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**APS Line Siting Update
September 11, 2008**

On September 5th, the City of Peoria submitted a protest letter to the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) concerning BLM's failure to include a utility corridor along SR-74 as part of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the area that the BLM District Office adopted in August. We filed the protest letter with BLM's Washington, D.C. office pursuant to federal regulations.

BLM in Washington may decide not to grant the protest, or it may decide to review whether a utility corridor could be added. Either way, the City Attorney plans to introduce the letter as an Exhibit in the Line Siting hearing. The protest will support our argument that because APS did not actively seek BLM action to designate SR-74 as a utility corridor the City has been forced to step into the gap and work with BLM directly to resolve the issue.

The APS hearings reconvened on September 8 to finish the testimony from APS' experts. The earliest that the City witnesses are expected to testify now is October.

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