

August 5, 2013  
COOP Steering Committee



### **MATCHING FUNDS - THE FINAL PUSH**

Our three Sun Lakes HOAs have retained legal counsel in the fight to prevent a high voltage electricity transmission line going through Sun Lakes.

Developer Ed Robson has pledged to match individual contributions dollar-for-dollar to help build the legal defense fund.

Mr. Robson's commitment is capped at \$10,000. If reached, that would mean \$20,000 in the fund in addition to the \$25,000 already pledged by the HOAs. To date, \$8,700 has been collected. Let's max it out this week!

Don't worry if you can only afford to send \$10 or \$20. Every contribution shows a commitment to the fight! Make your check payable to "STOPPP" and mail it to PO Box 11194, Chandler, AZ 85248. STOPPP is the umbrella organizations created by the three HOAs. Let's get this done!

### **OTHERS ARE ORGANIZING**

In June, SRP substantially reduced the number of east-west routes it is considering to get power from its Schrader substation (near Ocotillo and Arizona Avenue) to a substation it plans to build on the Intel property.

Many in Sun Lakes were relieved that Riggs Road was eliminated from consideration. However, Hunt Highway remains as one of the two remaining options. The other is Germann Road. Hunt runs along homes in both Cottonwood-Palo Verde and Sun Lakes Country Club. Moreover, if Hunt is selected, the 230,000-volt line will run up Price Road, affecting homes in IronOaks.

Nearly 500 Germann area residents met last week. They were encouraged to bombard SRP daily with comment cards objecting to Germann as the route. While Germann was slow to react initially, their new level of commitment comes at a critical time. This fall SRP will decide on a final preferred route – either Hunt or Germann. Sun Lakers must keep the pressure on SRP. We ask that you commit to sending at least one comment card a week to SRP outlining concerns you have. And get your neighbors to write regularly as well. Numbers count! Quickest way is to use SRP's online comment card system: <http://www.azpower.org/secure/comment.aspx> .

The project you're commenting on is "Price Road 230 kV." If you have trouble using the online system, email your comments to [pubinvol@srpnet.com](mailto:pubinvol@srpnet.com) or <mailto:pubinvol@srpnet.com>. Refer to the "Price Road 230 kV" project.

**Please keep the pressure on.** This is doubly important for people who live along Hunt. Most of these homes are very close to the wall separating Sun Lakes from the highway. You could literally have a 120-to-150-foot tall pole – and transmission lines -- towering over your house and back yard. Make sure SRP hears from you!

### **THE POLITICAL ASPECTS**

The formal process works this way:

- (1) Sometime this fall, SRP will announce a preferred route (either Hunt or Germann). The other will be designated an alternative route.
- (2) A state Line Siting Committee will hold a formal hearing, with legal testimony, expert witnesses, etc. (This is where the attorneys get heavily into the mix. The hearing is conducted much like a trial.)
- (3) The Committee will make a recommendation to the Arizona Corporation Commission, which has the final say of the route for the high-voltage line.

But there is apparently a fairly blatant political effort going on as well. It began in May and early June when Chandler Mayor Jay Tibshraeny directed the Chandler City Manager to tell SRP that Ocotillo Road—the most direct route—was a "non-starter."

If you want to communicate your feelings to elected representatives, below is contact information for the people who represent Sun Lakes on the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors (Denny Barney) and in the State Legislature (Sen. Steve Yarbrough, Rep. Tom Forese and Rep. J.D. Mesnard) In each case they also represent Germann.). Let them know how important this issue is to you. You might point out that the city of Chandler will benefit directly from the business growth and tax revenue generated by Price Road Corridor expansion. Isn't it reasonable for the new transmission line corridor to be within the city limits of Chandler. As we all know, Sun Lakes is not part of Chandler and the mayor and city council of Chandler do not have our interests at heart.

Rep. Mesnard spoke at the Germann Town Hall meeting last week, noting that he lives in the Germann Road corridor. He stressed that he also represents the people who live along Hunt and Old Price Road.

Rep. Forese is exploring the possibility of running for the Arizona Corporation Commission in 2014. He may be the most open to comments from Sun Lakers since he won't want to alienate voters here.

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