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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE
4 APPLICATION OF UNS ELECTRIC,
5 INC., IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE
6 REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. § 40-360,
7 ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
8 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
9 AUTHORIZING THE RIO RICO TO
10 HARSHAW 138 KILOVOLT (KV)
11 TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT,
12 WHICH INCLUDES THE
13 CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW 138 KV
14 TRANSMISSION LINE ORIGINATING
15 AT THE PLANNED RIO RICO
16 SWITCHYARD (SECTION 12,
17 TOWNSHIP 23 S, RANGE 13 E), AND
18 TERMINATING AT THE PLANNED
19 HARSHAW SUBSTATION (SECTION
20 32, TOWNSHIP 22 S, RANGE 16 E),
21 EACH LOCATED WITHIN SANTA
22 CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000F-23-0060-
00218

Case No. 218

NOTICE OF HEARING

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18 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and
19 Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of UNS
20 Electric, Inc. (“UNSE”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to authorize
21 construction of a 138 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line called the Rio Rico to Harshaw
22 138 kV transmission line (“Rio Rico to Harshaw” or “the Project”).

23 The Project will involve the construction of an approximately 20-30 mile, single-
24 circuit 138 kV transmission line mounted on steel monopole structures. The project will
25 interconnect UNSE’s existing 138 kV transmission system to the proposed Harshaw
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1 Substation through a proposed 138 kV switchyard in Rio Rico. A map of the Project is
2 attached as **Exhibit A**.

3 The hearing will be held at the Quality Inn Americana, 639 N Grand Ave,
4 Nogales, AZ 85621. The hearing will begin on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 1:00 p.m., and
5 will continue on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and then will continue as
6 necessary on Wednesday, April 19, 2023, Thursday, April 20, 2023, and Friday, April 21,
7 2023. The hearing will commence at 9:00 a.m. on April 19, 20, and 21 or through the
8 completion of the hearing, whichever occurs first. If any revisions to the hearing schedule
9 are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at: [https://www.uesaz.com/rio-](https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/)
10 [rico-to-harshaw/](https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/), and on the Arizona Corporation Commission (“Commission”) website
11 at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.

12 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
13 **SESSION ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**
14 **TELEPHONE, ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE QUALITY INN AMERICANA,**
15 **639 N GRAND AVE, NOGALES, AZ 85621. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE**
16 **TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION**
17 **OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

18 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**
19 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE**
20 **HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC**
21 **ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING**
22 **SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.**

23 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE**
24 **OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE.** At least 24 hours in advance
25 of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
26 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule

1 will be noticed on the Project website at <https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/>.

2 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be
3 announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and
4 place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project
5 websites and the Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED
6 HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A
7 RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

8 If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and
9 itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project and
10 Commission websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour.
11 During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what
12 is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other
13 discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court
14 reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.
15 Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

16 Maps of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and
17 technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the
18 following locations:

- 19 • Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,
20 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- 21 • The Project website: <https://www.uesaz.com/rio-rico-to-harshaw/>
- 22 • Rochlin Public Library, 518 N. Grand Avenue, Nogales, AZ 85621
- 23 • Rio Rico Public Library, 275 Rio Rico Dr, Rio Rico, AZ 85648
- 24 • Patagonia Public Library, 346 Duquesne Ave, Patagonia, AZ 85624

25 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference,
26 prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

1 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
2 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date
3 set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities,
4 Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

5 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
6 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or
7 other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to
8 represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the
9 area in which the Project are located that desires to become a party to the proceedings
10 shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent
11 to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200
12 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007.

13 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
14 persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a
15 hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona
16 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007, not less
17 than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited
18 appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine
19 witnesses.

20 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to
21 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No
22 substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the
23 Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission
24 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on
25 the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the
26 Committee.

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ORDERED this 6th day of March, 2023.



Adam Stafford, Chairman
Arizona Power Plant and
Transmission Line Siting Committee
Assistant Attorney General

1 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

2 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 25 copies were
3 filed this 7th day of March, 2023 with:

4 Utilities Division – Docket Control
5 Arizona Corporation Commission
6 1200 West Washington Street
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8 COPIES of the above emailed/mailed this 7th day of March, 2023:

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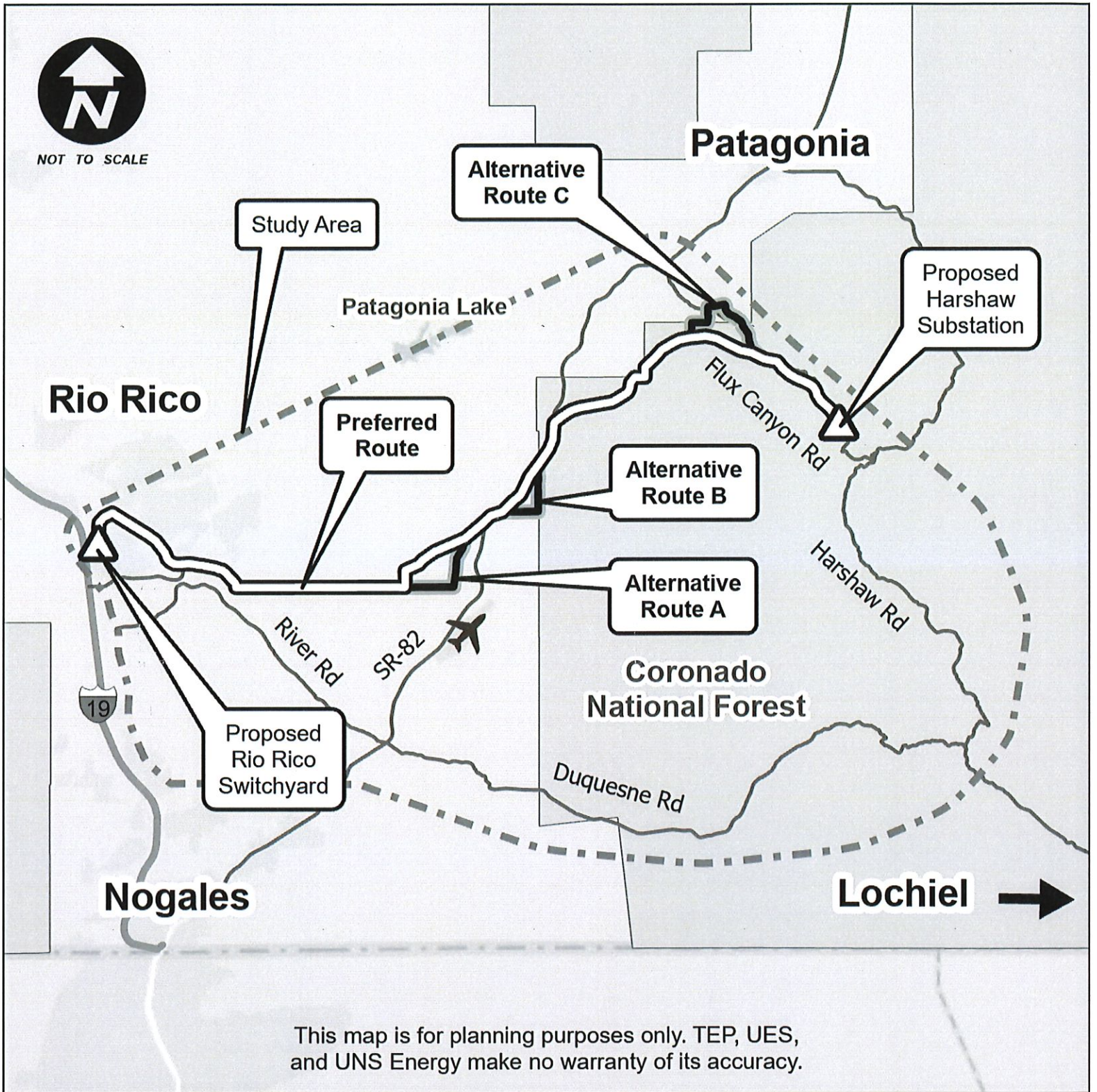
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