

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF SOUTHLINE TRANSMISSION, L.L.C.,)
FOR APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS)
FOR (1) THE LOCATION OF A 345-kV)
TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED)
FACILITIES, (2) DETERMINATION THAT)
THE RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH OF GREATER)
THAN ONE HUNDRED FEET (100') IS)
NECESSARY FOR THE 345-kV)
TRANSMISSION LINE AND ASSOCIATED)
FACILITIES, AND (3) ANY OTHER)
APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS)
THAT MAY BE REQUIRED IN)
CONNECTION WITH THE LINE)

Case No. 17-00040-UT

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that:

1. On March 3, 2017, Southline Transmission, L.L.C. (“Southline”) filed an Application and supporting direct testimony with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission”) requesting that the Commission enter a Final Order that grants, pursuant to New Mexico Public Utility Act, New Mexico Statutes Annotated (“NMSA”) 1978, Sections 62-9-3 and 62-9-3.2, the following relief: (1) location approval for the New Mexico portion of the proposed Southline Transmission Project; (2) a right-of-way (“ROW”) width determination for the proposed transmission line with a ROW greater than one hundred feet; and (3) any other Commission approvals and authorizations that may be legally required.

2. The New Mexico portion of the Project consists of the “NM Proposed Route” and associated facilities. The NM Proposed Route consists of (1) approximately 147 miles of double-circuit 345-kV transmission line that will start at the existing El Paso Electric Company

(“EPE”) Afton Substation south of Las Cruces and run west to the existing EPE Hidalgo Substation northeast of Lordsburg, then continue westerly to the New Mexico/Arizona border; (2) a 5-mile-long double-circuit 345-kV segment (“Segment P1”) to loop the existing EPE Luna-Diablo 345-kV transmission line into the Afton Substation; and (3) a 31-mile-long double-circuit 345-kV segment (“Segment P3”) running north-south between Interstate 10 and New Mexico State Route 9. The NM Proposed Route will have a nominal ROW width of 200 feet and will interconnect with the existing EPE Afton Substation, a new “Midpoint” substation near Deming, and the existing EPE Hidalgo Substation. Operations are anticipated to be phased into service beginning in 2019.

3. The Commission has assigned Case No. 17-00040-UT to this Application, and all correspondence, pleadings, comments, and other communications shall refer to that case number.

4. The procedural schedule established in this case is as follows:

- (A) Commission’s Utility Division Staff (“Staff”) shall file a response to the Application by May 15, 2017 advising the Commission on Staff’s position as to the merits of the Application and the need for a public hearing, consistent with Staff’s statutory duty under § 8-8-12.
- (B) Any interested person may intervene in this case by filing a motion for leave to intervene pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC on or before May 31, 2017.
- (C) Any protest to Southline’s Application shall be filed on or before May 31, 2017.

- (D) Staff and any Intervenors shall file direct testimony on or before June 7, 2017.
- (E) Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before June 14, 2017.
- (F) A public hearing will be held on June 28, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, to hear and receive evidence, arguments and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the case.

5. In accordance with Section 62-9-3(K) NMSA 1978, the Commission may approve Southline's request for location approval without formal hearing if no protest is filed within sixty (60) days after notice has been given that the Application has been filed.

6. The Application, together with supporting pre-filed direct testimony and any attachments and related papers, may be examined by any interested person at the Southline Transmission Project's website (www.southlinetransmissionproject.com), or at the Commission's website (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>), or the offices of Southline and the Commission at the following addresses:

Hunt Power, L.P.
1900 Akard Street
Dallas, Texas 75201
Attn: Matthew Virant

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
P.E.R.A. Building
1120 Paseo de Peralta
Santa Fe, NM 87504

7. Pursuant to 17.9.592.13 NMAC, the Application, supporting pre-filed direct testimony, and attachments may also be examined by any interested person at:

Thomas Branigan Memorial Library
200 E. Picacho Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Marshall Memorial Library
110 S. Diamond Ave.
Deming, NM 88030

Silver City Public Library
515 W. College Ave.
Silver City, NM 88061

Lordsburg-Hidalgo County Library
208 E 3rd St.
Lordsburg, NM 88045

8. For convenience, a copy of the Application, supporting pre-filed direct testimony, and attachments may also be examined at the following library:

Sunland Park Library
1000 McNutt Rd.
Sunland Park, NM 88063

9. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make a written or oral comment, pursuant to 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

10. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case, and are subject to further order of the Commission or

Hearing Examiner. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

11. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony shall serve copies thereof on all parties of record and the Utility Division Staff and the Hearing Examiner by (1) first class mail or hand-delivery and (2) by e-mail as provided by the Procedural Order. Copies served on the Hearing Examiner shall include an electronic version of the filing in Word format. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

12. The Commission's Rules of Procedure (1.2.2 NMAC) shall apply to this case except as modified by Order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the Offices of the Commission or at www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmcc/.

13. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.E.R.A Building, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand-deliveries: 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

14. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CASE SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.

ISSUED by a vote of the full Commission in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on March 15, 2017, as supplemented by a Procedural Order issued on March 21, 2017.