

## SRP's NEWEST APPROACH

SRP has sent an email saying "some progress has been reached regarding a possible route alternative for the Price Road Corridor 230kV transmission line." It referred to ongoing talks between SRP and the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). The email and subsequent inquiries from us so far have revealed no additional details.

What should we Sun Lakers make of this development?

First, we should be cautious. We haven't had time to analyze it thoroughly but some things emerge: A map accompanying the press release suggests an alternative route about a half-mile to a mile south of Hunt Highway. It shows the transmission line continuing up old Price Road along Oakwood homes before reaching a new substation somewhere on Intel property. This may strike some homeowners as good news but it will leave others in continued peril.

More importantly, a cryptic email and a generalized map is not a firm proposal. SRP speaks of it as a "possible route alternative" but the reality is SRP has only two route alternatives currently on the table t -- Hunt Highway/Price Road or Germann Road. Until SRP adds a GRIC route as a third alternative, our primary focus should be on Germann.

The Germann contingency is organized and they are making their case to SRP for the lines to be installed on Hunt Highway. We must continue our efforts as well. Take this opportunity to contact SRP again. Reaffirm that you believe Germann is, by far, the preferable route:

- Germann Road is much wider (six lanes).
- Germann already has 69,000-volt lines, and therefore SRP has a right-of-way.
- Hunt Highway is a more densely populated residential area than Germann. SRP counts 659 houses within 300 feet of the highway's centerline, compared to just 299 on Germann.
- Germann is a more direct route to the Price Road Corridor.
- Germann has more open space and more commercial space; Hunt is strictly residential.
- Germann is in the City of Chandler, which reaps tax and other benefits of Price Road Corridor development.

You can make comments directly at this SRP link:

https://www.srpnet.com/electric/secure/projectcontact.aspx Refer to the Price Road Corridor 230 kV Project.



## **SAVE THIS DATE**

SRP has rented Cottonwood-Palo Verde's San Tan Ballroom from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, October 22. Patrick Black, the attorney representing our three HOAs, believes SRP is almost certain to announce its preferred route at the open house. What it will say about the GRIC negotiations is unknown. But this is known: There is strength in numbers and Sun Lakes has SRP's full attention because of the numbers we've turned out. Keep the pressure on by showing up on October 22 and writing to SRP in the interim.

## **SOME VERY GOOD NEWS**

Sun Lakes residents "blew through" the \$10,000 goal for matching fund contributions to the Legal Fund. Sun Lakes founder Ed Robson apparently was very impressed by the commitment. Initially, he pledged to match contributions up to a total of \$10,000. Recently he increased the amount to \$15,000 – a figure already exceeded. With the approximately \$17,300 contributed by Sun Lakes residents, the \$15,000 match from Mr. Robson, and the \$25,000 put in by our three HOAs, the Fund to fight SRP's planned 230,000-volt line, especially the Hunt Hwy/Price Road route, now stands at more than \$57,000—an excellent base for undertaking the legal fight before the Line Siting Committee and, later, the Arizona Corporation Commission

If you haven't already done so, please take this opportunity to send Mr. Robson a thank-you note for his generosity. His mailing address is Ed Robson, 9532 E. Riggs Road, Sun Lakes, AZ 85248.

