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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION Docket No. INC., L-00000F-23-0060-00218 UNS ELECTRIC, IN OF CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360, ET Case No. 218 **FOR** CERTIFICATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE RIO **RICO** 138 KILOVOLT HARSHAW (KV) TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT, WHICH **INCLUDES** THE CONSTRUCTION OF A **AGENDA** TRANSMISSION ORIGINATING ATTHE PLANNED **SWITCHYARD** (SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 23 S, RANGE 13 E), AND THE **TERMINATING** AT**PLANNED** SUBSTATION (SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 S, RANGE 16 E), EACH LOCATED WITHIN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the general public, the parties and the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee"), that the Committee will hold a public meeting/hearing on the above application that is open to the public at the Quality Inn Americana located at 639 North Grand Avenue, Nogales, Arizona 85621, commencing on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue each weekday on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, through Friday, April 21, 2023, as necessary, at the same location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day, unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken, it will begin on an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the Committee ("Chairman").

Public comment will be taken in a special evening session on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. and may be taken at the beginning of each hearing day or at other times during the hearing at times designated by the Chairman. Unless later ordered by the Chairman, the hearing will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day, except on

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Monday, April 17, 2023, when it will continue after 5:00 p.m. for the public comment session.

No tour of the Project area is planned by the Chairman at this time. If the Chairman or Committee later decide to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/">https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/</a> and the ACC website at: <a href="https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule">https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule</a>.

The hearing may conclude earlier or later than anticipated, depending upon the number of parties that intervene, the amount of testimony presented, the amount of public comment, and the time needed for deliberations by the Committee. As a part of the public meeting/hearing, members of the Committee will discuss the potential value of a tour, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, may tour the location of the proposed project area as set forth above.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER WATCHING THE MEETING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE.

At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule, will be posted on the Applicant's Project website at <a href="https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/">https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/</a> and Arizona Corporation Commission's ("ACC") website at <a href="https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule">https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule</a>. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project and ACC websites. NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE,

ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE QUALITY INN AMERICANA, LOCATED AT 639 NORTH GRAND AVENUE, NOGALES, ARIZONA, 85621. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCALE AND STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERSATIONS.

At the public meeting/hearing, the Committee may consider, discuss, deliberate and/or vote on the matters on the agenda. Items on the agenda may be taken in a different order than listed as conditions require:

- 1. Call to order;
- 2. Roll call;
- 3. Consideration of and vote upon any requests to intervene;
- 4. Hearing on the application;
- 5. Public comment at the discretion of the Chairman;
- 6. Discussion of potential value of a tour of the proposed route;
- 7. If it is decided a tour would be valuable, the Committee will meet at the hearing site. The members of the Committee will tour the project. Members of the public may follow the Committee's tour. No testimony or discussion with or between Committee members about the application or matters relating to the application will take place, except on the record before a court reporter at the designated stops. The Chairman will make any procedural decisions concerning stops at different points of interest;
- 8. Discussion of proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, the certificate of environmental compatibility and conditions to the certificate of environmental compatibility;

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- 9. Vote and decision concerning findings of fact, conclusions of law, the certificate of environmental compatibility and conditions to the certificate of environmental compatibility;
- 10. Adjournment.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Carolyn Buck, voice phone number: (602) 542-3931, e-mail: CDBuck@azcc.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation. All materials relating to the hearing, including any tour, may be found at the Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, First Floor and on the Arizona Corporation Commission website eDocket at <a href="http://www.azcc.gov">http://www.azcc.gov</a>.

**DATED** this 6th day of March, 2023.

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## **CERTIFICATION OF MAILING** 1 2 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the ORIGINAL of the foregoing and 26 copies were filed this 7<sup>77</sup> day of March, 2023 with: 3 4 **Utilities Division – Docket Control** ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 5 1200 W. Washington St. Phoenix, AZ 85007 6 7 **COPIES** of the foregoing mailed this day of March, 2023 to: 8 Robin Mitchell, General Counsel Arizona Corporation Commission 9 1200 W. Washington Street 10 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 RMitchell@azcc.gov 11 Counsel for Legal Division Staff 12 Elijah Abinah, Director 13 **Utilities Division** Arizona Corporation Commission 14 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007 15 Meghan H. Grabel 16 Elias Ancharski Osborn Maledon 17 2929 N. Central Ave, 21st Floor 18 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 mgrabel@omlaw.com 19 eancharski@omlaw.com 20 Counsel for Applicant 21 Lisa L. Glennie Glennie Reporting Services, LLC 22 1555 East Orangewood 23 Phoenix, Arizona 85020 admin@glennie-reporting.com 24 25 **CEC 218** 26

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