmission line is being built within an existing easement.

The primary land uses surrounding the proposed Facility are heavy industrial, light industrial, commercial, low density residential, general agriculture and cement plant operations. The two potential impacts to neighboring land are noise and aesthetics. Noise as a result of the transmission line is expected to be comparable to the existing noise environment and will not have a significant impact on humans or the environment.

- b. The proposed 230kV transmission line will be constructed similar to an existing transmission line to the east. The substation will be built on Company owned land and will not be easily visible from the road. It is not anticipated that the Project will negatively affect the aesthetics of the proposed project area, because the surrounding land use is zoned as Heavy Industrial, Light Industrial, General Commercial or Cement Plant zoning.

Attachments: None

Responder: Tim Rogers