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SENATE BILL 1538

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 40-360, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 40-360, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 40-360. Definitions

5 In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Area of jurisdiction" means the state, a county or an
7 incorporated city or town that exercises concurrent or exclusive
8 jurisdiction over a geographical area.

9 2. "Certificate of environmental compatibility" means the
10 certificate that is required by this article and that evidences the
11 approval by the state of the sites for a plant or transmission line, or
12 both.

13 3. "Commission" means the corporation commission.

14 4. "Committee" means the power plant and transmission line siting
15 committee.

16 5. "Current Arizona electric transmission system" means the
17 existing electric transmission system serving this state and all
18 transmission lines on file with the commission as of January 31 of the
19 previous year.

20 6. "Facilities" means a plant or transmission line, or both.

21 7. "Member" means the state official named herein, the employee
22 designee thereof from the department, agency or governing body of such
23 state official member and the public members designated herein.

24 8. "Person" means any state or agency or political subdivision
25 thereof, or any individual, partnership, joint venture, corporation, city
26 or county, whether located within or without this state, or any
27 combination of such entities.

28 9. "Plant" means each separate thermal ~~OR NON-THERMAL~~ electric,
29 nuclear or hydroelectric generating unit with a nameplate rating of ~~one~~
30 ~~TWO~~ hundred megawatts or more for which expenditures or financial
31 commitments for land acquisition, materials, construction or engineering
32 exceeding \$50,000 have not been made before August 13, 1971.

33 10. "Transmission line" means five or more new structures that span
34 more than one mile in length as measured from the first structure outside
35 of the substation, switchyard or generating site to which the line
36 connects to the fifth structure and that are erected above ground and
37 support one or more conductors designed for the transmission of electric
38 energy at nominal voltages of one hundred fifteen thousand volts or more
39 and all new switchyards to be used therewith and related thereto for which
40 expenditures or financial commitments for land acquisition, materials,
41 construction or engineering exceeding \$50,000 have not been made before
42 August 13, 1971. Transmission line does not include structures located on
43 the substation, switchyard or generating site to which the line connects.

44 11. "Utility" means any person engaged in the generation or
45 transmission of electric energy.

