

## STATE OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE** 

KATIE HOBBS GOVERNOR

April 5, 2023

Representative Ben Toma Speaker of the House 1700 W Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: HB 2437

Speaker Toma,

I have vetoed HB 2437.

The underlying purpose of the Power and Line Siting Committee is to provide a public forum for the expeditious review of proposed electric transmission siting plans and to issue a certificate of environmental compatibility to the proposed site, if deemed appropriate.

HB 2437 diminishes the authority and statutorily-given purpose of the Power and Line Siting Committee by exempting from review an unknown number of projects while having an uncertain impact on electric generation or Arizona's overall power grid.

As we build a more resilient energy grid, I encourage the Legislature to work with my administration to clearly identify solutions that more directly address transmission concerns.

Sincerely,

Katie Hobbs

Governor

State of Arizona

cc:

President Petersen Representative Griffin Chief Clerk of the House Secretary of the Senate Secretary Fontes