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We would like to express our strong objection to the power lines proposed for the Village of Oak Creek, Arizona, by APS and House Bill 2201 for the following reasons:

- The environmental assessment does not adequately address alternatives to the proposed project.
  - There has not been a significant problem in terms of outages or electrical supply to this area.
  - The Village of Oak Creek has very few private properties left, so any expansion in the future would be minimal at best. Thus, these new power lines are not needed.
  - Furthermore, with increased energy efficiency in lighting, appliances, etc. over time, the demand for electricity will likely go down, not up.
  - The risk to the environment, homeowners, and the **entire** Village of Oak Creek from destructive wildfires is **greatly** increased, as evidenced by those that have occurred numerous times in California and other places.
  - The visual impact and destruction would greatly hurt not only locals but the millions of tourists
    who visit Sedona every year. The proposed power lines happen to go across the visual field of
    outstanding red rock views. Also, there obviously would be negative impacts to wildlife and
    vegetation.

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