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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
UNS ELECTRIC, INC., IN CONFORMANCE )  
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA )  
REVISED STATUTES §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, FOR )  
A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE CON- )  
STRUCTION OF THE VAIL TO VALENCIA )  
115kV to 138kV TRANSMISSION LINE UP- )  
GRADE PROJECT, ORIGINATING AT THE )  
SUBSTATION IN SEC. 23, T.10S., R.10E., )  
EXISTING VAIL SUBSTATION IN SEC. 4, )  
T. 16S., R. 15E., PIMA COUNTY, TO THE )  
EXISTING VALENCIA SUBSTATION IN SEC. )  
5, T. 24S.,R. 14E., IN THE CITY OF NOGALES, )  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, ARIZONA. )

CASE NO. 144

DOCKET NO. L-00000F-09-0190-00144

**NOTICE OF FILING ANNUAL  
SELF-CERTIFICATION LETTER**

Pursuant to Decision No. 71282 (October 7, 2009), Condition No. 19, UNS Electric, Inc. hereby files the attached annual self-certification status report identifying progress made with respect to each currently relevant condition set forth in said Decision and contained in the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility therein, including those conditions that have been met.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2010.

UNS ELECTRIC, INC.

By:

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1 Original and 15 copies of the foregoing  
filed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010, at:

2 Docket Control  
3 Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
4 Phoenix, Arizona 85007

5 Copies of the foregoing mailed this  
6 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2010, to:

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**STATUS OF UNS ELECTRIC'S  
COMPLIANCE WITH CONDITIONS  
SET FORTH IN DECISION NO. 71282  
SITING CASE NO. 144  
JULY 2010**

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**Condition No. 10:**

*Within 120 days of the Commission decision granting this Certificate, Applicant will post signs in public rights-of-way giving notice of the Project corridor to the extent authorized by law. The Applicant shall place signs in prominent locations at reasonable intervals such that the public is notified along the full length of the Project until the transmission structures are constructed. To the extent practicable, within 45 days of securing easement or right-of-way for the Project, the Applicant shall erect and maintain signs providing public notice that the property is the site of future transmission lines. Such signage shall be no smaller than a normal roadway sign. The signs shall advise:*

- (a) That the site has been approved for the construction of Project facilities;*
- (b) The expected date of completion of the Project facilities;*
- (c) A phone number for public information regarding the Project;*
- (d) The name of the Project;*
- (e) The name of the Applicant; and*
- (f) The website of the Project.*

**Status** – The post-CEC sign placement in the Project areas undergoing construction was completed on February 6, 2010. A Proof of the typical sign as well as a photograph of a typical installation is included in Attachment 1 hereto.

**Condition No. 15:**

*The Applicant shall provide copies of this Certificate to the City of Tucson, the Town of Sahuarita, the City of Nogales, Pima County, Santa Cruz County, the Arizona State Land Department, the State Historic Preservation Office, BLM, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department.*

**Status** – Copies of the CEC were mailed to these jurisdictions on April 7, 2010.

**Condition No. 20:**

*Within sixty (60) days of the Commission decision granting this Certificate, the Applicant shall make good faith efforts to commence discussions with private landowners, on whose property the Project corridor is located, to identify the specific location for the Project's right-of-way and placement of poles. Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate landowners' preferences regarding the placement of poles located on or adjacent to the landowners' property.*

**Status** – A letter was mailed on December 7, 2009 to each private landowner along the construction path concerning the Project, detailing the various stages of surveying, easement acquisition and pole placement. As the Company completes due diligence regarding land ownership and line design along the project route, the affected landowners will be contacted regarding right-of-way issues. The bulk of the acquisition will occur in 2011.

**Condition No. 21:**

*The Applicant shall make reasonable efforts to work with private landowners on whose property the project right-of-way will be located, to mitigate the impacts of the location, construction, and operation of the Project.*

**Status** – A letter was mailed on December 7, 2009 to each private landowner along the construction path concerning the Project, detailing the various stages of surveying, easement acquisition and pole placement. As the Company completes due diligence regarding land ownership and line design along the project route the affected landowners will be contacted regarding the construction process and placement of poles.

**Condition No. 23:**

*For the Project, Applicant shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, submit a Pole Finish Plan (“PFP”) for the proposed monopole finish for each part of the Project. The PFP shall indicate where a dull galvanized steel finish will be used (e.g. in open terrain or where views of the poles will be against a sky background) versus using self-weathering steel (e.g. where visual views of the poles are against a terrain background). Further, the Pole Finish Plan (PFP) shall indicate that a dulled galvanized steel finish will be used in Segment 1A, North Route (Preferred Alignment), between the Vail Substation and Wilmot Road (i.e. where the line extends to the west from Vail Substation and runs parallel to TEP’s Vail-Robert Bills (138kV) and Vail-Irvington (138kV) lines. The PFP will be submitted to the Parties, landowners whose property is within 500 feet of either side of the center line and Commission Staff. The Parties and landowners whose property is within 500 feet of either side of the center line shall have 30 days to object to the PFP in writing to the Commission.*

**Status** – The Pole Finish Plan was filed in Docket on November 6, 2009.

**Condition No. 26:**

*Applicant shall create a voluntary Citizens Advisory Council to assist in the neighborhood and regional and transmission planning related to the Project by providing notice to all parties and members of the public who provided comment on the Project. The notice shall provide information concerning the establishment of the Citizens Advisory Council, and include the date, time, location and agenda of the Council’s initial meeting. The notice shall be docketed and provided to the parties and members of the public that provided*

*comment on the Project within 180 days of the effective date of this October. Within 60 days after the Council's initial meeting, Applicant shall file a report in docket that provides an update on the status of the Council.*

**Status** – Notice of the Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) formation was mailed to the appropriate parties on March 11, 2010. The initial meeting was held on April 1, 2010 in Green Valley, and the CAC members will hold further meetings as needed. A Notice of Filing concerning the establishment of the CAC was filed in Docket on March 31, 2010.

**Condition No. 27:**

*The Applicant shall file a Revised Exhibit A describing the Project Alignment consistent with the Commission's amendment of the route within 30 days of the effective date of this Order.*

**Status** – The Revised Exhibit A legal description, reflecting the Commission's amended route, was filed in Docket on October 13, 2009.

*Attachment 1*

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

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## **Vail to Valencia 115kV to 138kV Transmission Line Upgrade Project**

Arizona Corporation Commission  
Docket No. L-00000F-09-0190-00144

## **Future Site of 138kV Transmission Line**

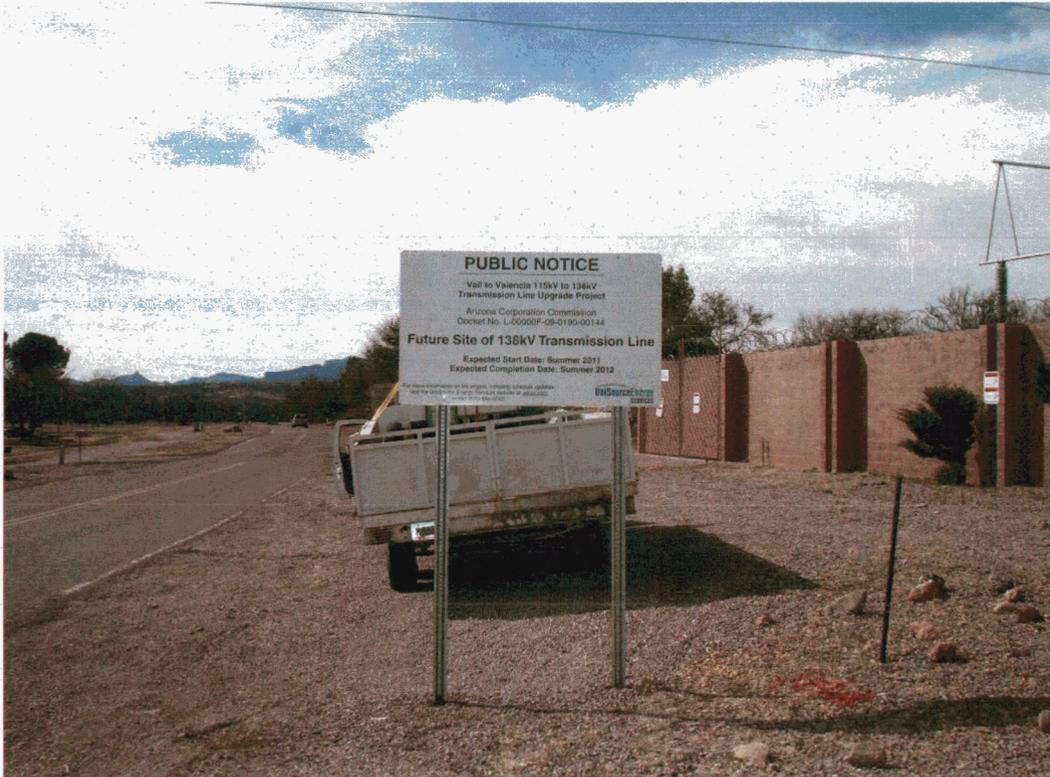
**Expected Start Date: Summer 2011**

**Expected Completion Date: Summer 2012**

For more information on the project, including schedule updates,  
visit the UniSource Energy Services website at [uesaz.com](http://uesaz.com)  
or call (520) 884-3742.

**UniSource**  
**SERVICES**

*Public Notice sign for Vail to Valencia Project*



*Photo of sign #15 placed at Waypoint 19*