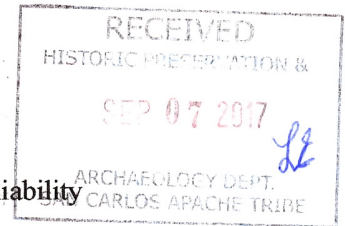


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### Tribal Consultation Response Letter

Date: July 6, 2017

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Project Name/ #: Nogales Interconnection Project – Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Sir or Madam:

Under Section 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are replying to the above referenced project. Please see the appropriate marked circle, including the signatures of Vernelda Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), and the concurrence of the Chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe:

☐ **NO INTEREST/NO FURTHER CONSULTATION/NO FUTURE UPDATES**

We defer to the Tribe located nearest to the project area.

☐ **CONCURRENCE WITH REPORT FINDINGS & THANK YOU**

☒ **REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

I require additional information in order to provide a finding of effect for this proposed undertaking, i.e.

Project description \_\_\_ Map \_\_\_ Photos X Other We differ to Tohono O'odham Nation.

☐ **NO EFFECT**

I have determined that there are no properties of religious and cultural significance to the San Carlos Apache Tribe that are listed on the National Register within the area of potential effect or that the proposed project will have no effect on any such properties that may be present.

☐ **NO ADVERSE EFFECT**

Properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of effect have been identified that are eligible for listing in the National Register for which there would be no adverse effect as a result of the proposed project.

☐ **ADVERSE EFFECT**

I have identified properties of cultural and religious significance within the area of potential effect that are eligible for listing in the National Register. I believe the proposed project would cause an adverse effect on these properties. Please contact the THPO for further discussion.

We were taught traditionally not to disturb the natural world in a significant way, and that to do so may cause harm to oneself or one's family. Apache resources can be best protected by managing the land to be as natural as it was in pre-1870s settlement times. Please contact the THPO, if there is a change in any portion of the project, especially if Apache cultural resources are found at any phase of planning and construction. Thank you for contacting the San Carlos Apache Tribe, your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

DIRECTOR/THPO: Vernelda J. Grant  
Vernelda J. Grant, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

Date 08/24/17

CONCURRENCE: Terry Rambler  
Terry Rambler, Tribal Chairman

Date 9/6/17

From: **nogalesinterconnectionea** [nogalesinterconnectionea@hq.doe.gov](mailto:nogalesinterconnectionea@hq.doe.gov)  
Subject: **Nogales Interconnection Project - Draft Environmental Assessment**  
Date: Jul 5, 2017, 10:20:11 AM

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July 5, 2017

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Nogales Interconnection Project draft Environmental Assessment (EA) (DOE/EA-2042) prepared by the United States (U.S.) Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and its implementing regulations is available for your review and comment.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. Section; U.S. Forest Service; and Staff of the Arizona Corporation Commission are cooperating agencies in preparing the Nogales Interconnection Project draft EA.

The DOE proposed action in the draft EA is the decision whether or not to issue a Presidential permit to the applicant, Nogales Transmission, L.L.C., that would authorize the international border crossing of a proposed new, approximately 5-mile, alternating current (AC) electric transmission line that would cross the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Santa Cruz County, Arizona and be capable of delivering up to 300 megawatts (MW) of power to Mexico.

DOE has prepared the draft EA to evaluate the potential environmental impacts in the U.S. of the proposed action and the range of reasonable alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. Under the No Action Alternative, the Presidential permit would not be granted, and the proposed transmission line would not cross the U.S.-Mexico border.

DOE will use the draft EA to ensure that it has the information needed for informed decision-making. The draft EA is available on the project website at:  
<http://nogalesinterconnectionea.com>.

You are invited to comment on the draft EA during the 30-day comment period that begins with this notice and ends on August 3, 2017. Comments on the draft EA can be submitted via the website noted above (preferred method); in writing to Ms. Melissa Pauley at the address provided below; by phone at 202-586-2942; via e-mail to [Melissa.Pauley@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Melissa.Pauley@hq.doe.gov); and by fax to 202-586-8008.

Please mark the subject line on envelopes and electronic mail as: "Nogales Interconnection Project draft EA Comments." Comments must be received by August 3, 2017. Comments submitted after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Pauley