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Golden Valley 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project



Virtual Public Open House Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021 | 6-7:30 p.m.

UniSource will provide a project update and answer questions during a live virtual open house meeting.

To attend, visit the project website at:
uesaz.com/golden-valley
and click on the Zoom link.

Grid Improvements for More Reliable Service

UniSource's proposed Golden Valley 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line will improve reliability, replace aging equipment and satisfy customers' future energy needs in and around the north Golden Valley area

Energy Grid Update

Golden Valley 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project

January 2021



UNS Electric, Inc. (UNSE), which provides electric service as UniSource Energy Services, is planning to build a new 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and substation in Mohave County near Kingman and the Golden Valley area.

The Golden Valley 230kV Transmission Line Project (Project) will improve service reliability by replacing aging equipment and provide greater electric capacity to accommodate a projected 5-35 megawatt (MW) increase in peak energy demand over the next decade in the area.

UNSE evaluated six alternative routes for the project as shown in the map on page 3. All alternatives originate at the Harris Substation, located adjacent to the Nucor Steel Plant approximately 3 miles southwest of Kingman, and end at the site of the proposed Mineral Park Substation, located approximately 10 miles northwest of Kingman near U.S. Highway 93 and Mineral Park Road. All six potential routes, identified as the East Cerbat Alternatives (E1 and E2) and the West Cerbat Alternatives (W1, W2, W3, and W4) share a common alignment to the north.

All routes cross private land and land administered by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The East Cerbat alternatives also cross City of Kingman



UniSource plans to install new 230 kilovolt lines that will help to improve service for customers in and around the Kingman and Golden Valley areas.

land. Both East Cerbat alternatives generally follow U.S. Route 93 through the Cerbat Foothills Recreation Area. The four West Cerbat alternatives continue north or south of Shinarump Drive, then extend north along the western edge of the recreation area.

Public participation began in 2007 as part of the required National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process after operators of the Mineral Park Mine expressed a need for additional service. Although the request was withdrawn in 2008, UNSE continued planning for the project to improve service and accommodate the anticipated energy needs of customers in the area.

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BLM, acting as lead federal agency, began to collect public input as part of the NEPA process. Six alternatives were identified through an extensive public outreach process that included input from area residents, landowners, business owners and government agencies.

The BLM's Environmental Assessment (EA) identifies Alternative E1 as its preferred alternative. For a link to the EA, visit the Golden Valley 230 kV project page at uesaz.com/golden-valley.

REQUIRED APPROVALS and TIMELINE

The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) must give final approval for UNSE to construct and operate the project. UNSE plans to file an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) with the ACC in spring 2021.

A hearing before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee is expected to be held in spring 2021. The preferred route in the application will be the same as that as recommended by the BLM, the East Cerbat 1 (E1) alternative. UNSE will provide additional public notice when more details about the hearing are available.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE and PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

UNSE will hold a live virtual open house meeting on **Tuesday, February 9, 2021, 6-7:30 p.m.** To attend the meeting, visit uesaz.com/golden-valley and click on the Zoom link.

To listen to the virtual open house, please call 1-669-900-6833 and use passcode 47030154 during the scheduled meeting time.

UNSE representatives will present information about the project and answer questions live during the meeting. A recording will be posted later on the project website.

In addition to participating in the virtual open house meeting, residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to share their comments using one of these methods:

- Filling out an online comment form at uesaz.com/golden-valley
- Sending comments via email Goldenvally230@uesaz.com
- Calling (520) 745-7111
- Mailing a letter with comments to:
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