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Subject: SunZia Southwest Transmission Project Achieve Phase 3 Status

The SunZia Southwest Transmission Project on July 27, 2009, received Phase 2 status, with the formation of a Project Review Group (PRG) and the approval of their Project Coordination report. SunZia Southwest Transmission Project proposes to construct two approximately 500 mile-500kV transmission lines. The proposed non-simultaneous rating is 3,000 MW. The proposed lines would begin at a new 500kV substation called SunZia E, located near Corona, New Mexico to the proposed Pinal Central 500kV Substation near Casa Grande, Arizona with possible two intermediate electrical interconnections; one at the new SunZia S 500kV Substation near the existing Luna 345kV Substation operated by El Paso Electric Company (EPE), and the second one at the new Willow 500kV Substation near the proposed Willow 345 kV substation to be operated by Tucson Electric Power Company (TEP). The anticipated in-service date for the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is in 2015.

On February 22, 2011, the owners of the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project requested Phase 3 status and provided the Phase 2 Rating Study Report for review. During the 30-day review of the Report, no additional comments were received. Therefore, in accordance with the WECC Overview of Policies and Procedures for Project Coordination Review, Project Rating Review, and Progress Reports, the SunZia Southwest Transmission Project is hereby granted Phase 3 status, resulting in an Accepted Rating of 3,000 MW.

Sincerely,

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cc: Kent Bolton, WECC