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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
Application of SIERRA PACIFIC POWER)
COMPANY d/b/a NV ENERGY for a Permit)
to Construct the Anaconda Moly 230 kV)
Substation Expansion Project Under the)
Utility Environmental Protection Act)
/

Docket No. 10-0 _____

**INITIAL APPLICATION OF SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY
D/B/A NV ENERGY FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT
THE ANACONDA MOLY 230 KV SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT UNDER THE
UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

Applicant, Sierra Pacific Company d/b/a NV Energy (“Sierra Pacific”), through undersigned counsel, and in accordance with NRS 704.870.2, hereby files with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) this Initial Application for a Permit to Construct the facilities described below (the “Proposed Facilities”), as part of the Anaconda Moly 230 kV Substation Expansion Project, pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”) set forth in NRS 704.820 to .900.

The Proposed Facilities will be located on private and federally-managed land located at and immediately adjacent to the Anaconda Moly Substation, which is located in unincorporated Nye County, Nevada.

The Proposed Facilities consist of:

- Approximately 530 feet of 230 kV conductor with shield wire terminating at a three-pole dead end;
- Protection and control for the new 230 kV conductor;
- 230 kV line terminal;
- 230 kV circuit breaker;
- 2-230 kV switches;

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- 1 ▪ 1-230 kV line switch; and
- 2 ▪ Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substation's new boundary,
- 3 installing structure foundations, conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures,
- 4 and 5" diameter bus.

5 The Proposed Facilities are required to interconnect the 180 MW Crescent Dunes Solar
6 Energy Project (the "Crescent Dunes Project") to Sierra Pacific's electric transmission system. The
7 230 kV transmission line to be permitted by the developer of the Crescent Dunes Project will
8 terminate at an existing 230 kV steel "A" frame structure. The Crescent Dunes Project will provide
9 increased renewable generation to enable Sierra Pacific and Nevada Power Company to meet
10 mandates set forth in the State of Nevada's Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (NRS 704.7821).

11 UEPA establishes a two-step application procedure for projects subject to federal permitting
12 and environmental review. Under NRS 704.870.2(a), if a federal agency is required to conduct an
13 environmental analysis of a proposed utility facility, the utility is required to also file an application
14 with the Commission that provides notice of the federal filing. The initial UEPA Application must
15 provide a general description of the proposed facility and a summary of any studies that the utility
16 anticipates will be made of the environmental impact of the facility as required by statute (NRS
17 704.870.2(a)(1) and (2)). Subsequently, not later than 30 days after the issuance of the federal
18 environmental assessment or environmental impact statement, the utility is required to file with the
19 Commission an amended UEPA application (NRS 704.870.2(b)).

20 The Proposed Facilities are part of an application filed with the U.S. Bureau of Land
21 Management ("BLM") by Tonopah Solar Energy LLC ("Tonopah Solar") on November 5, 2008
22 requesting a right of way to design, construct, operate and maintain the Crescent Dunes Project.
23 Tonopah Solar filed an Initial UEPA Application with the Commission on July 10, 2009. Sierra
24 Pacific believed at the time that Tonopah Solar's Initial UEPA Application included the
25 modifications required to be made to the Anaconda Moly 230 kV Substation in order to
26 interconnect the Crescent Dunes project with Sierra Pacific's electric transmission grid. It has now

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1 come to Sierra Pacific's attention that Tonopah Solar's Initial UEPA application in fact did not
2 include the modifications required to be made to the Anaconda Moly Substation, although that
3 initial application did provide the Commission notice of the filing with BLM that includes the work
4 required on the substation. This initial UEPA application is intended to rectify that oversight.
5 When the BLM issues a final environmental impact statement for the project, Sierra will file an
6 amended UEPA application with the Commission.

7 Sierra Pacific requests that the Commission accept this Initial Application under UEPA as
8 complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above. Sierra Pacific will submit
9 an amended application once it receives the environmental analysis prepared by the BLM. At that
10 time, Sierra Pacific will request Commission approval of its request for a Permit to Construct the
11 Proposed Facilities pursuant to NRS 704.8905.

12 **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

13 1. Sierra Pacific is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NV Energy, Inc., a holding company
14 incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada.

15 2. Sierra Pacific provides retail electric service to the public in northern Nevada and in
16 the Lake Tahoe area of California and is a "public utility" as that term is defined and used in NRS
17 704.741 to .751 (Resource Planning).

18 3. Sierra Pacific's principal place of business, mailing address and telephone number
19 are: 6100 Neil Road; P.O. Box 10100, Reno, Nevada, 89520; (775) 834-3600.

20 4. All correspondence related to this Application (copy of all pleadings, notices, orders
21 and discovery requests) should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to the Manager of Regulatory
22 Services, whose names and addresses are set forth below:

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RELATED COMMISSION FILINGS

5. On March 18, 2010, Sierra Pacific filed the 8th Amendment to its 2008-2027 Integrated Resource Plan, for review and approval by the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.736 through NRS 704.751. This matter was designated as Docket No. 10-03023. Sierra Pacific included the Anaconda Moly 230 kV Substation Expansion Project in Docket No. 10-03023 for review and approval by the Commission. *See* Volume 4 of 12, at pages 110-115.

AUTHORITY

6. This Initial Application for a Permit to Construct the Proposed Facilities is filed in accordance with the Commission's regulations governing pleadings (NAC 703.530 et seq.); the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA") (NRS 704.820 to .900), specifically: NRS 704.870.2(a) (requirements for filing when a federal agency environmental review is required); NRS 704.873 (Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to determine need for utility facilities); NRS 704.890 (Grant or denial of application: Required findings; conditions and modifications); and the Commission's regulations governing construction of utility facilities (NAC 703.415 to .427, specifically, NAC 703.421, Application for permit when federal agency required to conduct environmental analysis).

ALLEGATIONS OF MATERIAL FACTS

7. Together with the project description (see the Initial UEPA Application) and Exhibits A (Project Vicinity/Location Map), B (Project Layout), C (Copy of the Public Notice and Affidavits of Publication), and D (Copy of Certificate of Service), all incorporated herein by reference, this Initial Application contains all of the information required to be filed at this point in

1 the proceeding. Additional information will be provided through an amended application once the
2 BLM issues the results of its environmental assessment.

3 8. The Proposed Facilities are more fully described in the Initial UEPA Application
4 (attached).

5 9. The Initial UEPA Application describes the requisite federal agency approvals for
6 construction of the Proposed Facilities and sets forth a general description and summary of the
7 studies that are anticipated as part of a final environmental assessment or environmental impact
8 statement relating to the construction of the utility facility pursuant to NRS 704.870.2(a)(1) and (2)
9 (see Section 3 of the Initial UEPA Application, attached).

10 10. The Initial UEPA Application attached hereto describes the natural resources that
11 will be used during the construction of the Proposed Facilities (see Section 2(b) of the Initial UEPA
12 Application, attached).

13 11. Under NRS 704.873 the Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to determine need
14 for utility facilities that are approved as part of a resource plan. The Proposed Facilities were
15 included in the 8th Amendment to Sierra Pacific's 2008-2027 Integrated Resource Plan (Docket No.
16 10-03023, Vol. 4, pages 110-115) for review and approval by the Commission pursuant to NRS
17 704.736 through NRS 704.751.

18 12. Regarding Public Notice, proof of publication of a summary of the Initial UEPA
19 Application has appeared in newspapers published and distributed in the area where the Proposed
20 Facilities are planned pursuant to NRS 704.870.4(b) and NAC 703.421.4 (see Exhibit C).

21 13. Regarding proof of service, a copy of the Initial UEPA Application has been filed on
22 the clerk of each local government affected by the location(s) pursuant to NRS 704.870.4(a) (see
23 Exhibit D).

24 14. The State Environmental Commission is designated as a party to this proceeding,
25 pursuant to NRS 704.885(1)(b) and will be served a copy of this Initial UEPA Application pursuant
26 to NRS 704.870(3), simultaneously with this filing (see Exhibit D).

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1 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

2 Sierra Pacific respectfully requests that the Commission proceed in the manner required by
3 law and, in accordance with NAC 703.535(d), issue an order that:

- 4 A. Accepts this Initial Application under UEPA as complying with the statutory and
5 regulatory requirements set forth above
- 6 B. Grants a Permit to Construct the Proposed Facilities, as described herein, following
7 the filing by Sierra Pacific of an Amended UEPA Application after the BLM issues
8 an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for the proposed
9 project;
- 10 C. Grants such deviations from the Commission's regulations as may be in the public
11 interest; and
- 12 D. Grants Sierra Pacific such other and further relief as the Commission may find
13 reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

14 Respectfully submitted this 29th day of September, 2010.

15 **SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY**
16 **D/B/A/ NV ENERGY**

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Draft Notice Application for Applications, Petitions and Complaints

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The Commission requires a draft notice be included with all applications, petitions and complaints. See Nevada Administrative Code 703.162. Please include one copy of this form with all the above filings.

- I. Include a title that describes the relief requested, or proceeding scheduled pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.160(4)(a.)

Application of SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV ENERGY for a Permit to Construct the Anaconda Moly 230 kV Substation Expansion Project Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act

- II. Include the name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner, or the name of the agent for same pursuant to NAC 703.160(4)(b).

Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy

- III. Include a paragraph with a brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding with an introductory statement in plain English understandable to a person of average knowledge and intelligence, that summarizes the relief requested or proceeding scheduled, **AND** its impact upon consumers, pursuant to NAC 704.160(4)(c).

This is Sierra’s initial application for approval of a permit to construct electric facilities pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act set forth in NRS 704.820 to .900 and in NAC 703.415 to .427, as amended (“UEPA”). Under the UEPA, if a federal agency is required to conduct an environmental analysis of a proposed facility, the utility is required to file with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) notice of the federal filing. The initial UEPA application must provide a general description of the proposed facility and a summary of the studies that the utility anticipates will be made of the environmental impact of the proposed facility. Subsequently, within 30 days after issuance of the federal environmental assessment or impact statement (prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management), the utility files with the Commission an amended UEPA application. This is the initial UEPA application for this project. The proposed utility facilities in this application are generally described as upgrades to Sierra’s Anaconda Moly Substation. More specifically, the facilities consist of:

- Approximately 530 feet of 230 kV conductor with shield wire terminating at a three-pole dead end;
- Protection and control for the new 230 kV conductor;
- 230 kV line terminal;
- 230 kV circuit breaker;
- 2-230 kV switches;

- 1-230 kV line switch; and
- Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substation's new boundary, installing structure foundations, conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures, and 5" diameter bus.

The proposed utility facilities will be located in Nye County the Apex Industrial Park approximately 20 miles north of Las Vegas within unincorporated Clark County, Nevada

The Proposed Facilities are required to interconnect the 180 MW Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project (the "Crescent Dunes Project") to Sierra Pacific's electric transmission system. The Crescent Dunes Project will produce renewable power that Sierra will use to serve its customers and comply with the Nevada Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard.

AND Pursuant to NAC 703.160(5)(c), the effect of the relief upon consumers:

If granted, Commission issuance of the UEPA permit to construct will indicate that Sierra may recover, in a future application for a change in its electric rates, all costs prudently and reasonably incurred in carrying out the UEPA permit to construct the proposed power generating facility.

- IV. A declaration by the applicant, petitioner, or complainant whether a consumer session is required by Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 704.069 (1).¹

A consumer session is not required for this Application.

- V. If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **and** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

Not applicable.

¹ **NRS 704.069 Commission required to conduct consumer session for certain rate cases; Commission required to conduct general consumer session annually in certain counties.**

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110, inclusive, in which:

(a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and

(b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant's annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.

2. In addition to the case-specific consumer sessions required by subsection 1, the Commission shall, during each calendar year, conduct at least one general consumer session in the county with the largest population in this state and at least one general consumer session in the county with the second largest population in this state. At each general consumer session, the Commission shall solicit comments from the public on issues concerning public utilities. Not later than 60 days after each general consumer session, the Commission shall submit the record from the general consumer session to the Legislative Commission.

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY
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**INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO
CONSTRUCT THE ANACONDA-MOLY 230 kV
SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT UNDER THE
UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

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SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY
INITIAL APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY
Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act (UEPA)
NRS 704.870 to .900 and NAC 703.415 to .427

Sierra Pacific Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy (“Sierra Pacific”) files this initial application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 2 of NRS 704.870 for a permit to construct a utility facility where a federal agency is required to conduct an environmental analysis of the proposed utility facility.

1. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility, as required by NAC 703.421(1):

Sierra Pacific proposes to expand the existing Anaconda-Moly 230 kilovolt (“kV”) Substation and construct two spans of 230 kV transmission line within a portion of unincorporated Nye County, Nevada. The expansion will include the installation of the following pieces of electrical equipment:

- Approximately 530 feet of 230 kV conductor with shield wire terminating at a three-pole dead end;
- Protection and control for the new 230 kV conductor;
- 230 kV line terminal;
- 230 kV Circuit breaker;
- 2-230 kV switches;
- 1 -230 kV line switch; and
- Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substation’s new boundary, installing structure foundations, conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures, and 5” diameter bus.

The new electrical equipment is required to interconnect the 180 megawatt Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project (the “Crescent Dunes Project”) to Sierra Pacific’s electric transmission system.

(a) A regional map identifying the location of the proposed utility facility:

See Exhibit A, Project Vicinity/Location Map.

The precise location of the Anaconda-Moly Substation is Section 2 of Township 5 North, Range 41 East.

(b) Alternative locations for the proposed utility facility:

The project crosses federally-managed lands. An alternatives analysis will be completed for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document that the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will draft.

(c) The reason why the location identified in paragraph (a) is best suited for the proposed utility facility:

The precise locations of the interconnection facilities will be determined by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) and cooperating agencies through the NEPA process. Anaconda-Moly Substation is an existing facility.

2. A general description of the proposed utility facility, as required by NRS 704.870.2(a)(1) and NAC 703.421(2):

The expansion of the Anaconda-Moly Substation will include the addition of a 230 kV line terminal and a circuit breaker, 2-230 kV switches, protection and control for a new line, extending the fencing and grounding to the substation’s new boundary, installing structure foundations, conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures, and 5” diameter bus. The 230 kV transmission line to be permitted by Tonopah Solar LLC for the Crescent Dunes Project will terminate at the existing 230 kV steel “A” frame structure. See Exhibit B, Proposed Substation Layout.

The transmission line construction includes a 230kV switch, two spans of 230kV conductor with shield wire terminating at a three-pole dead end. The dead end will be secured with guys.

(a) Size and nature of the proposed utility facility:

In order to accommodate the expansion of the substation, Sierra Pacific will require approximately 2 additional acres of land. The current size of the existing substation is approximately 2 acres. With the addition, the total acreage for the expanded substation will be approximately 4 acres. The precise location of the proposed expansion will be determined through the NEPA process.

(b) Natural resources used during the construction and operation of the proposed utility facility:

During construction of the proposed utility facility, water will be utilized to minimize the impacts to air quality and to stabilize the soil. Wood and various metals will be used during the construction of the facilities and supporting structures. Impacts to resources will be determined through the NEPA process.

3. A summary of the any studies which Sierra Pacific anticipates will be made of the environmental impact of the proposed utility facility, including a copy of all corresponding studies filed with appropriate federal agencies, as required by subsection 2 of NRS 704.870 and NAC 703.421(3):

Natural resource studies will be conducted to determine the baseline and impacts to resources within the project area. Natural resources anticipated to be studied on the project include, but may not be limited to, biological, air quality, soils, cultural, and water resources. Existing resource studies and conclusions will be utilized, where applicable and appropriate, for the environmental analysis.

The BLM Tonopah Field Office will conduct an environmental analysis, which will include utilizing any existing studies/reports, to evaluate the potential for significant impacts on the human environment, and recommend mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level. A summary of the results of these studies, and copies of documents, will be included in the submittal to the Commission of the Amended UEPA Application.

4. Copy of the public notice of the application and proof of the publication of the public notice, as required by subsection 4 of NRS 704.870 and NAC 703.421(4):

See Exhibit C for a copy of the public notice and affidavits of publication.

5. Proof that a copy of the application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the Department of Administration to enable agency review and comment, as required by NAC 703.421(5):

A copy of this Initial Application is being served on the Nevada State Clearinghouse. The Certificate of Service (Exhibit D) lists the Clearinghouse. Proof of application submittal will be provided with the Amended UEPA Application.

The following table includes the approvals anticipated to be necessary for the Proposed Utility Facilities. Copies of the permits will be provided either with the Amended UEPA Application Sierra Pacific will file with the Commission after completion of the NEPA analysis and an agency preferred route is determined or thereafter as the permits are obtained.

Permit/Approval Required	Approving Agency and Contact Info.	Expected Application Submittal Date	Expected Date of Issuance
FEDERAL			
New Federal Right-of-Way Grants/Short-term Use Permits	Bureau of Land Management 1553 South Main Street Tonopah, NV 89049 Tim Coward, Project Manager (775) 482-7800	November 2009	
Endangered Species Act, Section 7 Consultation between BLM and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service 1340 Financial Blvd., Suite 234 Reno, NV 89502 (775) 861-6300	Unknown at this time	
STATE			
Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada 1150 E. William Street, SQA Carson City, NV 89701-3109	April 2010	
Stormwater General Permit	Bureau of Water Pollution Control NV Division of Environmental Protection Stormwater Coordinator 901 S. Stewart St., Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 (775)687-9429	Unknown at this time	
Dust Control Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality 901 S. Stewart St., Ste. 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249 (775) 687-4670	Unknown at this time	

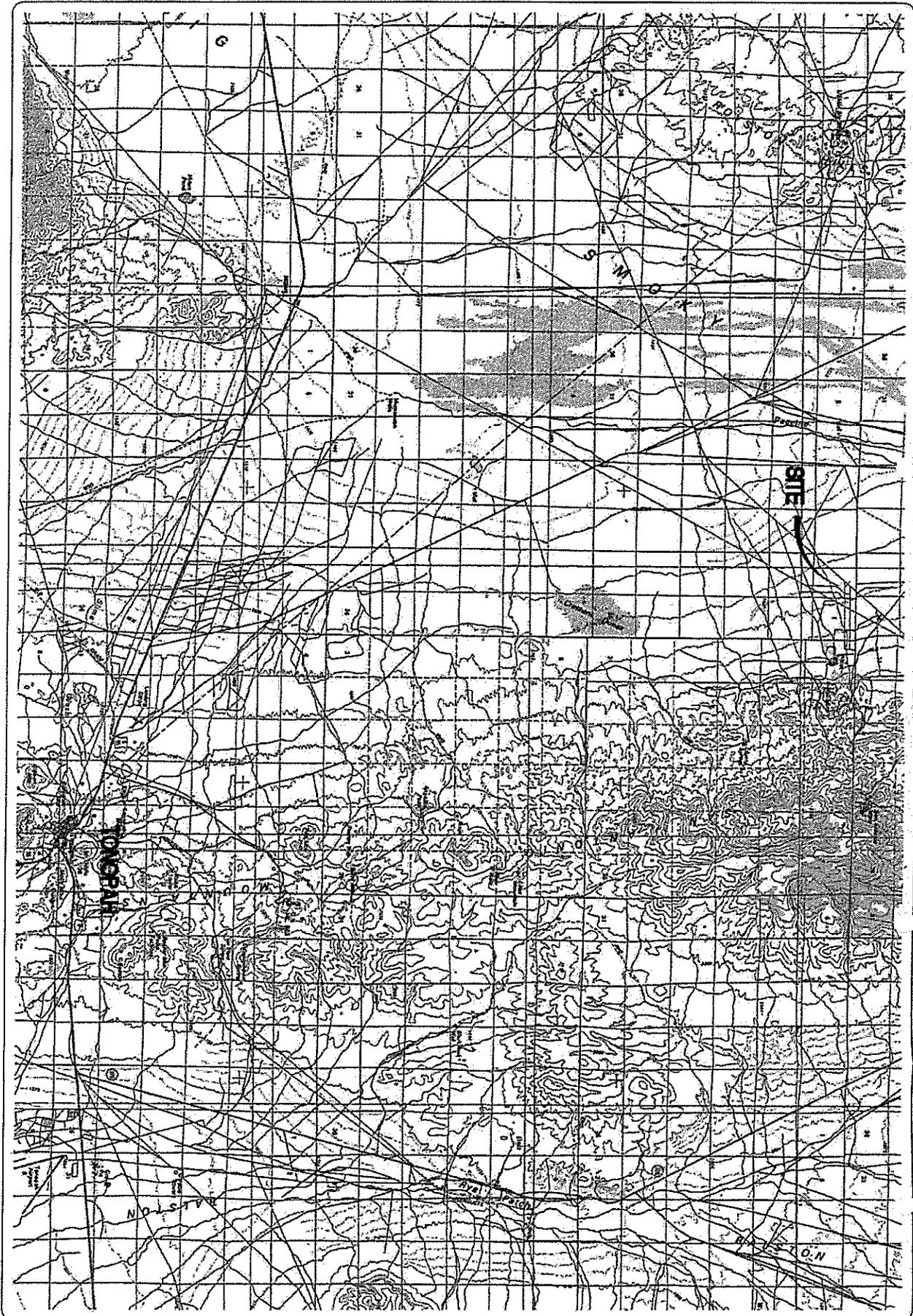
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FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT**

ANACONDA-MOLY 230 kV SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT

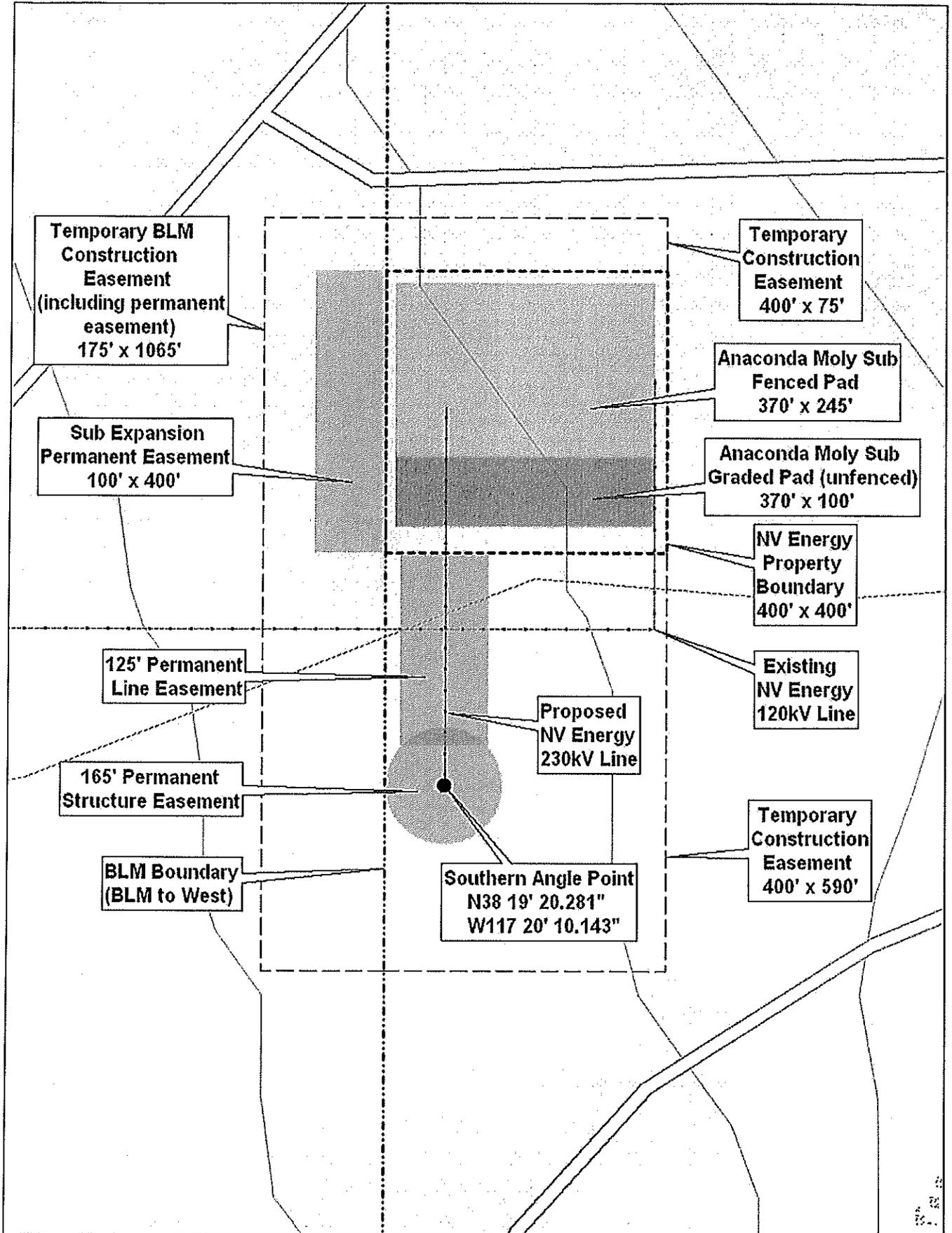
List of Exhibits

- Exhibit A: Project Vicinity/Location Map**
- Exhibit B: Proposed Substation Layout**
- Exhibit C: Copy of the Public Notice and Affidavit of Publication**
- Exhibit D: Copy of Certificate of Service**

EXHIBIT A



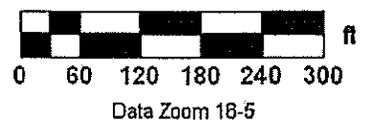
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of which a copy is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper for the full required period of 1 time commencing on July 24, 2010, and ending on July 24, 2010, all days inclusive.

Signed: Rachel Renaud

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of August, 2010

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION

Sierra Pacific Power Company, doing business as NV Energy ("NV Energy"), intends to submit an initial application for a permit to construct utility facilities, namely: the Anaconda-Moly 230 kV Substation Expansion Project (the "Project") within unincorporated Nye County, Nevada. This initial application for a permit to construct will be filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("PUCN") pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA") under Nevada Revised Statutes chapter 704, sections 820 to 900 (NRS 704:820 - 900) and Nevada Administrative Code, chapter 703, sections 415 to 427 (NAC 703:415 - 427).

NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT UNDER UEPA FOR EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING SUBSTATION IN NYE COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given to persons residing in the municipalities in which any portion of the utility facilities to be constructed is to be located: NV Energy will request a permit to construct the following utility facilities at the Anaconda-Moly Substation:

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- 230 kV circuit breaker.
- 2 230 kV switches.
- 1 230 kV line switch, and
- Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substation's new boundary; installing structure foundations; conduit; grounding; steel; fuse support structures; and 5" diameter bus.

The Project will interconnect the 180 MW Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project 230 kV transmission line to the Anaconda-Moly 230 kV Substation at an existing 230 kV steel "A" frame.

The contents of the initial UEPA application to be submitted to the PUCN for the Project will include:

- (1) A description and location of the utility facilities requiring a permit to construct from the PUCN, which will be located in Nevada in Section 2 of Township 5 North, Range 41 East.
- (2) A statement that BLM will conduct an environmental analysis for the Project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, to describe existing environmental resources within the project area, determine potential environmental impacts, and issue specific mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level or no impact; and
- (3) A list of federal, state, regional and local agencies whose approval may be required for the utility facilities.

The UEPA application will be filed under and governed by the provisions of the UEPA. Written comments about the granting of the UEPA application must be filed with the PUCN as provided by law.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2010
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Affidavit of Publication

State of Nevada, County of Nye

I, Phyllis Trice, Legal Clerk for the Pahrump Valley Times, a bi-weekly newspaper published in Pahrump, Nye County, Nevada, being duly sworn, hereby certify that the following advertisement appeared in the Pahrump Valley Times:

NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION
ANACONDA MOLY UEPA

A copy of the above-described advertisement is hereon attached. It was published in the Pahrump Valley Times on this date or dates:

July 28, 2010

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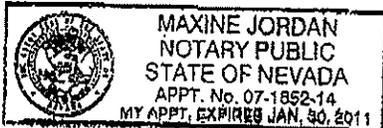
Signature Phyllis Trice

Date July 28, 2010

Subscribed and sworn to before this notary on this date:

Date July 28, 2010

Maxine Jordan
Notary Public Signature



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- (2) A statement that BLM will conduct an environmental analysis for the Project, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, to describe existing environmental resources within the project area, determine potential environmental impacts, and issue specific mitigation measures to reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level or no impact; and
- (3) A list of federal, state, regional and local agencies whose approval may be required for the utility facilities.

The UEPA application will be filed under and governed by the provisions of the UEPA. Written comments about the granting of the UEPA application must be filed with the PUCN as provided by law.

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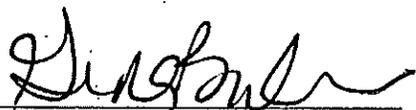
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
NEVADA
NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION Sierra Pacific Power Company, doing
business as NV Ener-
gy ("NV Energy"), intends to submit an initial applica-
tion
for a permit to construct utility facilities, namely, the
Anaconda-Moly 230 kV Substation
Expansion Project (the
"Project") within unincorporated Nye County, Nevada.
This
initial application for a permit to construct will be
filed with the Public Utilities
Commission of Nevada
("PUCN") pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protec-

tion Act ("UEPA") under Nevada Revised Statutes chap-
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SUBSTATION IN NYE COUNTY. Notice is hereby given to persons residing in the munici-

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constructed is to be located.
NV Energy will request a per-
mit to construct the following utility facilities at the Ana-

conda-Moly Substation: Approximately 530 feet of 230 kV conductor with shield

wire terminating at a three-pole dead end;
Protection and control for the new 230

kV conductor;
230 kV line terminal;
230 kV circuit breaker;
2-230 kV switches;
1-230 kV line switch; and
Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substa-
tion's new boundary, installing structure foundations,
conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures, and 5"
diameter bus. The Project will interconnect the 180 MW Crescent Dunes
Solar Energy Project 230 kV transmission line to the Ana-
conda-Moly 230 kV Substation at an existing 230 kV steel
"A" frame. The contents of the initial UEPA application to be submit-
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quiring a permit to construct from the PUCN, which will
be located in Nevada in Section 2 of Township 5 North,
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analysis for the Project, pursuant to the National Environ-
mental Policy Act, to describe existing environmental re-
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the provisions of the UEPA. Written comments about the
granting of the UEPA application must be filed with the
PUCN as provided by law. DATED this 21st day of July, 2010
NV ENERGY No. 713671-July 23, 2010

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF
NEVADA
NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION

Santa Pacific Energy Company, doing business as NV Energy ("NV Energy"), intends to submit an initial application for a permit to construct utility facilities, namely, the Anaconda-Moly 230 kV Substation Expansion Project (the "Project") within unincorporated Nevada. Nevada. This initial application for a permit to construct will be filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("PUCN") pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA") under Nevada Revised Statutes chapters 704 sections 420 to 500 (NRS 704.420 - 704.500) and Nevada Administrative Code chapter 709, sections 415 to 427 (NAC 709.415 - 427).

NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT UNDER UEPA FOR EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING SUBSTATION IN NEVADA COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given to persons residing in the municipalities in which any portion of the utility facilities to be constructed is to be located. NV Energy will request a permit to construct the following utility facilities at the Anaconda-Moly Substation:

Approximately 530 feet of 230 kV conductor with shield wire terminating at a three-pole dead end;

Protection and control for the new 230 kV conductor;

230 kV line terminal;

230 kV circuit breaker;

2-230 kV switches;

1-230 kV line switch; and

Extension of the fencing and grounding to the substation's new boundary, installing structure foundations, conduit, grounding, steel buss support structures, and 5" diameter bus.

The Project will interconnect the 180 MW Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project 230 kV transmission line to the Anaconda-Moly 230 kV Substation at an existing 230 kV steel "A" frame.

The contents of the initial UEPA application to be submitted to the PUCN for the Project will include:

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The UEPA application will be filed under and governed by the provisions of the UEPA. Written comments about the granting of the UEPA application must be filed with the PUCN as provided by law.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2010

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing **APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE ANACONDA MOLY 230 kV SUBSTATION EXPANSION PROJECT UNDER THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT** upon the persons in Docket No. 10-_____ upon all parties of record in this proceeding by U.S. Mail to the following:

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