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IN THE MATTER OF UNS ELECTRIC, INC.'S )  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF THE )  
CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL )  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING )  
CONSTRUCTION OF 230kV/69kV DOUBLE )  
CIRCUIT TRANSMISSION LINE AND )  
SUBSTATIONS IN MOHAVE COUNTY, )  
ARIZONA, BETWEEN THE EXISTING HILLTOP )  
SUBSTATION NEAR KINGMAN AND THE )  
PROPOSED NORTH HAVASU SUBSTATION )  
NEAR LAKE HAVASU CITY, A DISTANCE OF )  
APPROXIMATELY 56 MILES )

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Case Number 88

**UNS ELECTRIC, INC.'S  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME**

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UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNS Electric" or "Company"), through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests that the time period to construct a portion of the facilities authorized by the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility ("CEC") originally approved in Decision No. 60344 (July 31, 1997) and amended in Decision No. 69721 (July 30, 2007) – specifically a 28-mile portion of the 230kV/69kV double circuit transmission line from a substation located near the Griffith Power Plant site to the Franconia Substation, be extended from July 31, 2012 to July 31, 2022.

**I. BACKGROUND**

In Decision No. 60344, the Commission approved authorization for UNS Electric to construct a 230kV/69kV double circuit transmission line and associated facilities: (1) from the Hilltop Substation near Kingman to the then-proposed Griffith Substation; and (2) a proposed

1 double-circuit 230kV/69kV transmission line from the Griffith Substation site to the then-  
2 proposed North Havasu Substation, in Mohave County, Arizona.<sup>1</sup>

3 The CEC approved by Decision No. 60344 expressly provides:

4 The authorization to construct the project will expire ten (10) years from the  
5 date the Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission unless  
6 construction is completed by that time; provided, however, that the Applicant  
(or its transferee, assignee or successor) shall have the right to apply to the  
Arizona Corporation Commission for an extension of this time limitation.

7 Decision No. 60344 at 3-4 (Condition 3).

8 On November 2, 2005, UNS Electric applied to the Arizona Corporation Commission  
9 (“Commission”) for an extension of the CEC granted in Decision No. 60344. Specifically, the  
10 Company requested that the CEC for the final 28-mile portion of the 230kV/69kV double circuit  
11 transmission line from the Griffith Substation to the Franconia Substation be extended until July  
12 31, 2012. At that time, the North Havasu Substation, Griffith Substation, and the portion of the  
13 transmission line from the Hilltop Substation to the Griffith Substation had been constructed.  
14 Since that time, 14 miles of the line from North Havasu to the Franconia Substation and operated  
15 at 69kV was constructed by July 31, 2007. The Commission granted the extension in Decision No.  
16 69721, finding that the extension was in the public interest.

17 **II. UNS ELECTRIC’S REQUEST FOR A SECOND EXTENSION IS IN THE PUBLIC**  
18 **INTEREST.**

19 UNS Electric’s request for an additional extension for construction of this portion of the  
20 transmission line is in the public interest. The Company has not yet commenced construction on  
21 the final 28-mile portion of the transmission line from the Griffith Substation to the Franconia  
22 Substation because load growth in the area has not kept pace with earlier projections. Thus,  
23 additional transmission capacity is not yet necessary. Given that the system is currently supplying  
24 customers with reliable power without the need for additional transmission capacity, the cost of  
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27 <sup>1</sup> The CEC was initially held by Citizens Utilities Company and was transferred to UNS Electric in  
conjunction with the sale of assets from Citizens Utilities Company to UniSource Energy Corporation and  
its affiliates. See Decision No. 66028 (July 3, 2003).



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