

GOLDEN VALLEY 230KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

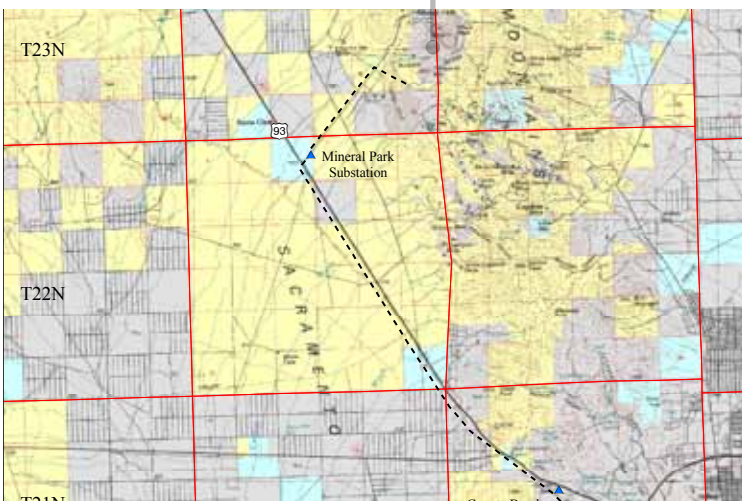
UNISOURCE ENERGY SERVICES

Mohave County, Arizona



• The Cerbat Foothills are an important and valued recreation area with unique rock formations.

• Mineral Park Mine is one of the oldest mines in Arizona and is well known as a source of molybdenum, copper and turquoise.



Project Description

UniSource Energy Services (UES) proposes to construct, operate, and maintain a new 230kV above-ground electric transmission line and two associated substations in Mohave County, Arizona near Golden Valley. The project would initially serve Mineral Park Mine and ultimately reinforce the electric transmission system for Golden Valley. Mineral Park Mine is an open pit mine located approximately 20 miles northwest of Kingman along the east side of US 93 on the western slope of the Cerbat Mountains. The project crosses public land managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the State of Arizona, as well as private land.

The transmission line is approximately 20 miles in length and two alternative routes are being considered. The approval of this transmission line involves two different regulatory processes. The first process, performed by the BLM, involves the completion of an environmental review as part of compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The second approval involves the preparation of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) application for submittal to the Arizona Corporation Commission. Transcon is assisting UES with siting and environmental compliance activities. Transcon has prepared the Draft Environmental Assessment for the BLM, Kingman Field Office, and is currently assisting UES with the preparation of the CEC Application. As part of these documents, Transcon conducted cultural and biological resources investigations and land use and visual studies. Transcon also assisted UES with their public and agency scoping and tribal consultation program.

Agency Coordination

Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Land Department, US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Department of Agriculture, Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, Arizona Corporation Commission and Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, and Mohave County.



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