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**West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS Scoping Comment Form****Pacific Texas Pipeline and Transportation Company****Mike Owens, President****P.O. Box 10493****Phoenix, AZ 85016****Fax 480-894-1974**

The Southwestern United States is experiencing a substantial increase in the demand for electric power and refined products. This increased demand is directly tied to the dramatic population growth in the state of Arizona. Pacific & Texas Pipeline & Transportation Company (Pacific Texas), a Phoenix based company, is committed to providing a cost effective, safe, and environmentally sound solution to these growing energy demands. In an effort to fulfill our commitment, we are focusing all of our resources on two very important projects:

The Picacho Natural Gas Pipeline and the Pacific Texas Products Pipeline.

Pacific Texas looks forward to participating in the West-wide Energy Corridor process and we support the idea of identifying energy corridors in the western U.S. Both of our current projects are following existing pipeline rights-of-way from Texas to the Arizona/California border. In this manner we are not creating new lines across green field areas of the southwest. We believe the use of these and other existing corridors should take precedence over establishing new corridors in order to protect the environment and keep energy projects in areas that will serve the public in a manner that supports the growth of states that need new energy infrastructure.

Pacific Texas recommends that the energy corridors be at least two miles wide to provide pipeline and transmission line developers and land management agencies flexibility in siting infrastructure and to allow for additional energy development projects within the corridor. Siting a utility or energy project in one of the identified corridors should result in a streamlined environmental review process and allow for better inter-agency coordination as part of the application process.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement. Since Pacific Texas has been involved in energy transportation development in the southwest for the past twenty five years, we support the West-wide Corridor Study and look forward to continued involvement in the process.