# BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 0.6 MILE 500 KILOVOLT (KV) INTERCONNECTION TRANSMISSION LINE AND AMENDING CEC 135 TO AUTHORIZE USE OF A NEW TRANSMISSION STRUCTURE TYPE THAT WILL CONNECT THE PROVING GROUND SOLAR+STORAGE PROJECT TO THE HOODOO WASH SWITCHYARD LOCATED NEAR DATELAND, ARIZONA WITHIN UNINCORPORATED YUMA

COUNTY, ARIZONA.

DOCKET NO. L-00000D-23-0011-00214

Case No. 214

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#### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) regarding the Application of Arizona Public Service Company (APS or Applicant) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) granting authority to construct the Proving Ground 500kV Interconnection Transmission Line (Interconnection Project). The Interconnection Project consists of an approximate 0.6 mile 500kV interconnection transmission line from the Proving Ground Solar+Storage Project's (Solar Project) step-up substation to the existing Hoodoo Wash Switchyard. The Interconnection Project would require approximately four new transmission structures, two of which would replace existing structures (authorized in Case No. 135). Within the Hoodoo Wash Switchyard, the Interconnection Project would require new interconnection equipment including a new breaker bay, circuit breakers, and switches.

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A general location map of the Interconnection Project is attached as Exhibit A.

The hearing will be held at Yuma Four Points by Sheraton, 2030 S. Avenue 3E, Yuma, AZ 85365. The hearing will begin on February 13, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. and will continue as necessary through February 15, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day as necessary through the completion of the hearing. If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Interconnection Project website at: <a href="https://www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground">https://www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground</a> and on the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC or Commission) website at: <a href="https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule">www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule</a>.

PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON FEBRUARY 13, 2023, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE YUMA FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, 2030 S. AVENUE 3E, YUMA, AZ 85365. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR, AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.

THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE. At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Interconnection Project website at:

www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Interconnection Project website and the ACC website.

# NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Interconnection Project website at: <a href="www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground">www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground</a> and the ACC website at: <a href="www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule">www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule</a>. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Interconnection Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

A map of the Project site and detailed information about the Interconnection Project are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- Dateland Elementary School, 1300 South Avenue 64 East, Dateland, AZ
- Wellton Public Library, 28790 San Jose Avenue, Wellton, AZ 85356
- Foothills Library, 13226 E. South Frontage Road, Yuma, AZ 85367

- Gila Bend Public Library, 777 N. Logan Avenue, Gila Bend, AZ 85337
- Project Website: www.swcavirtualpublicinvolvement.com/proving-ground

The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, prehearing conference and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and websites.

Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Interconnection Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or other biological values to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Interconnection Project is located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code Rules (A.A.C) R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of

1 the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the 2 Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the 3 proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding 4 before the Committee. 5 ORDERED this 9th day of January, 2023. 6 7 Paul Katz, Chairman 8 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line 9 Siting Committee Assistant Attorney General 10 11 12 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 13 Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the ORIGINAL of the foregoing and 25 copies were filed 14 this of January 2023 with: 15 Utilities Division - Docket Control 16 Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street 17 Phoenix, AZ 85007 18 COPIES of the above emailed/mailed this \( \text{\partial} \) day of January 2023: 19 Robin Mitchell 20 Director & Chief Counsel - Legal Arizona Corporation Commission 21 1200 West Washington Street 22 Phoenix, AZ 85007 rmitchell@azcc.gov 23 Counsel for Legal Division Staff 24 Elijah Abinah, Director 25 **Utilities Division** Arizona Corporation Commission 26

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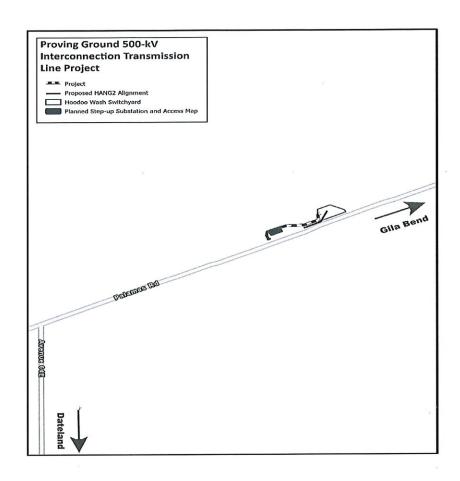
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## **EXHIBIT A**

### PROJECT MAP



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