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I drove to attend the public meeting tonight about the APS's high voltage power line proposal.

I arrived before 7 pm, but the parking areas were already jam-packed full ... so I am expressing my opinion from home, in writing.

I am requesting that **the power line is set underground along the 179, all the way to the Village of Oak Creek.** Primarily this is to reduce the fire risk of above-ground cables which have been known to spark fires - including the recent ones in California.

In addition to not wanting to increase the fire risk in any way, please note that **179 is our main escape route in the case of fire ...** so it is a double risk for us.

Last but not least, above ground power lines are so ugly. There are some further along the 179, within the Sedona city limits near Morgan road. They are an eyesore.

May I also point out that the whole plan to have these additional power lines is generated by APS - this is not something we in this neighborhood

have requested, and we have not made complaints about our current situation. We get good electricity and very few outages.

We beg you with all our hearts to please make sure these power lines are placed **below ground**.

Sincerely,

Judi Whitewater

