

**SUBMITTED BY:** Karl Rockwell, Public Works Director/ City Engineer

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Ana Urquijo, City Manager

**FOCUS AREA:** Other / NA

**ORGANIZATIONAL  
IMPROVEMENTS:**

**SUBJECT:** **RESOLUTION NO. 26-1717**, a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **RATIFYING** and **GRANTING** a **UTILITY EASEMENT** to **ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY** for installation and maintenance of electric lines, together with appurtenant facilities and fixtures over part of city owned parcel number 408-34-008B, to service a temporary well site and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

As part of the city obligation to deliver temporary power to the 80-acre parcel for the construction of the new commercial port of entry, Arizona Public Service Company (APS) will be extending service lines and poles. This infrastructure will run through the City of Douglas parcel APN 408-34-008B, which lies adjacent to the dedicated 80-acre parcel for the Port. The easement grants APS a non-exclusive right to construct, operate, and maintain electrical lines and telecommunication facilities incidental to supplying electricity.

**BACKGROUND:**

As part of the donation acceptance agreement, the City of Douglas is assisting with the extension of power, broadband, water, and sewer infrastructure to the new Commercial Port of Entry.

\* APS will be extending service lines and poles along this corridor at their cost.

\* The easement encompasses approximately 7,501 square feet (0.172 acres) of the Grantor's Property.\* The easement provides APS rights for ingress and egress to maintain said facilities and to trim vegetation as necessary for safety.

The city previously adopted a Resolution for the easement to allow APS to install power poles and lines through the city owned 5 acre parcel adjacent to the Commercial POE. Following that action, ADOT and APS required a revision to the easement area due to the poles being in the way of the Connector Road. The current easement moves the poles from the west side of the city parcel to the east and north sides. The connection to the well site will also be moved and the city will be responsible for trenching to the well site. This revised dedication allows the electrical lines to be placed in a location acceptable to Grantee and needs to be adopted by the city council.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff recommends the authorization for the City Manager to review, sign, process, and record the revised dedication of a non-exclusive utility easement to APS for the extension of electrical lines to the new Commercial POE. The easement ensures that following any installation or maintenance, APS would restore the affected area to as close to original condition as reasonably practicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The revised dedication of the easement will not have a financial impact, except to the property values of the parcel. The overall project for the extension infrastructure is budgeted.

**Fiscal Year:** 2025/2026

**Amount Requested:**

**Budgeted:** Y / N

**Account (s):**

**“...I MOVE THAT THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 26-1717.”**

