

PROJECT INFORMATION

This is the fourth Fact Sheet provided for the Golden Valley 230kV Transmission Line Project. The first three Fact Sheets, circulated in August 2007, January 2008, and April 2008, provided a description of the project and announced public meetings, and are available on the project website at: www.uesaz.com/Company/News/GoldenValley.asp. This Fact Sheet provides an update on the evaluation process and explains the alternative routes under consideration.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

In order to meet increased electrical demands and growth, UNS Electric, Inc. (UNSE) plans to construct a new electrical transmission line in the Golden Valley area northwest of Kingman. The project involves the construction of a 230kV transmission line to serve the existing and planned electrical loads within Golden Valley and the Mineral Park Mine, and the modification of two substations and future construction of the Mineral Park Substation. The primary and initial electrical need is at the Mineral Park Mine. Additionally, the new transmission line will enhance the electrical infrastructure to the developing Golden Valley area.

PROJECT STATUS

Public meetings were held in May to consider public concerns, answer questions, and take recommendations regarding alternative routes. Public input relayed sensitivities for alternatives crossing private land and those crossing near existing residences. The public also expressed preferences for using alternative corridors across public lands and following or replacing existing electric transmission lines. Following public meetings held in May, research and analysis were performed on the various alternatives recommended by the public. Individual discussions were held with stakeholders including: private property owners; representatives from Mohave County, City of Kingman, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and Arizona Department of Transportation; trail users of the Cerbat Foothills Recreation Area; City of Kingman and County elected officials; and representatives from Golden Valley (e.g., Golden Valley Public Awareness Team). As a result of discussions and analysis, alternative routes were identified for detailed examination and refinement. Some of the alternatives initially presented by the public and others proved infeasible or imposed impacts over areas specially managed to prevent such uses. Other alternatives imposed impacts on landowners where no similar or compatible uses were present. Others were generally compatible with land uses and the environment, and maximized the use of designated corridors. A map depicting the alternatives under consideration is attached.

The process of analysis and selection of a final route requires the following agency or government approvals:

1. BLM compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act

An evaluation of the alternatives and associated impacts will be summarized in an Environmental Assessment (EA). Prior to making their decision, BLM will make the EA available for public review and comment. The environmental assessment will be available on-line at: www.uesaz.com/Company/News/GoldenValley.asp.

2. Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC)

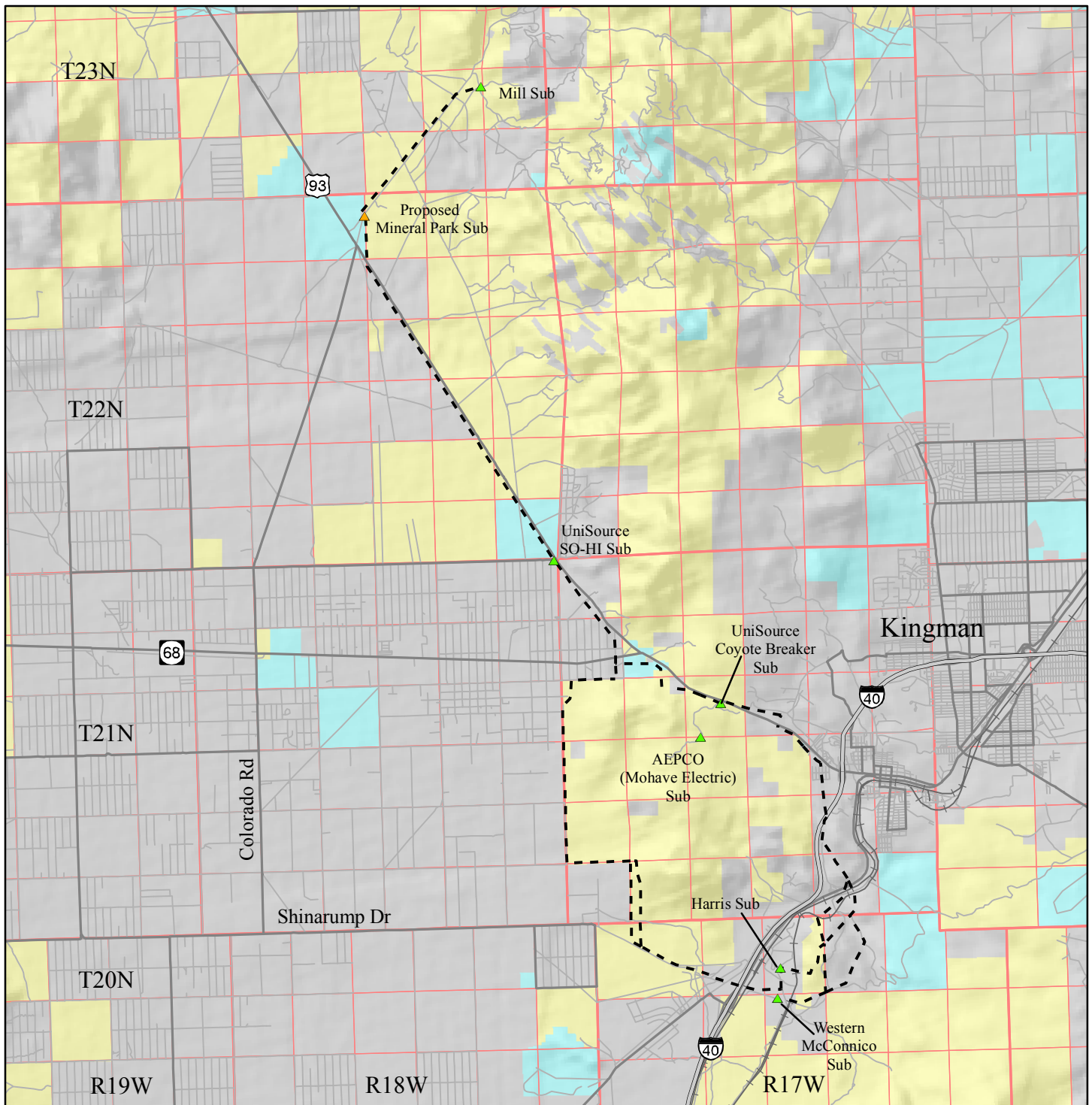
Following the submittal of the EA, the alternatives will be presented to the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee and the ACC for their consideration and approval. This process requires a detailed application that summarizes the environmental analysis. Public hearings are held as part of the review process and information regarding the process is available at: www.cc.state.az.us/Divisions/Utilities/Electric/LineSiting-FAQs.asp.

PROJECT TIMELINES

Contact with the public and agencies will continue. Availability of the EA and public meeting(s) will be announced. The CEC application to the ACC is expected to be submitted in 2009. If approved, construction will begin in 2009.

GETTING INVOLVED OR MAKING COMMENTS

Your comments regarding this project are welcome. Comments will assist UNSE and the involved agencies in making sound choices for the project. You may address written comments to Transcon Environmental, 3740 E. Southern Ave., Suite 218, Mesa, Arizona 85206. If you have questions regarding the proposed project, please call the Project Information Phone Line at (928) 415-0213 or toll-free at (866) 453-2401.



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Legend

- Project Alternatives
- ▲ Existing Substation
- ▲ Proposed Substation
- Yellow Box Bureau of Land Management
- Grey Box Private
- Light Blue Box State

Project Location
Golden Valley
230kV Transmission
Line Project
UNS Electric Inc.

