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Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021, 9:19 PM

To: Maria Gayosso

Cc: MayorRomero; ward3; Diana Alarcon; Helen Wheeler

Subject: [EXTERNAL]TMA Opposition to TEP C10-21-08 Request for Variance in a Scenic Corridor

Members of the Board:

Attached please find the official letter from Tucson Mountains Association in opposition to granting a variance to Tucson Electric Power in the Silverbell Road scenic route to be submitted to the record for the Design Review Board October 22, 2021 scheduled meeting with the above referenced matter on the agenda.

Tucson Mountains Association represents the interests of residents spanning the entire Tucson Mountain range, which spans into City of Tucson, Town of Marana and Pima County jurisdictions. TMA, like each of these jurisdictions, strives to meet future needs of our community and the environmental ecosystem. Undergrounding of utilities in scenic corridors is a sound policy that must not be weakened through the variance process.

No special privilege should be awarded to TEP in the Silverbell Road scenic route. TMA's position is that all utilities within scenic routes be underground, as required by City of Tucson ordinance. Please submit the official letter from Tucson Mountains Association into the record.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tucson Mountains Association



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City of Tucson Board of Adjustment
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Emailed to: DSD_Zoning_Administration@tucsonaz.gov

Re: City of Tucson BOA C10-21-08 (T21SA00376),
Tucson Electric Power (TEP) Construction Document T21CM05552

Members of the Board:

Tucson Mountains Association (TMA) strongly requests an extension for the public comment period on the above referenced City of Tucson Board of Adjustment matter scheduled for October 27, 2021.

TMA, established in 1934, represents residents throughout the entire Tucson Mountains to promote open space and meet the future needs of our community and the natural habitat.

It is TMA's position that all utilities on scenic routes be underground, as required by City of Tucson ordinance. TEP should not be awarded a variance for a condition it brought upon itself by selecting a location for its lines in a scenic route and requesting special privilege. There should be no special privilege awarded to TEP.

TMA respectfully requests that the City of Tucson Board of Adjustment reject TEP's application for variance and enforce undergrounding in the Silverbell Road scenic route.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President
Tucson Mountains Association

cc: Mayor Regina Romero
Councilwoman Karin Uhlich, Ward 3
Diana Alarcon, Director Tucson Department of Transportation
Helen Wheeler, Tucson Department of Transportation