



White Mountain Apache Tribe

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To: Melissa Pauley, Electricity Policy Analyst – U.S. Department of Energy

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Re: Nogales Interconnection Project Draft Environmental Assessment Comments

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The White Mountain Apache Tribe Historic Preservation Office appreciates receiving information on the proposed project, dated July 5, 2017. In regards to this, please attend to the following checked items below.

Please refer to the additional notes in regards to the proposed project:

Thank you for allowing the White Mountain Apache tribe the opportunity to review and respond to the above proposed project that would require a Presidential permit to the applicant, Nogales Transmission, L.L.C., that would authorize the international border crossing of a proposed new alternating current electric transmission line that would cross the U.S. and Mexico border in Nogales, Santa Cruz County, Arizona. We have determined the proposed project plans **will not have an impact** on the White Mountain Apache tribe’s historic properties and/or traditional cultural properties.

Regardless, any/all ground disturbing activities should be monitored **“if”** there are reasons to believe that there are human remains and/or funerary objects present, and if such remains are encountered they shall be treated with respect and handled accordingly until such remains are repatriated to the affiliated tribe(s).

Thank you. We look forward to continued collaborations in the protection and preservation of places of cultural and historical importance.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Altaha

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