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To: Coconino National Forest Supervisor

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Subject: Request for Exception to Submit an Objection for APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project (Project Number: 56977)

Dear Supervisor Arron W Mayville,

First, I appreciate the dedication and service of you and your staff to the Forest Service.

Now today, I write respectfully to **request an exception to submit comments during the objection phase** for the APS Oak Creek to McGuireville 69kV Transmission Line Project (**Project Number: 56977**). I understand that regulation 36 CFR Part 218 requires individuals to have submitted timely, specific written comments during public comment and scoping periods to file an objection. I did not. However, I believe my circumstances warrant special consideration, in view of now being a resident in the impacted area, combined with the special circumstance of not

having a realistic opportunity to receive timely notice of scoping and comment periods.

I became a resident of the Village of Oak Creek upon closure on August 20, 2021, of my current residence in VOC. This was after the scoping period (my search shows this on or about January 6, 2020) and just prior to the comment period (on or about December 15, 2021). Given the timing of closure, that closure timing combined with the activities of closing and moving meant no realistic opportunity existed to become aware of legal notices of scoping and comment periods, including if mailings occurred, mailings most likely would have been forwarded to the prior owners, now out of state.

Given that my residency commenced in a time frame where legal notices of scoping and comments periods **would not have been pragmatically timely for me**, i kindly **request an exception to the regulation** that restricts objections to only those who commented during the public scoping and comment periods. This would be based on the unique situation of now being a resident directly and firmly in the impacted area, but my not having an opportunity previously to receive timely notifications. (Note, yes squarely in the impacted area, i.e. the VOC substation serves my residence, the existing 69kV line is visible across Verde Valley School Road from our home, we hike Kel Fox Trail, Beaverhead Flats Road is traveled weekly, the reliability of APS electric service impacts our family's well-being, and from Clark's Market I see the saddle where the new line will pass, so great interest in the best optimum balanced solution.) I appreciate your understanding and consideration of my request. I have attached a copy of our electric bill for verification. Please let me know if any additional information or documentation is required to process this request. I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely, David Mascone

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