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11 CHARGES DESIGNED TO REALIZE A
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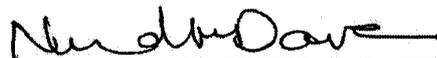
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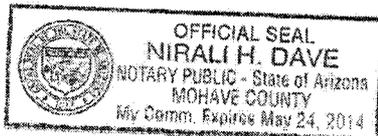
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What led to 'Project Gunwalker'?

Pauline Arrillaga

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PHOENIX — Ten days before Christmas, ATF agent John Dodson awoke, got his morning coffee, switched on the news — and heard the words he had dreaded every day of every month he had been a member of the gun-trafficking investigative team called the Group VII Strike Force.

A Border Patrol agent had been shot dead in a gun battle with suspected bandits. He had been, like Dodson, an ex-military man who chose to serve his country by working for the U.S. government.

An all-too-familiar feeling returned to the pit of Dodson's stomach, an awful mix of panic, fear and disgust that flowed from one haunting question:

In allowing guns onto the streets in hopes of knocking off a big arms-trafficking ring, had ATF's Group VII been unwitting accomplices in the death

of a fellow federal agent?

Dodson had come to Phoenix to carry out a key component of ATF's mission: To stop gunrunning to Mexican drug cartels. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives had stepped up efforts to dam the "Iron River" flowing south, and Group VII was supposed to be leading the way with an operation called "Fast and Furious."

The focus was a group of individuals alleged to have bought more than 1,500 weapons in 15 months from Phoenix-area gun dealers on behalf of the cartels.

Some days, dozens of AK-47 variants would be purchased at once. The same buyer might return to the same store days later to buy 20, 30, 40 more weapons.

But from the very beginning, Dodson and other agents realized their mission in Phoenix wasn't to stop the guns at all. "Stand down," the

investigators were told whenever they sought permission to make a stop and attempt to retrieve the weapons. "Just surveil."

In law enforcement parlance, the practice was known as "walking" guns. And the many hundreds of guns sold during Fast and Furious walked far: To border towns in Arizona, to El Paso and San Antonio, to remote reaches of Mexico.

On Dec. 14, two of them somehow found their way to a swath of Arizona desert called Peck Canyon, where Brian Terry and three other U.S. Border Patrol agents came upon a crew of border outlaws. Gunfire was exchanged, and Terry was shot in the back.

It didn't take long that next day for confirmation to reach Group VII: Two Romanian-made AK-47 type rifles had been found at the shooting scene. Both had been purchased nearly a year earlier. And

the buyer was a known Fast and Furious suspect who was, immediately after the shooting, finally arrested though he'd been watched for months.

"I just felt sick," Agent Dodson says. "I still do." Worse, he knew that hundreds more weapons sold as part of Fast and Furious were still out there in the hands of more bad guys.

Lofty goals

It was supposed to be the big case — the one that went beyond the buyers, the drug cartels' equivalent of pawns in a game of chess. Taking them out alone doesn't assure victory.

Fast and Furious had far loftier goals: To go after those directing gun buys on behalf of the cartels. Maybe bring down an entire trafficking cell. Or even cripple a cartel itself.

To try and capture a few kings.

A different kind of

strategy was developed: Instead of working to interdict the many guns that were bought, ATF agents allowed weapons to move through the trafficking network in an attempt to identify additional conspirators and, ideally, build a bigger, stronger case.

It was a risky proposition, driven in part by gun laws that make curbing arms trafficking challenging, unsuccessful past prosecutions and a government faced with a deadly — and growing — problem.

By the time Fast and Furious was launched in the fall of 2009, gun violence in Mexico was clearly out of control. Daily news reports described bloody shootouts as drug cartels battled for power, and worry had increased about cross-border violence. The ATF was reporting that some 90 percent of the weapons Mexican authorities

recovered and submitted

for tracing originated in the United States, and pressure was increasing from Mexican officials for the United States to address the issue.

The question was how to do it.

Old strategies primarily targeted the straw purchasers who were paid to buy weapons for higher-level traffickers, but those cases could be difficult to make, especially in Arizona.

For one, there is nothing illegal about walking into an Arizona gun shop and buying an unlimited number of weapons, so long as the purchaser passes a federal background check. A crime occurs only when weapons are exported to Mexico or if individuals are acting as unlicensed dealers by buying and reselling large quantities of weapons.

Straw purchasers themselves are typically prosecuted for what's known as "lying and See GUNS, 8A

PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF UNS GAS, INC. FOR A PERMANENT BASE RATE INCREASE (DOCKET NO. G-04204A-11-0158)

Summary

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The Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding UNS Gas's proposed rate increase. The Residential Utility Consumer Office is also a party to this proceeding and will analyze the application and make recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by UNS Gas, Staff, or any intervenors, therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from UNS Gas at the following locations: Flagstaff City-Cocconino County Public Library, 300 W. Aspen Ave., in Flagstaff, Arizona (928-779-7670); Prescott Public Library downtown location, 215 E. Goodwin Street in Prescott, Arizona (928-777-1500); Mohave County Library District Kingman branch, 3269 N. Burbank Street in Kingman, Arizona (928-892-2665); 1710 N. Mastick Way in Nogales, Arizona (520-761-7999); and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours and on the internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning on January 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. if settlement agreement is reached and filed by December 9, 2012, or, alternatively, beginning on February 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. if a settlement agreement is not reached. The hearing will commence at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress St., Tucson, Arizona 85701. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. G-04204A-11-0158 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by e-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000.

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DEBT

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to take effect, saying that would invite a recurrence of the current crisis in the heat of next year's election campaigns.

First word of an effort to reach a compromise came at mid-afternoon from Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker John Boehner — Obama's principal Republican antagonist in a contentious new era of divided government.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid heatedly denied it on the Senate floor a short while later, but several hours later said events had changed.

"There are many elements to be finalized... there is still a distance to go," he said, adding that Majority Leader Harry Reid cautioned in dramatic late-night remarks on the Senate floor.

"I'm glad to see this move toward cooperation and compromise," he added.

He said he was optimistic any agreement would not include a short-term extension of the nation's debt limit — a point on which Obama has insisted.

Officials familiar with the discussions said that while the first-step increase in borrowing authority and cuts in spending would happen at once, the next step would be somewhat more complicated.

The additional increase in borrowing authority would depend on creation of a special committee of lawmakers charged with recommending spending cuts of a slightly larger size. If the panel failed to act, or its proposals were rejected in Congress, automatic spending cuts would take effect to slice spending by slightly more than the second installment additional borrowing authority.

White House officials had no immediate comment.

Reid said that at the request of White House officials, he was postponing a test vote set for shortly after midnight on his own legislation to raise the debt limit while cutting spending.

Republicans opposed his bill, and said in advance they had the votes to block its advance.

Halfway around the world, on a visit to Camp Leatherneck in Afghanistan, the nation's top military officer fielded questions from troops asking if they would be paid in the event of a default.

"I actually don't know the answer to that question," said Adm. Mike Muller, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, although he told them they would continue to go to work each day.

Obama, in his weekly radio and Internet address, said there were several ways out of the gridlock that has prevented action by Congress, then added, "There is very little time."

But to get to the endgame, Republicans and Democrats had to go through the formality of killing each other's bills — scoring their own political points — before they could turn to meaningful negotiations.

And a few hours after the president spoke, House Republican leaders engineered a vote to defeat the Reid-drafted proposal to raise the debt limit on a near-party line vote at mid-afternoon.

That was payback of sorts — Reid had arranged the rejection of a House-passed bill on Friday within minutes after it reached the Senate.

Individual lawmakers expressed anxiety about the prospect that faced the country if it were to default for the first time in history.

"I'm worried about Congress defaulting on our country," said Sen. Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., urging lawmakers to find common ground. He suggested that spending cuts take place automatically if necessary to ensure the debt limit does not expire before 2015.

With financial markets closed for the weekend, lawmakers had a little breathing room, but not much. Asian markets begin opening for the new work week when it is late Sunday afternoon in the capital.

In his remarks at a news conference, McConnell said Obama "needs to indicate what he will sign, and we are in these discussions."

He said later he had spoken several times during the day with Vice President Joe Biden, who played a prominent role in earlier attempts to break the gridlock that has pushed the country to the verge of an unprecedented default.

Boehner said that despite the partisanship of recent weeks, "I think we're dealing with reasonable, responsible people who want this crisis to end as quickly as possible and I'm confident it will."

The talk of compromise contrasted sharply with the day's earlier developments as both the House and Senate convened for unusual Saturday sessions.

DeMINT

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getting tea partiers nominated over some GOP party favorites in last year's elections — have vexed Republican leaders. Some in the GOP complained that while DeMint's activities may have won like-minded conservatives several seats in Congress, they also enabled Democrats to keep some vulnerable seats and maintain their majority.

His insistence on a balanced-budget amendment as part of any debt deal was the inspiration for several House Republicans — some of them also from South Carolina — to force Speaker John Boehner to grand-

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DeMint's support for like-minded candidates in GOP primaries has boosted his influence in the party since his election to the Senate in 2004. Earlier this month,

moderate Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine co-authored an opinion piece in *The Wall Street Journal* with DeMint, giving her re-election campaign some conservative credibility in the face of a challenge from the right. Sen. Orrin Hatch, who watched his fellow Utah Sen. Robert Bennett fall to a tea party challenge in 2010, is actively courting the populist movement more than a year out from Election Day.

And Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, long an unapologetic defender of the special spending "earmarks" that DeMint deplors, switched and embraced the earmark ban now in effect.

The man behind the revolutionizing is a 59-year-old grandfather who used to play drums in a band called Salt and Pepper but now sticks to the guitar.

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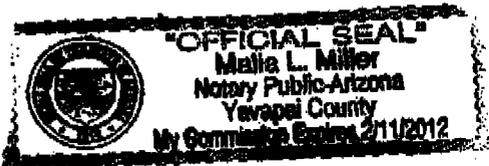


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GOLF

Browne still up by 2 at Senior Open

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — The coolest thing at the U.S. Senior Open hasn't been the air conditioning in the clubhouse or the ice in the drinks at the corporate tents.

Olin Browne, of all people, has been one cool customer.

Battling high heat and staring down wind-ened major winner Mark O'Meara, Browne continues to run just a few degrees above zero.

The journeyman had all the answers for the third day in a row on Saturday, shooting a 6-under 65 to forge a two-stroke lead over O'Meara heading into Sunday's final round.

"The truth is, I haven't been thinking about what I've been doing; I'm thinking about what I'm going to do," Browne said.

Never a winner in his three years of competition since turning 50, Browne set the tournament record for lowest

score through 54 holes. After a record-tying 64 followed by a 69, he's at 15-under 198.

He didn't even want to contemplate what winning a major championship would mean to him, even though he knows what it's like to be on the outside looking in for much of his 27 years as a touring pro.

"I really don't have any ideas," he said. "It would be great, obviously. Any time you can put that kind of a championship on your resume it's a tremendous accomplishment. I haven't gotten one."

O'Meara, winner of the 1998 Masters and British Open, had a 66 in a head-to-head duel. Playing in the same pairing, he pulled even with a birdie at the ninth hole but on the difficult back nine. His 29 was another tournament record.

NASCAR

Keselowski wins Kroger 200

CLERMONT, Ind. (AP) — Brad Keselowski stayed close to the leaders all night and was strong in the two green-white-checked laps at the end to win the NASCAR Nationwide Series Kroger 200 on Saturday night.

Keselowski led only seven of the 204 laps and took his first lead in lap 198. He had earned the pole in his previous two races but hadn't won.

It was a good overall day for Keselowski, who earlier in the day qualified fifth for Sunday's Brickyard 400.

James Buescher finished second after finishing second in the trucks

race on Friday night.

Polesitter Ricky Stenhouse Jr. led 189 laps before finishing third. He led by nearly four seconds in lap 175 before the field tightened because of a caution following an accident.

Stenhouse still moved ahead of Reed Sorenson into the points lead. Sorenson finished ninth.

Action sports star Travis Pastrana was supposed to race on Saturday, but he fell at the X Games on Thursday night and broke his right foot and ankle.

NASCAR has announced that the race will move to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

next year after 30 years at Lucas Oil Raceway.

The race was clean until the end. The first caution didn't come out until lap 48.

Elliott Sadler, who started last because of a crash during qualifying, moved up into the top 10 by mid-race. Through the first 100 laps, only Stenhouse and Carl Edwards had led laps, and the only caution flag had been for debris.

Michael Annett moved into second place after a good pit stop during the next caution and trailed only Stenhouse when the green flag came out for lap 120, but Trevor Bayne quickly passed Annett.



Brad Keselowski celebrates after winning the NASCAR Nationwide Series race at the Kentucky Speedway on July 8.

GOLF ROUNDUP

Kim shoots 62, leads by 1 at Greenbrier

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. (AP) — Golf is fun again for Anthony Kim. The Greenbrier Classic is helping solidify that.

Kim shot an 8-under-par 62 Saturday for a one-stroke edge over PGA Tour rookie Scott Stallings after the third round on the Old White IPC course.

Kim's low round of the year left him at 10 under with a chance to advance to next week's Bridgestone Invitational with a win. He hasn't missed Firestone since his rookie year in 2007.

A third place-or-better finish would put him in position to earn a spot in the PGA Championship in two weeks in Atlanta

heading into the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"I haven't had this much fun playing golf in a long time," Kim said.

Women's British Open

Open CARNOSTIE, Scotland (AP) — Caroline Masson of Germany shot a 4-under 68 to double her lead to two strokes after the third round

at the Women's British Open on Saturday.

The 22-year-old Masson made three birdies in the front nine and three on the back to hold off a late charge from Yani Tseng. The top-ranked Taiwanese player closed within a shot at one stage after picking up five strokes in as many holes, including an eagle.

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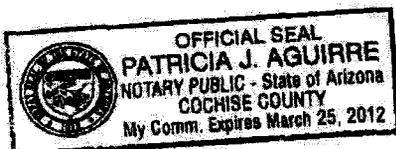
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One change that's been noticed in the district, which expects between 5,800 and 5,900 students, is that there seem to be fewer kindergarten students registering. Une said that last year, the average number of students in kindergarten classes in Nogales was 24 to 25. This year it appears it will be about 22 students per class.

At Wade Carpenter Middle School, Principal Liza Montiel is starting her seventh year in the position. She said she's going to focus on helping students improve their math test scores and plans to have teacher development workshops. One faculty member attended such a program this summer and will lead the workshops.

Tours at NHS

At Nogales High School, incoming freshmen will be

welcomed on Monday, Aug. 8, from 8 to 10 a.m. and will be given tours of campus and have the chance to meet club and extracurricular activities representatives, said Principal Judith Mendoza-Jimenez.

There will be meetings Aug. 8 for parents of freshmen, in English at 5:30 p.m. and in Spanish at 6:30 p.m. Mendoza-Jimenez said the students did well last year and the school met the AYP or average yearly progress,

goal. "We'll continue working very hard raising student achievement and will have a special focus on writing and math," she said.

A faculty training program offered by West Ed will be scheduled for 20 sessions in the upcoming year, she said.

Registration continues daily for all new students at the district office at 310 W. Plum St.

Other county schools start up

Schedules for the first day of school for other Santa Cruz County school districts:

Santa Cruz Valley Unified School District No. 35, Aug. 9.

Santa Cruz Elementary School District No. 28, Aug. 8.

Pimeria Alta Accommodation School, Aug. 8.

Patagonia Elementary No. 6, Aug. 8.

Patagonia Union High School No. 20, Aug. 8.

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Sumario

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Los ejemplos arriba mencionados se presentan de manera ilustrativa únicamente ya que el aumento real del porcentaje de la tarifa para clientes individuales podría variar dependiendo del tipo y de la cantidad de servicio que se proporcione.

En su solicitud, UNS Gas de igual manera solicita, entre otras cosas, aprobación para el Rastreador/Localizador del Ajustador de Conservación (Conservation Adjuster Tracker), el cual es un mecanismo de desprendimiento del ingreso el cual la Compañía cree que alentaría una implementación efectiva y mitigaría impactos financieros negativos de programas de eficiencia en la energía bajo las Normas de Eficiencia en la Energía del Gas de la Comisión. La Compañía propone darle seguimiento a un margen "autorizado" basado en la clase de cliente y presentar una propuesta anual para la aprobación de la Comisión de un recargo o un ajuste por cargo el cual se designará para ajustar el ingreso de la Compañía de acuerdo con los niveles "autorizados" en el caso de tarifas anterior.

El Personal de la División de Servicios Públicos de la Comisión ("Personal") se encuentra en proceso de llevar a cabo una auditoría y un análisis a la solicitud y aún no ha emitido una recomendación al respecto de la propuesta hecha por UNS Gas para aumentar las tarifas. La Oficina de Servicios Públicos para Clientes Residenciales también forma parte de este proceso legal, la cual analizará la solicitud y emitirá su recomendación a la Comisión. La Comisión determinará la sustitución adecuada a ser concedida basada en la evidencia presentada por las partes. La Comisión no está obligada a las propuestas presentadas por UNS Gas, el Personal o cualquier otra entidad involucrada; por lo tanto las tarifas finales que se aprueben por la Comisión podrían ser más altas o más bajas a las tarifas solicitadas por la Compañía.

Para obtener una copia de la propuesta de las tarifas

UNS Gas proporcionará copias de la solicitud y de las tarifas propuestas las cuales estarán disponibles para la inspección del público en los siguientes lugares: Biblioteca Pública de la Ciudad de Flagstaff/Condado de Coconino, 300 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, Arizona, tel. (928) 779-7670; Biblioteca Pública de Prescott, 215 E. Goodwing Street, Prescott, Arizona, tel. (928) 777-1500; Distrito de la Biblioteca del Condado de Mohave-Sucrenal Kingman, 3269 N. Burbank Street, Kingman, Arizona, tel. (928) 692-2665; 1710 N. Mastick Way, Nogales, Arizona, tel. (520) 761-7999; y en el Centro de Control de Expedientes de la Comisión ubicado en el 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, durante las horas de oficina y en la página web de la Comisión (www.azcc.gov) usando la función e-Docket.

Información sobre la Audiencia Pública de la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona

La Comisión llevará a cabo una audiencia sobre este asunto el 18 de enero de 2012 a las 10:00 a.m. si se llega a un acuerdo y este es presentado para el 9 de diciembre de 2012, o, alternativamente, empezando el 9 de febrero de 2012 a las 10:00 a.m., si no se llega a un acuerdo. La audiencia dará comienzo en las oficinas de la Comisión en Tucson, Sala 222 en 400 West Congress St., Tucson, Arizona 85701. Los comentarios del público se aceptarán el primer día de la audiencia. Los comentarios del público que se presenten por escrito pueden ser enviados por correo postal mediante una carta con referencia a: Docket No. G-04204A-11-0158 a Arizona Corporation Comisión, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007 o bien por correo electrónico. Para obtener el formulario e instrucciones para mandar sus comentarios por correo electrónico a la Comisión, visite <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. Si necesita asistencia, llame al Departamento de Servicios al Consumidor al 1-800-222-7000.

Información acerca de la Intervención

La ley proporciona audiencias abiertas al público en las cuales, bajo las circunstancias pertinentes, las personas interesadas podrán intervenir. Se le permitirá intervenir a cualquier persona o entidad autorizada por la ley para intervenir siempre y cuando tenga un interés directo y significativo en el caso. Si desea intervenir, deberá presentar una petición por escrito para intervenir en original y con 13 copias ante la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona a más tardar el 7 de octubre de 2011. De igual manera tendrá que mandar una copia de dicha petición a UNS Gas o a sus representantes legales/abogados y a todas las partes involucradas. Dicha petición para intervenir deberá incluir lo siguiente:

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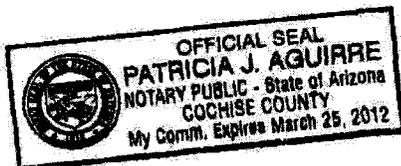
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RR man gets 10 years in drug trafficking case

Nogales International

A Rio Rico man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to participating in a drug trafficking conspiracy.

Elias Guerrero-Esquer, 44, was one of eight people indicted in January 2010 for allegedly conspiring to import and transport mar-

ijuana into the United States via commercial tractor-trailer trucks. Federal prosecutors say that once the pot was across the border, it was delivered to various produce warehouses in Nogales and re-loaded into tractor-trailers licensed to travel throughout the United States.

As part of his plea deal, Guerrero-Esquer pleaded guilty to conspiracy to pos-

sess with intent to distribute 1,000 kilograms or more of marijuana, and admitted to intending to distribute a total of 3,242 kilograms of marijuana, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

He was sentenced on July 21 by U.S. District Judge Frank R. Zapata.

Co-conspirator Venancio Casarez-Sanchez was found guilty by a federal

jury on Jan. 7, and sentenced to 10 years in prison, the prosecutor's office said. A third co-defendant, Manuel Edgardo Cortez, pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

Four other suspects facing charges in the case are fugitives, the U.S. Attorney's Office said. The status of the eighth person names in the indictment was not immediately clear.

The Tucson connection

Prosecutors say the charges stemmed from three seizures in 2007 and 2008 that netted 3,242 kilograms of marijuana.

In one instance on April 28, 2008, law enforcement agents reportedly saw a tractor-trailer suspected of being loaded with marijuana leave from a produce

warehouse in Nogales and travel to another warehouse in Tucson, where the stash was offloaded.

A subsequent police raid allegedly turned up 1,313 kilograms of marijuana, as well as a 40-caliber handgun and a police scanner that were found in a pickup truck that had been used by four of the conspirators.

Port inspectors find citrus-threatening pests in medicinal tea mixture

Nogales International

Agricultural specialists in Nogales discovered a pest known to transmit a highly destructive citrus disease when they inspected a batch of medicinal tea made from dried lemon-grass and fresh citrus leaves.

U.S. Customs and Bor-

der Protection says its inspectors at the Mariposa port discovered nine dead and four live citrus psyllids in the tea mixture as they were screening travelers from Mexico on July 17. The psyllids were confirmed as *Diaphorina* sp., a group of significant quarantine pests known for transmitting citrus greening disease, or Huang-

longbing, CBP said in a news release.

Huanglongbing, or HLB, is considered the most destructive citrus disease in the world, the agency said. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the disease has seriously affected citrus production in India, Asia, Southeast Asia, the Arabian Peninsula and

Africa.

"This is the second interception of citrus psyllids at the port this year," said James Long, assistant director of field operations-trade. "It's an outstanding demonstration of the meticulous and daily detailed effort necessary to defend our nation's agriculture industry. Sometimes it is the smallest and

least suspected that poses the greatest risk."

The specialists were screening inbound vehicles when they selected a vehicle with state of Washington license plates for a secondary agriculture inspection, CBP said. The driver declared two live plants and the medicinal tea.



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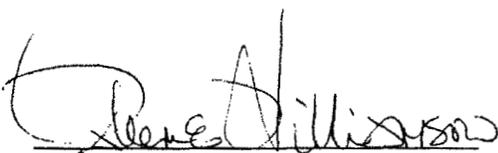
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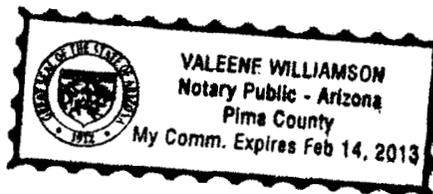
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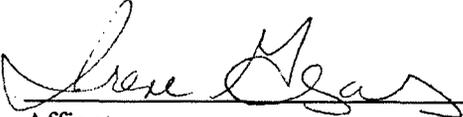


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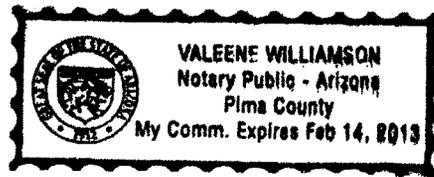
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE
APPLICATION OF UNS GAS, INC.
FOR A PERMANENT
BASE RATE INCREASE
(DOCKET NO. G-04204A-11-0158)

Summary

On April 8, 2011, UNS Gas, Inc. ("UNS Gas" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a permanent base rate gross revenue increase of \$5.6 million, or 4 percent over current revenues. For residential customers (R10), the Company's application requests an increase in the fixed monthly customer charge from the current \$10.00 rate to \$11.00.

As an example, if the Company's proposal were to be adopted by the Commission in its entirety, a residential customer with 20 therms of usage would experience a base rate increase of \$1.11 per month over current rates. Including the current cost of gas of \$0.6593 cents per therm, with 20 therms of usage, a current residential customer bill would increase from \$29.90 to \$31.01 (3.71 percent over current rates).

As a further example, if the Company's proposal were to be adopted by the Commission in its entirety, a residential customer with 100 therms of usage would experience a base rate increase of \$1.54 per month over current rates. Including the current cost of gas of \$0.6593 cents per therm, with 100 therms of usage, a current residential customer bill would increase from \$109.47 to \$111.01 (1.41 percent over current rates). These examples are for illustrative purposes only and the actual percentage rate increase for individual customers would vary depending upon the type and quantity of service provided.

In its application, UNS Gas also is requesting, among other things, approval of a Conservation Adjustment Tracker, which is a revenue decoupling mechanism that the Company believes will encourage effective implementation, and mitigate negative financial impacts, of energy efficiency programs under the Commission's Gas Energy Efficiency Rules. The Company proposes to track an "authorized" margin by customer class, and to submit an annual filing for approval by the Commission of a surcharge or sur-credit that will be designed to adjust the Company's revenues to the "authorized" level in the prior rate case.

The Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") is in the process of auditing and analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding UNS Gas's proposed rate increase. The Residential Utility Consumer Office is also a party to this proceeding and will analyze the application and make recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by UNS Gas, Staff, or any intervenors; therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Proposal

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available from UNS Gas at the following locations: Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, 300 W. Aspen Ave., in Flagstaff, Arizona (928-779-7670); Prescott Public Library downtown location, 215 E. Goodwin Street in Prescott, Arizona (928-777-1500); Mohave County Library District Kingman branch, 3269 N. Burbank Street in Kingman, Arizona (928-692-2665); 1710 N. Mastick Way in Nogales, Arizona (520-761-7999); and at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, for public inspection during regular business hours and on the Internet via the Commission's website (www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function.

Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning on January 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. if settlement agreement is reached and filed by December 9, 2012, or, alternatively, beginning on February 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. if a settlement agreement is not reached. The hearing will commence at the Commission's Tucson offices, Room 222, 400 West Congress St, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. G-04204A-11-0158 to Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007, or by e-mail. For a form to use and instructions on how to e-mail comments to the Commission, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 1-800-222-7000.

About Intervention

The law provides for an open public hearing at which, under appropriate circumstances, interested parties may intervene. Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct and substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission no later than October 7, 2011, and send a copy of the motion to UNS Gas or its counsel and to all parties of record. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

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AVISO A LA OPINIÓN PÚBLICA DE LA AUDIENCIA SOBRE LA SOLICITUD DE UNS GAS, INC. PARA AUMENTAR DE MANERA PERMANENTE LA TARIFA BASE (EXPEDIENTE NO. G-04204A-11-0158)

Sumario

El 8 de abril de 2011, UNS Gas, Inc. ("UNS Gas" o "la Compañía") presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona ("la Comisión") para solicitar un aumento permanente en el ingreso bruto de la tarifa base de \$5.6 millones, o bien el 4% sobre los ingresos actuales. La Compañía, en su solicitud, pide para los clientes residenciales (R10) un aumento en el cargo fijo mensual al cliente de la tarifa actual de \$10.00 a \$11.00.

Por ejemplo, si la Comisión aprobara la propuesta de la Compañía en su totalidad, un cliente residencial con un consumo de 20 termias tendría un aumento en la tarifa base de \$1.11 al mes sobre las tarifas actuales. Si se toma en cuenta el costo actual de gas de \$0.6593 centavos por termia, con un consumo de 20 termias, la factura actual de un cliente residencial aumentaría de \$29.90 a \$31.01 (3.71% sobre las tarifas actuales).

Como ejemplo adicional, si la Comisión aprobara la propuesta de la Compañía en su totalidad, un cliente residencial con un consumo de 100 termias, tendría un aumento en la tarifa base de \$1.54 al mes sobre las tarifas actuales. Si se toma en cuenta el costo actual de gas de \$0.6593 centavos por termia, con un consumo de 100 termias, la factura de un cliente residencial aumentaría de \$109.47 a \$111.01 (1.41 % sobre las tarifas actuales).

Los ejemplos arriba mencionados se presentan de manera ilustrativa únicamente ya que el aumento real del porcentaje de la tarifa para clientes individuales podría variar dependiendo del tipo y de la cantidad de servicio que se proporcione.

En su solicitud, UNS Gas de igual manera solicita, entre otras cosas, aprobación para el Rastreador/Localizador del Ajustador de Conservación (Conservation Adjuster Tracker), el cual es un mecanismo de desprendimiento del ingreso el cual la Compañía cree que alentará una implementación efectiva y mitigará impactos financieros negativos de programas de eficiencia en la energía bajo las Normas de Eficiencia en la Energía del Gas de la Comisión. La Compañía propone darle seguimiento a un margen "autorizado" basado en la clase de cliente y presentar una propuesta anual para la aprobación de la Comisión de un recargo o un ajuste por cargo el cual se designará para ajustar el ingreso de la Compañía de acuerdo con los niveles "autorizados" en el caso de tarifas anterior.

El Personal de la División de Servicios Públicos de la Comisión ("Personal") se encuentra en proceso de llevar a cabo una auditoria y un análisis a la solicitud y aún no ha emitido una recomendación al respecto de la propuesta hecha por UNS Gas para aumentar las tarifas. La Oficina de Servicios Públicos para Clientes Residenciales también forma parte de este proceso legal, la cual analizará la solicitud y emitirá su recomendación a la Comisión. La Comisión determinará la substitución adecuada a ser concedida basada en la evidencia presentada por las partes. La Comisión no está obligada a las propuestas presentadas por UNS Gas, el Personal o cualquier otra entidad involucrada; por lo tanto las tarifas finales que se aprueben por la Comisión podrían ser más altas o más bajas a las tarifas solicitadas por la Compañía.

Para obtener una copia de la propuesta de las tarifas

UNS Gas proporcionará copias de la solicitud y de las tarifas propuestas las cuales estarán disponibles para la inspección del público en los siguientes lugares: Biblioteca Pública de la Ciudad de Flagstaff/Condado de Coconino, 300 W. Aspen Ave., Flagstaff, Arizona, tel. (928) 779-7670; Biblioteca Pública de Prescott, 215 E. Goodwing Street, Prescott, Arizona, tel.(928) 777-1500; Distrito de la Biblioteca del Condado de Mohave- Sucursal Kingman, 3269 N. Burbank Street, Kingman, Arizona, tel. (928) 692-2665; 1710 N. Mastick Way, Nogales, Arizona, tel. (520) 761-7999; y en el Centro de Control de Expedientes de la Comisión ubicado en el 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, durante las horas de oficina y en la página web de la Comisión (www.azcc.gov) usando la function e-Docket.

Información sobre la Audiencia Pública de la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona

La Comisión llevará a cabo una audiencia sobre este asunto el 18 de enero de 2012 a las 10:00 a.m. si se llega a un acuerdo y este es presentado para el 9 de diciembre de 2012, o, alternativamente, empezando el 9 de febrero de 2012 a las 10:00 a.m., si no se llega a un acuerdo. La audiencia dará comienzo en las oficinas de la Comisión en Tucson, Sala 222 en 400 West Congress St., Tucson, Arizona 85701. Los comentarios del público se aceptarán el primer día de la audiencia. Los comentarios del público que se presenten por escrito pueden ser enviados por correo postal mediante una carta con referencia a: Docket No. G-04204A-11-0158 a Arizona Corporation Comisión, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007 o bien por correo electrónico. Para obtener el formulario e instrucciones para mandar sus comentarios por correo electrónico a la Comisión, visite <http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Utilities/forms/PublicCommentForm.pdf>. Si necesita asistencia, llame al Departamento de Servicios al Consumidor al 1-800-222-7000.

Información acerca de la Intervención

La ley proporciona audiencias abiertas al público en las cuales, bajo las circunstancias pertinentes, las personas interesadas podrán intervenir. Se le permitirá intervenir a cualquier persona o entidad autorizada por la ley para intervenir siempre y cuando tenga un interés directo y significativo en el caso. Si desea intervenir, deberá presentar una petición por escrito para intervenir en original y con 13 copias ante la Comisión Corporativa de Arizona a más tardar el 7 de octubre de 2011. De igual manera tendrá que mandar una copia de dicha petición a UNS Gas o a sus representantes legales/abogados y a todas las partes involucradas. Dicha petición para intervenir deberá incluir lo siguiente:

1. Su Nombre, dirección y número telefónico así como el nombre, dirección y número telefónico de cualquier persona o entidad a ser notificada en caso de que sea diferente a la persona que desea intervenir (o sea usted mismo);
2. Una breve declaración de la persona que desea intervenir sobre su interés en el desarrollo del caso (ejem. cliente de UNS Gas, accionista de UNS Gas, etc.) y
3. Una declaración certificando que una copia de dicha petición para intervenir ha sido enviada a UNS Gas o a sus representantes legales/abogados y a todas las partes registradas en el caso.

El otorgamiento de las peticiones para intervenir deberá ser regido por la A.A.C. R14-3-105, **dichas peticiones para intervenir, deben de ser recibidas a más tardar el 7 de octubre de 2011.** Si se requiere la representación de asesores legales/abogados bajo la Norma 31 de las Normas de la Suprema Corte de Arizona, dicha intervención será condicionada a que la persona interesada o interventor obtenga la asesoría legal para representar a la persona interesada o al interventor. Si desea obtener información para intervenir, visite la página web de la Comisión en <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/forms/interven.pdf>. La autorización para intervenir, entre otras cosas, autoriza a las partes a presentar evidencia bajo juramento en la audiencia y a interrogarse recíprocamente con otros testigos. Sin embargo, el hecho de que la persona interesada no intervenga, no le impedirá presentarse en la audiencia y proporcionar comentarios públicos sobre la solicitud o presentar comentarios por escrito para el expediente del caso.

Acta de Americanos con Discapacidades (ADA por sus siglas en inglés)/Igualdad en el Acceso a la Información

La Comisión no discrimina a personas con discapacidades para entrar a las audiencias. Dichas personas podrán solicitar servicios tales como intérpretes para sordomudos, así como solicitar este documento en un formato alternativo. Favor de comunicarse con Shaylin Bernal, Coordinadora de ADA, a SABernal@azcc.gov o al teléfono (602) 542-3931. Dichas peticiones deberán ser efectuadas tan pronto como sea posible, así le podremos proporcionar los servicios adecuados.