

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT**

2 **AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

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4 In the matter of the Joint Application of Nogales  
5 Transmission, L.L.C. and UNS Electric, Inc.  
6 (“UNSE”), in conformance with the  
7 requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes  
8 § 40-360, et seq., for Certificates of  
9 Environmental Compatibility authorizing  
10 construction of the Nogales Interconnection  
11 Project and the UNSE Nogales Tap to Kantor  
12 Upgrade Project, including an approximately  
13 27.5-mile upgrade of UNSE’s existing 138-kV  
14 transmission line from a point near the existing  
15 Western Area Power Administration (“WAPA”)  
16 Nogales Tap in Pima County and the existing  
17 UNSE Kantor Substation in Santa Cruz County,  
18 a new approximately three-mile 138-kV double  
circuit transmission line in Santa Cruz County  
from a point near the existing UNSE Valencia  
Substation to the proposed Gateway Substation  
and associated facilities, and a new  
approximately two-mile 230-kV transmission  
line and associated facilities in Santa Cruz  
County to interconnect the proposed Gateway  
Substation to the Mexican National Electric  
System

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Case No. 176

19 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

20 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and  
21 Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the application of  
22 Nogales Transmission, L.L.C. (“Nogales Transmission”) and UNS Electric, Inc.  
23 (“UNSE”) (collectively, “Applicants”) for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility  
24 (“CEC”) authorizing the construction of the Nogales Interconnection Project and the  
25 UNSE Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project (collectively, the “CEC Transmission  
26 Facilities” or the “Facilities”) in Pima and Santa Cruz Counties (“Application”). The  
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1 Nogales Interconnection Project portion of the Facilities includes (i) a UNSE 138-kV  
2 Gateway Substation and a Nogales Transmission 230-kV Gateway Substation, which  
3 will be the location of High Voltage Direct Current (“HVDC”) converter equipment,  
4 referred to collectively as the “Gateway Substation,” (ii) a new, approximately three-  
5 mile double circuit 138-kV transmission line in Santa Cruz County to be constructed  
6 by UNSE—one circuit to extend the existing UNSE Vail to Valencia line from a point  
7 west of UNSE’s Valencia Substation to the proposed Gateway Substation and one  
8 circuit to connect the proposed Gateway Substation to the existing Valencia  
9 Substation; and (iii) a new, approximately two-mile single circuit 230-kV transmission  
10 line on double-circuit capable structures in Santa Cruz County connecting the  
11 proposed Gateway Substation to the United States-Mexico border to be built by  
12 Nogales Transmission, beyond which it will interconnect to the Mexican National  
13 Electric System. The Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project portion of the Facilities  
14 consists of an upgrade of a 27.5-mile segment between a point near the Western Area  
15 Power Association (“WAPA”) Nogales Tap switchyard in Pima County and UNSE’s  
16 Kantor Substation in Santa Cruz County, which will include (i) replacement of the  
17 existing conductor and the existing steel monopoles; and (ii) depending on the  
18 approved route, relocating poles within new or amended Right-of-Way where  
19 necessary.

20 The hearing will commence at the Quality Hotel Americana Nogales, 639 North  
21 Grand Avenue, Nogales, AZ, 85621, on September 5, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. and will  
22 continue on September 6, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., unless a tour is taken. If a tour  
23 of the Nogales Interconnection Project is taken, it will begin on September 6, 2017 at  
24 9:00 a.m., or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the Committee. If a  
25 tour is taken, the hearing will continue on September 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

26 The hearing will thereafter commence at the Desert Diamond Casino & Hotel,  
27 7350 South Nogales Highway, Tucson, AZ 85756, on September 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.,  
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1 and will continue on September 8, 2017, beginning at 9:00 a.m., unless a tour is taken.  
2 If a tour of the Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project is taken, it will begin on  
3 September 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of  
4 the Committee. If a tour is taken, the hearing will continue on September 7, 2017 at  
5 1:00 p.m.

6 If any revisions to the hearing schedule are necessary, they will be noticed on  
7 both of the Facilities websites at: <http://www.huntpower.com/nogalesdctie.aspx>  
8 (Nogales Interconnection Project) and [https://www.uesaz.com/nogales-tap-to-kantor-](https://www.uesaz.com/nogales-tap-to-kantor-upgrade/)  
9 [upgrade/](https://www.uesaz.com/nogales-tap-to-kantor-upgrade/) (Nogales Tap to Kantor Upgrade Project), and on the Arizona Corporation  
10 Commission (“ACC”) website at: [http://azcc.gov/AZ\\_Power\\_Plant/linesiting-](http://azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/linesiting-)  
11 [calendar.asp](http://azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/linesiting-).

12 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN SPECIAL EVENING**  
13 **SESSIONS ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2017, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE**  
14 **QUALITY HOTEL AMERICANA NOGALES, AND ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2017,**  
15 **BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE DESERT DIAMOND CASINO & HOTEL.**  
16 **PUBLIC COMMENT ALSO MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF**  
17 **EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT**  
18 **THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.**

19 The Chairman of the Committee may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a  
20 time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the  
21 recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted  
22 on the above-noted projects’ websites and the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF**  
23 **ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED**  
24 **NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

25 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Facilities area. The map and itinerary  
26 of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Facilities websites.  
27 Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the  
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1 Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning where the stops are  
2 located, what is visible at the stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the  
3 Application and Facilities. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the  
4 Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record  
5 any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.

6 Maps and detailed information about the Facilities are contained in the  
7 Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 8 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 West Washington  
9 Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 10 • ACC Tucson Office, 400 West Congress Street #221, Tucson, AZ 85701
- 11 • Nogales City/Santa Cruz County Public Library, Nogales-Rochlin  
12 Library, 518 N. Grand Avenue, Nogales, AZ 85621
- 13 • Pima County Public Library, Sahuarita Library, 725 W. Via Rancho  
14 Sahuarita, Sahuarita, AZ 85629
- 15 • The Facilities websites:
  - 16 ○ <http://www.huntpower.com/nogalesdctie.aspx>
  - 17 ○ <https://www.uesaz.com/nogales-tap-to-kantor-upgrade/>

18 Applicants will make available final copies of the prefiling meeting, prehearing  
19 conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and websites.

20 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the projects  
21 that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than 10 days before  
22 September 5, 2017, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of  
23 Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

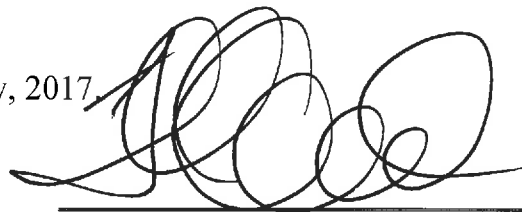
24 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part  
25 to promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health  
26 or other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests;  
27 to represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development  
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1 of the area in which the projects are located that desires to become a party to the  
2 proceedings shall, not less than 10 days before September 5, 2017, file a Notice of  
3 Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington  
4 Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

5 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make  
6 other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at  
7 a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200  
8 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five days before September  
9 5, 2017. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to  
10 present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

11 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 40-360  
12 to § 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No  
13 substantive communication not in the public record may be made to any member of the  
14 Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC  
15 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding  
16 on the matter before the ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the  
17 Committee.

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19 ORDERED this 28 day of July, 2017.



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Thomas K. Chenal, Chairman  
Arizona Power Plant and  
Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Office of the Arizona Attorney General

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