

1 project to the Bighorn Substation. The Silver State Solar North project will produce 50 MW of
2 renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for such power in Nevada.

3 **B. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

4 1. Nevada Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NV Energy, Inc., a holding
5 company incorporated under the laws of the State of Nevada.

6 2. Nevada Power provides retail electric service to the public in portions of Clark
7 and Nye Counties and is a "public utility" as that term is defined and used in NRS 704.741 to
8 .751 (Resource Planning).

9 3. Nevada Power's principal place of business, mailing address and telephone
10 number are: 6226 West Sahara Avenue; P.O. Box 98910, Las Vegas, Nevada 89151; (702)
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12 4. All correspondence related to this Application (copy of all pleadings, notices,
13 orders and discovery requests) should be sent to the undersigned counsel and to the Manager of
14 Regulatory Services, whose names and addresses are set forth below:

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21 **C. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

22 5. UEPA establishes a two-step application procedure for projects subject to
23 federal permitting and environmental review. Under NRS 704.870.2(a), if a federal agency is
24 required to conduct an environmental analysis of a proposed utility facility, the entity seeking a
25 UEPA permit is required to also file an initial application with the Commission that provides
26 notice of the federal filing. Subsequently, after the issuance of the federal environmental
27 assessment or environmental impact statement, the utility is required to file with the
28 Commission an amended application (NRS 704.870.2(b)).

1 6. This Application for a Permit to Construct the Proposed Utility Facility is filed
2 in accordance with the Commission's regulations governing pleadings (NAC 703.530 et seq.);
3 the UEPA (NRS 704.820 to .900), specifically: NRS 704.870.2 (requirements for filing after a
4 federal agency has completed its environmental review of the project); NRS 704.873
5 (Commission has exclusive jurisdiction to determine need for utility facilities); NRS 704.890
6 (Grant or denial of application: Required findings; conditions and modifications); and the
7 Commission's regulations governing construction of utility facilities (NAC 703.415 to .427,
8 specifically, NAC 703.423, requirements for filing after a federal agency has completed its
9 environmental review of the project).

10 7. This application is the result of an unusual process. NextLight Renewable
11 Power LLC ("NextLight") (now First Solar) has proposed and is developing the Silver State
12 Solar North Project, a 50 MW solar generation facility, which will interconnect with Nevada
13 Power's Bighorn Substation via a customer-owned substation and a 0.4 mile 230 kV
14 transmission line. The transmission line will run south from the solar facility to the Bighorn
15 Substation. NextLight filed an initial UEPA application with the Commission (Docket No. 09-
16 08019) and simultaneously filed an application with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management
17 ("BLM") for a right of way to construct the solar project and the 230 kV transmission line.

18 8. The BLM performed a comprehensive environmental analysis of the proposed
19 project, including the entirety of the proposed 230 kV transmission line. BLM issued its Final
20 Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") on the project for final public comment on
21 September 10, 2010 (DOI No. FES 10-50, EIS No. 20100365). BLM issued its Record of
22 Decision on October 12, 2010. BLM issued a right of way grant to NextLight on October 13,
23 2010 (Serial Number N-85077).

24 9. Nevada Power planned to file a UEPA application for just the 230 kV facilities
25 it will construct inside the existing Bighorn Substation. Because the substation is located on
26 private land, no BLM action is required for this work. As a result, Nevada Power intended to
27 file the UEPA application under NRS 704.870(1) and NAC 703.423, governing UEPA
28 applications where no federal action is required. Under that procedure, Nevada Power would

1 file a single UEPA application, rather than an initial application at the time it filed with the
2 federal agency and a subsequent amended application after the federal agency issued its
3 environmental analysis.

4 10. It was subsequently decided that for operational reasons, Nevada Power needed
5 to construct, own and operate a 300-foot span of the 230 kV transmission line running out of
6 the Bighorn Substation and a dead-end transmission structure, which would demarcate the
7 interconnection point between the NextLight owned transmission facilities and the Nevada
8 Power-owned transmission facilities.

9 11. During recent discussions between NextLight and Nevada Power, the
10 companies agreed that Nevada Power, in addition to requesting a UEPA Permit to Construct
11 for the 230 kV facilities it will construct inside the Bighorn Substation, would also request a
12 UEPA Permit to Construct for the 300-foot segment of 230 kV transmission line and the dead-
13 end structure. This segment of line was included in NextLight's initial UEPA application in
14 Docket No. 09-08019, in the BLM's environmental analysis of the entire transmission line, and
15 in the BLM's right of way grant.

16 12. Accordingly, this application requests a UEPA Permit to Construct for both:

- 17 a. The installation of 230 kV facilities within the existing Bighorn Substation,
18 for which no federal agency action was required; and
19 b. The installation of approximately 300 feet of 230 kV transmission line and a
20 dead-end structure located on BLM-administered land, which installation
21 was previously included in NextLight's Initial UEPA Application in Docket
22 No. 09-08019 and was reviewed by the BLM as part of NextLight's
23 application for a right of way grant.

24 13. Nevada Power respectfully requests that the Commission accept this
25 Application as complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above, grant
26 this Application and, when Nevada Power files with the Commission all other government
27 permits, licenses and approvals required for it to construct the Proposed Utility Facility, issue
28 Nevada Power a Permit to Construct the Proposed Utility Facility pursuant to NRS 704.8905.

1 that will be implemented to mitigate those temporary impacts, as required by NRS
2 704.870.2(b) and NAC 703.423.

3 18. Together with the detailed project description (see the attached UEPA
4 Application) and Exhibits A (Project Vicinity Location Map), B (Bighorn Substation Location
5 Map, C (Site Plan Drawings), D (Bighorn Substation Buildout Facility Diagram), E (BLM
6 Final Environmental Impact Statement), F (Public Notice and Affidavits of Publication, and G
7 (Certificate of Service), which are incorporated herein by reference, this Application contains
8 all of the information required for the Commission to evaluate and grant the Application.

9 19. Nevada Power will provide additional permits, licenses and approvals granted
10 by other government agencies that are required to construct the Proposed Utility Facility to the
11 Commission as they are received by Nevada Power.

12 20. The proposed transmission interconnection facilities that are the subject of this
13 application have not yet been approved by the Commission in an Integrated Resource Plan
14 (“IRP”) filing. However, the power purchase agreement that necessitates the construction of
15 these facilities was approved by the Commission. Nevada Power executed a power purchase
16 agreement (“PPA”) with NextLight to purchase the output of the Silver State Solar North
17 facility on February 2, 2010, following the negotiation of the PPA through a renewable request
18 for proposals (“RFP”) process.

19 21. On February 1, 2010, Nevada Power filed its triennial IRP covering the period
20 2010-2029, for review and approval by the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.736 through
21 NRS 704.751. This matter was designated as Docket No. 10-02009. Nevada Power filed the
22 PPA in Docket No. 10-02009 for review and approval by the Commission. The Commission
23 approved the PPA in its July 28, 2010 order in that docket, with the discussion of the PPA in
24 paragraphs 391-394 of the order.

25 22. The construction of the Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project is necessary
26 to interconnect the Silver State Solar North facility to the Nevada Power transmission grid.
27 Without the construction of the Interconnection Project, Nevada Power would be unable to
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1 honor the PPA and purchase the renewable power output of the Silver State Solar North
2 facility.

3 23. In addition, under FERC transmission rules, Nevada Power is required to
4 interconnect the Silver State North Solar Facility to Nevada Power's transmission system.
5 Accomplishing this required interconnection requires the construction of the Bighorn
6 Substation Interconnection Project, which under FERC rules are classified at network upgrades
7 and are the responsibility of the transmission provider.

8 24. By interconnecting the Silver State Solar North facility, the Bighorn Substation
9 Interconnection Project will provide utility service to customers, and enhance reliability of
10 utility service in the state by increasing the generation capacity on Nevada Power's
11 transmission system. It will also facilitate increased access to renewable power that is needed
12 by Nevada Power to comply with the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard. It will also
13 contribute to reduced emissions of greenhouse gases. The Bighorn Substation Interconnection
14 Project is expected to cost approximately \$850,000. Nevada Power requests that the
15 Commission find that the construction of the Project is needed to provide reliable utility
16 service to Nevada customers.

17 25. Regarding Public Notice, proof of publication of a summary of this UEPA
18 Application has appeared in newspapers published and distributed in the area where the
19 Proposed Utility Facility is planned pursuant to NRS 704.870.4(b) and NAC 703.423(5) (*see*
20 Exhibit F).

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

24 27. The State Environmental Commission is designated as a party to this
25 proceeding, pursuant to NRS 704.885(1)(b), and has been served a copy of this Application
26 pursuant to NRS 704.870(3), simultaneously with this filing (*see* Exhibit G).

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1 **E. PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

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

- 4 A. Grants a Permit to Construct the Proposed Utility Facility, as described herein;
5 B. Grants such conditions and modifications that may allow for the issuance of the
6 UEPA Permit to Construct or a compliance order with the condition that
7 Nevada Power may file any outstanding required permits, licenses or approvals
8 with the Commission prior to commencing construction of the Proposed Utility
9 Facility pursuant to NRS 704.890; and
10 C. Grants such deviations from the Commission's regulations as may be in the
11 public interest.

12 Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of December, 2010.

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**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT
THE BIGHORN SUBSTATION
INTERCONNECTION PROJECT UNDER THE
UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

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NEVADA POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV Energy

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY

Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act (UEPA)

NRS 704.820 to 704.900 and NAC 703.415 to 703.427

Nevada Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy ("Nevada Power") files this application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") pursuant to NRS 704.870(1) and NAC 703.423 for a permit to construct a utility facility where a federal agency performed an environmental analysis.

1. A description of the location of the proposed utility facility as required by subsection NRS 704.870(1)(a) and NAC 703.423(1):

(a) A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility, including regional map that identifies the location of the proposed utility facility:

The Bighorn Substation is located on privately-owned land approximately 45 miles south of Las Vegas and 2 miles due east of Primm, Nevada. The 300-foot span of 230 kV transmission wire and 230 kV dead-end transmission structure will be constructed on land administered by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") to the north side of the Bighorn Substation. See Exhibit A, Project Vicinity Location Map and Exhibit B, Bighorn Substation Location Map).

(b) A legal description of the site of the proposed utility facility, with the exception of electric lines, gas transmission lines, and water and waste lines, for which only a detailed description of the site is required:

The Project is proposed for T27S, R59E, Section, 10, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] Roach 7.5 minute quadrangles).

(c) Appropriately scaled site plan drawings of the proposed utility facility, vicinity maps and routing maps:

See Exhibit A, Project Vicinity Location Map; Exhibit B, Bighorn Substation Location Map; and Exhibit C, Bighorn Substation Site Plan Drawings.

2. A description of the proposed utility facility, as required by NRS 704.870(1) and NAC 703.423(2):

Nevada Power is proposing to construct the following utility facility within a portion of unincorporated Clark County, Nevada:

(a) The size and nature of the proposed utility facility:

Nevada Power will upgrade its Bighorn 230 kV Substation by installing the following facilities within and just outside the substation:

- (1) One (1) 230 kV dead-end transmission structure;
- (2) One (1) span of 230 kV transmission wire and fiber optic cable (approximately 300 feet);
- (3) One (1) 230 kV circuit breaker;
- (4) One (1) 230 kV A-frame; and
- (5) Associated supporting infrastructure (relay panels, bus work, etc.).

Most of the facilities will be installed entirely within the existing Bighorn Substation. The 230 kV dead-end transmission structure will be constructed approximately 300 feet north of the Bighorn Substation. The purpose of the upgrades is to facilitate the interconnection of a 230 kV transmission line that will transmit the electric output of the Silver State Solar North project to the Bighorn Substation. The Silver State Solar North project will produce 50 MW of solar-generated renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for such power in Nevada and the Western United States.

(b) Natural resources that will be used during the construction and operation of the proposed utility facility, and a summary of any studies which have been made of the environmental impact of the facility:

The site of the Bighorn Substation is already disturbed/developed and has been operated as a 230 kV substation since June 27, 2002. All construction for the Bighorn Substation facilities will involve standard utility construction practices for substation equipment, and transmission structure installation. This process includes a 230 kV circuit breaker, A-frame, one 230kV transmission structure and a 300 foot span of transmission wire and fiber optic cable. During the construction upgrade to add this new equipment, water will be utilized to stabilize soils and minimize fugitive dust. Water would be procured from an authorized/permitted source in proximity to the project. Soil displaced from construction activities within the substation would be utilized on site within the developed limits of the substation.

Approximately 10,000 square feet of land will be impacted by the construction of the 230 kV dead-end transmission structure and associated 300 feet of 230 kV transmission line on the north side of the Bighorn Substation.

(c) Layout diagrams of the proposed utility facility and a statement why the proposed location is best suited for the facility:

See Exhibit C, Bighorn Substation Site Plan Map; and Exhibit D, Bighorn Substation Build out Facility Diagram.

(d) Scaled diagrams of the structures at the proposed utility facility:

See Exhibit D, Bighorn Substation Build out Facility Diagram.

3. A copy and summary of any studies which have been made of the environmental impacts of the proposed utility facility as required by NRS 704.870(1) and NAC 703.423(3):

This project involves the use of approximately 300 feet over BLM land on which a 230 kV line and dead-end structure will be constructed, as well as the installation of facilities within the existing Bighorn Substation, which is located on previously disturbed private land. The Final Environmental Impact Statement, dated October 12, 2010, a link to which is attached hereto as Exhibit E, includes the analyses performed by BLM for the Silver State Solar North Project and 0.4 miles of 230 kV transmission line that will be constructed primarily by Nextlight, but approximately 300 feet of which Nevada Power will construct just north of the Bighorn Substation. The FEIS is discussed in more detail in the Amended Application of Nextlight Renewable Power, LLC in Docket No. 09-08019. Part 1 of the FEIS can be accessed at the following link:

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/nv/field_offices/las_vegas_field_office/energy/nextlight_-_other/FEIS_FedReg_NOA.Par.21644.File.dat/Silver%20State%20Solar%20FEIS%20Volume%20I.pdf. Part 2 of the FEIS can be accessed at the following link:
http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/nv/field_offices/las_vegas_field_office/energy/nextlight_-_other/FEIS_FedReg_NOA.Par.60000.File.dat/Silver%20State%20Solar%20FEIS%20Volume%20II.pdf.

All construction within the Bighorn Substation will occur on disturbed areas of private land within the existing substation.

4. A description of any reasonable alternate locations for the proposed utility facility, description of the comparative merits or detriments of each location submitted, and a statement of the reasons why the location is the best suited for the proposed utility facility, as required by NRS 704.870(1) and NAC 703.423(4):

The Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the BLM analyzed three alternatives -- (1) no action, (2) the proposed action, and (3) a modified site layout for the Silver State Solar North Project and the transmission line that will interconnect that project to the Bighorn Substation. Details regarding each of these alternatives were studied and presented in the above referenced FEIS.

The interconnecting customer (Nextlight) identified the proposed interconnection location pursuant to FERC rules and Nevada Power's Open Access Transmission Tariff. Under those rules, Nevada Power is required to interconnect the customer to its transmission system at the location selected by the customer. The location of the Silver State Solar North Project is approximately 0.4 miles north of the Bighorn Substation. This made the Bighorn Substation the logical interconnection point with the Nevada Power transmission system. Because the existing Bighorn Substation was previously planned and designed with an open bay position for this type of interconnection, there was no need to evaluate alternate locations. The use of the Bighorn Substation avoids the need to construct a new substation, which would entail the use of additional property and increased environmental impacts compared to use of the Bighorn Substation. It also avoids the need to construct a longer

transmission line to interconnect the Silver State Solar North Project to Nevada Power's transmission system.

- 5. A copy of the public notice of the application or amended application and proof of the publication of the public notice, as required by NRS 704.870(4) and NAC 703.423(5):**

See Exhibit E for a copy of the public notice of the application and affidavit of the publication of the public notice as required by Subsection 4 of NRS 704.870.

- 6. Proof that a copy of the application or amended application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the Department of Administration to enable agency review and comment, as required by NAC 703.423(6):**

A copy of this Application is being served on the Nevada State Clearinghouse. See Exhibit G for the Certificate of Service, which lists the Clearinghouse.

- 7. An explanation of the nature of the probable effect on the environment, as required by NAC 703.423(7), including:**

- (a) A reference to any studies described in section 3, if applicable:**

The installation of new facilities at the Bighorn Substation will occur on existing disturbed areas of private land within an existing substation, so this part of the project will not have long-term effects on the environment. Short-term impacts due to construction may cause fugitive dust, but mitigation consisting of water or chemical suppressant would be used to minimize dust in accordance with the Clark County dust permit.

The proposed area of project effect is located on a broad alluvial fan spreading to the west of the lower slopes of the Lucy Gray Mountains. This alluvial fan drains into both the Ivanpah Dry Lake, to the west and south, and to the Roach Dry Lake to the northwest. The dry lakes are 2.0 to 0.5 miles respectively from the Project boundary, and the exposed slopes of the Lucy Gray Mountains are about 0.5 miles away at the nearest boundary point. The environmental setting of the proposed construction for the pole, dead-end structure and 300 foot span of transmission line on the north side of the Bighorn Substation is all within the creosote bush scrub or Mojave creosote bush scrub plant community. This vegetation type is characterized by widely spaced evergreen and drought-deciduous shrubs, cacti, and yucca ranging in height from 1 to 9 feet in height. Creosote bush is the dominant species. Other common constituents are burrowbrush or white bursage, cheesebush, Nevada ephedra, and Mojave yucca.

- (b) An environmental statement that includes:**

- (1) The name, qualifications, professions and contact information of each person with primary responsibility for the preparation of the environmental statement:**

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- (2) The name, qualifications, professions and contact information of each person who has provided comments or input in the preparation of the environmental statement:**

Appendix F, Volume 2 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement presents a complete list of the people and organizations which provided comment to the document.

- (3) A bibliography of materials used in the preparation of the environmental statement:**

Volume I, Chapter 6 pages 1 through 21 of the BLM's FEIS lists the bibliography of materials used in the preparation of the FEIS.

- (4) Description of:**

- (i) The environmental characteristics of the project area existing at the time the application or amended application is filed with the Commission:**

All construction of facilities within the Bighorn Substation will occur on existing disturbed areas of private land within the boundaries of the Bighorn Substation.

The environmental setting for the proposed construction work in the vicinity of the Bighorn Substation, dead-end structure and transmission line span is all located within undeveloped Mojave biome and is located in close proximity to a utility corridor containing several electrical transmission lines, a major natural gas pipeline, a railroad, and an interstate highway.

- (ii) The environmental impacts that the construction and operation of the proposed utility facility will have on the project area before mitigation:**

With respect to work within the existing Bighorn Substation, fugitive dust would be temporary during construction only and mitigated by application of water.

Potential project impacts from construction of the 300 feet of transmission line and dead-end structure outside the Bighorn Substation, prior to the implementation of resource specific mitigation measures, could include effects to Desert Tortoise; in the form of loss of habitat and mortality to the species, the loss of cacti and yucca, the destruction to cultural resources and paleontological resources, impacts to the view shed, and effects to waters and wetlands.

(iii) The environmental impacts that the construction and operation of the proposed utility facility will have on the project area after mitigation:

No environmental impacts from construction of the facilities within the Bighorn Substation or construction of the 300 feet of 230 kV transmission line and dead-end structure on the north side of the Bighorn Substation are anticipated after mitigation. Further, no environmental impacts from operation of the proposed utility facility are anticipated after mitigation.

Environmental resource specific surveys and technical reports were prepared for Desert Tortoise and specific results contained in:

- Desert Tortoise Report
- Botanical Habitat Assessment
- Biological Assessment
- Cultural Resources Report
- Paleontological Resources Assessment Report
- Visual Resources Report
- Delineation of Waters and Wetlands of the U.S. Report

Pursuant to the preparation and implementation of the above resource specific measures contained in these respective documents, all potential environmental impacts will be completely mitigated.

8. An explanation of the extent to which the proposed utility facility is needed to ensure reliable utility service to customers in this State, as required by NAC 703.423(8):

The proposed project will facilitate the interconnection of the Silver State Solar North project to Nevada Power's transmission system at the Bighorn Substation. The

Silver State Solar North project will produce renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for renewable power in Nevada.

(a) If the proposed utility facility was approved in a resource plan or an amendment to a resource plan, a reference to the previous approval by the Commission:

(b) If the proposed utility facility was not approved in a resource plan or an amendment to a resource plan, a description to which the proposed utility facility will:

(1) Provide utility service to customers, and enhance reliability of utility service, in the State:

The proposed transmission interconnection facilities that are the subject of this application have not yet been included in an Integrated Resource Plan filing. However, the power purchase agreement that necessitates the construction of these facilities was approved by the Commission.

Nevada Power executed a power purchase agreement ("PPA") on February 2, 2010. Nevada Power included the PPA in its triennial Integrated Resource Plan filing in Docket No. 10-02009 for review and approval by the Commission. The Commission approved the PPA in its July 28, 2010 order in that docket, with the discussion of the PPA in paragraphs 391-394 of the order.

The proposed facilities will provide utility service to customers, and enhance reliability of utility service, in the state by increasing the generation capacity on Nevada Power's transmission system. The proposed facilities will also facilitate increased access to renewable power that is needed by Nevada Power to comply with the Nevada Renewable Portfolio Standard. This power will also contribute to reduced emissions of greenhouse gases.

In addition, under FERC transmission rules, Nevada Power is required to interconnect the Silver State North Solar Project to Nevada Power's transmission system. Accomplishing this required interconnection requires the installation of transmission facilities by the Silver State North Solar Project. It also requires the installation of transmission interconnection facilities at and just outside the Bighorn Substation that under FERC rules are classified as network upgrades. Under FERC rules, network upgrades are the responsibility of the transmission provider.

The estimated cost of the transmission interconnection facilities that are the subject of this application is \$850,000.

(2) Achieve interstate benefits by the proposed construction or modification of transmission facilities in this State, if applicable:

Not applicable.

9. **An explanation of how the need for the proposed utility facility as described in subsection 8 balances any adverse effects on the environment as described in subsection 7, as required by NAC 703.423(9):**

Pursuant to the implementation of all resource specific mitigation measures prescribed in the individual environmental treatment plans, project related impacts will be reduced to a no adverse effect level. No net residual impacts or effects will remain.

10. **An explanation of how the need for the proposed utility facility represents the minimum adverse effect on the environment, as required by NAC 703.423(10):**

Constructing the Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project within the existing Bighorn Substation, where the work will be performed within the substation on previously disturbed land, and to a point 300 feet north of the substation, constitutes the minimum adverse impact on the environment, because it avoids the need to construct a new substation, which would entail the use of additional property and increased environmental impacts compared to use of the Bighorn Substation to interconnect the Silver State North Solar Project. It also minimizes the required length of the transmission line between the Silver State Solar North Project and Nevada Power's transmission system, which also minimizes the amount of land used to construct the transmission facilities. There are no economically feasible alternatives to this existing substation for the proposed utility facility.

11. **An explanation of how the location of the proposed utility facility conforms to applicable state and local laws and regulations, including a list of all permits, licenses and approvals required by federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, as required by NAC 703.423(11):**

- (a) **All permits, licenses and approvals the applicant has obtained, including copies thereof**

Permit/Approval Obtained	Approving Agency and Contact Info.	Date of Issuance
Local/Clark County Special Use Permit for Construction and Operation of the Bighorn Substation	Clark County Board of Commissioners 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 1 st Fl. Las Vegas, NV 89155	June 28, 2001
U.S. Bureau of Land Management		
Right of way grant for construction and operation of 230 kV line and dead-end structure	U.S. Bureau of Land Management	October 13, 2010

- (b) **All permits, licenses and approvals the applicant is in the process of obtaining to commence construction of the proposed utility facility. The**

applicant must provide an estimated timeline for obtaining these permits, licenses and approvals:

Permit/Approval Required	Approving Agency and Contact Info.	Application Submittal Date
Local/Clark County		
Dust Control Permit	Clark County Division of Air Quality Management 500 S. Grand Central Pkwy, 1 st Fl. Las Vegas, NV 89155	To be filed pending selection of construction contractor
Special Use Permit for construction and operation of dead-end structure and 300 feet of transmission conductor	Clark County Department of Comprehensive Planning	January, 2011

12. An explanation of how the proposed utility facility will serve the public interest, as required by NAC 703.423(12):

Nevada Power has a need to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective electric transmission service to existing and anticipated growth of its retail customer base and other users of the transmission system. NPC continually assesses its substation and transmission requirements to meet the resource requirements of existing and anticipated future customers as well as satisfy the regulatory requirements of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Through the course of meeting its business and regulatory obligations, Nevada Power has substantiated the need to add these new electrical facilities in southern Clark County in order to facilitate the interconnection of this new renewable power generating facility to the electric transmission system.

(a) The economic benefit that the proposed utility facility will bring to the applicant and the State:

The Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project will provide Nevada Power access to renewable power supplies, provide an additional source of local generation to service the surrounding area, and provide improved electrical capability to southern Nevada.

(b) The nature of the probable effect on the environment in this State if the proposed utility facility is constructed:

All construction occurring within the existing Bighorn Substation will have no effects on plants or wildlife, will not create new impacts to water or visual contrast, and will have only temporary impacts of fugitive dust during construction, which impacts will be controlled through approved mitigation efforts.

With the mitigation measures summarized in Section 8 above, construction and

operation of the dead-end structure and 300 feet of transmission line will have no effect on the environment.

(c) The nature of the probable effect on the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of this State if the proposed utility facility is constructed:

All construction will occur on existing disturbed areas of private land within the existing Bighorn Substation. Fugitive dust will be temporary during construction and will be mitigated through implemented mitigation measures.

Pursuant to implementation of all resource specific mitigation measures summarized in Section 8 above, construction and operation of the dead-end structure and 300 feet of transmission line will have no net residual effect on the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of this State.

(d) The interstate benefits expected to be achieved by the proposed electric transmission facility in this State, if applicable:

The proposed Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project is not expected to provide interstate benefits as it will facilitate the interconnection of additional renewable power generating capacity to the Nevada Power system.

LIST OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A** Project Vicinity Location Map
- Exhibit B** Bighorn Substation Location Map
- Exhibit C** Bighorn Substation Site Plan Drawings
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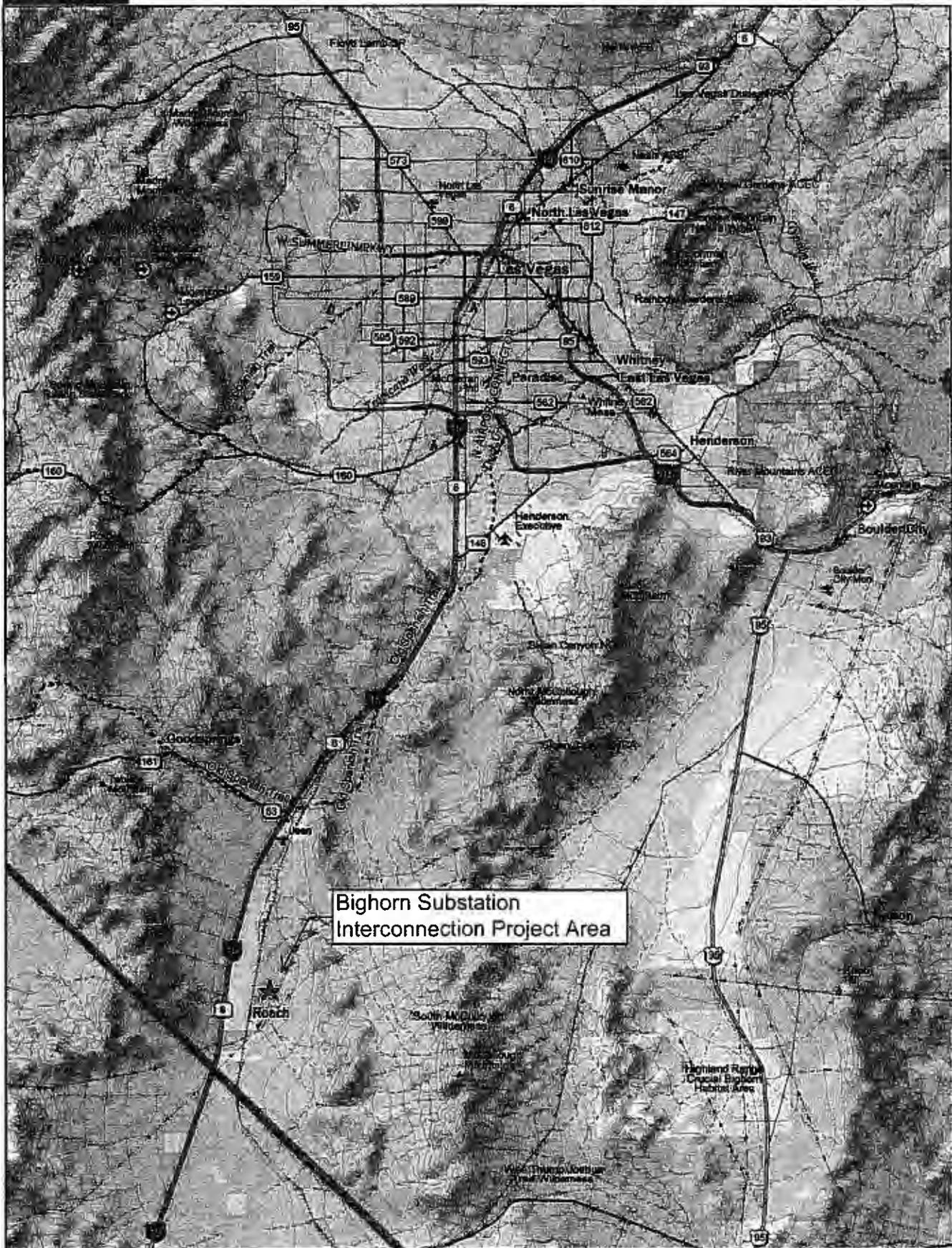
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Project Vicinity Location Map

Exhibit A - Project Vicinity/Location Map

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Bighorn Substation
Interconnection Project Area

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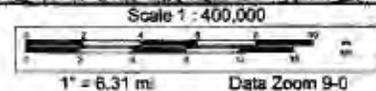
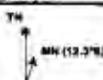


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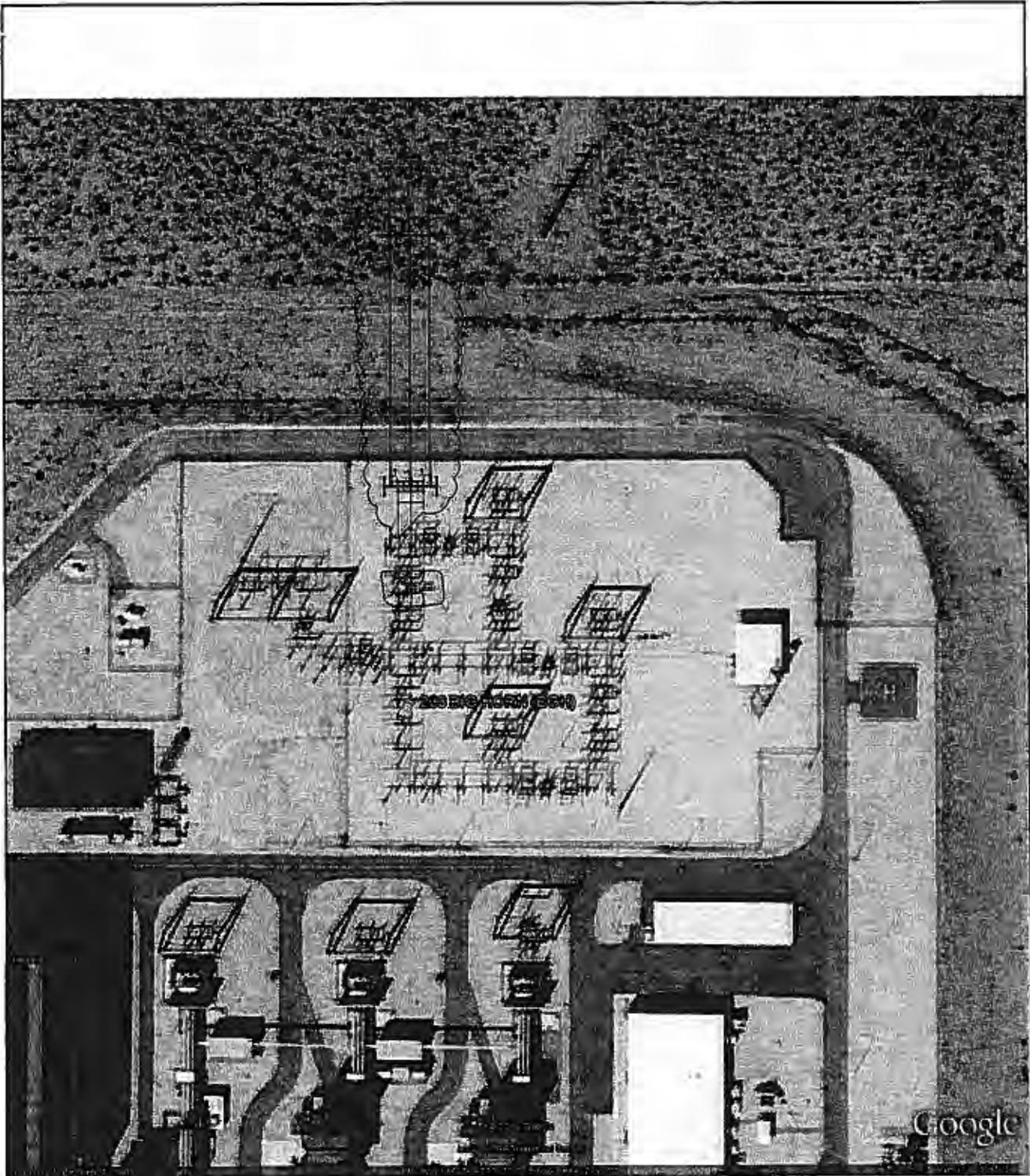


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BIGHORN 230 kV SUBSTATION
LOCATION MAP
EXHIBIT B

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Exhibit C
Site Plan Drawings



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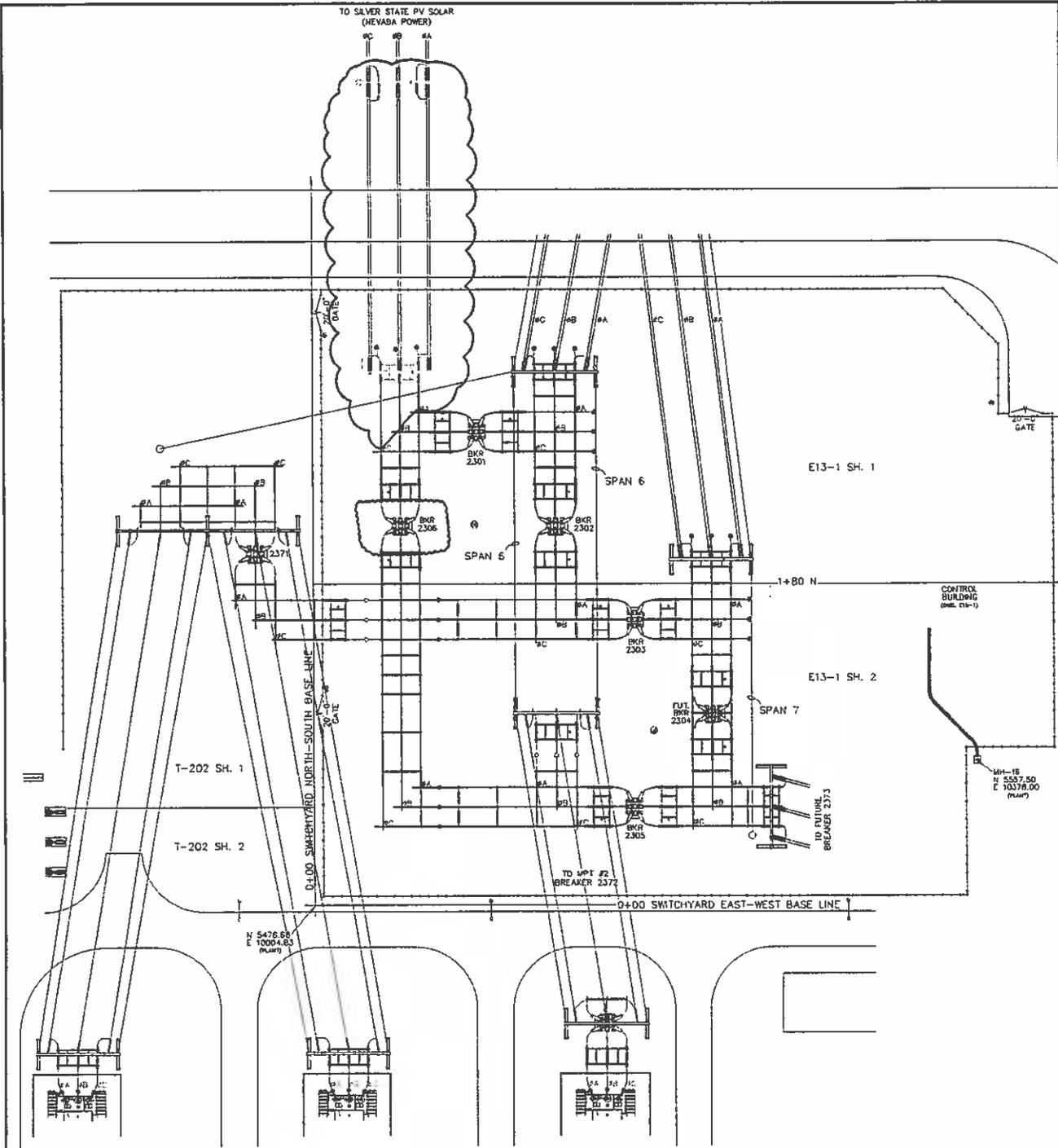

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BIGHORN 230 kV SUBSTATION
SITE PLAN DRAWING
EXHIBIT C

11/30/2010

Exhibit D

Bighorn Substation Buildout Facility Diagram



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Exhibit E

BLM Final Environmental Impact Statement

Exhibit E

**LINK TO FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
ISSUED BY U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Due to the physical size of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Nevada Power is providing an electronic link to it. It is also attached to the Amended UEPA Application filed by Nextlight Renewable Power, LLC in Docket No. 09-08019.

Final Environmental Impact Statement Part 1:

http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/nv/field_offices/las_vegas_field_office/energy/nextlight_-_other/FEIS_FedReg_NOA.Par.21644.File.dat/Silver%20State%20Solar%20FEIS%20Volume%20I.pdf

Final Environmental Impact Statement Part 2:

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Exhibit F

Public Notice and
Affidavits of Publication

AFFP DISTRICT COURT
Clark County, Nevada

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

Stacey M. Lewis, being 1st duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Legal Clerk for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Las Vegas Sun, daily newspapers regularly issued, published and circulated in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the advertisement, a true copy attached for,

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was continuously published in said Las Vegas Review-Journal and / or Las Vegas Sun in 1 edition(s) of said newspaper issued from 11/05/2010 to 11/05/2010, on the following days:

11/05/2010

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION OF NEVADA
NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NEVADA POWER COMPANY, doing
business as NV Energy, intends to
submit an application for a permit
to construct utility facilities,
namely, the Bighorn Substation
Interconnection Project within
unincorporated Clark County,
Nevada. This request 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 APPLICATION FOR A
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT UNDER
UEPA FOR NEW 230 KV ELECTRIC
SUBSTATION FACILITIES.

LINDA ESPINOZA
Notary Public State of Nevada
No. 00-64106-1
My appt. exp. July 17, 2012

Signed: Stacey M. Lewis

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS, THE
8th day of November 2010.

Linda Espinoza
Notary Public

Notice is hereby given to persons residing in the municipalities in which the utility facilities to be constructed will be located. NV Energy will request a permit to construct the following utility facilities as part of the Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project:

- (1) One (1) 230 kV transmission structure;
- (2) One (1) span of 230 kV transmission wire (approximately 300 feet);
- (3) One (1) 230 kV circuit breaker;
- (4) One (1) 230 kV A-frame; and
- (5) Associated supporting infrastructure (relay panels, bus work, etc.).

The new facilities will be installed entirely within the existing Bighorn Substation, which is located near Primm, Clark County, Nevada, approximately 45 miles southwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. The purpose of the upgrades is to facilitate the interconnection of a 230 kV transmission line that will transmit the electric output of the Silver State Solar North project to the Bighorn Substation. The Silver State Solar North project will produce renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for such power in Nevada and the Western United States.

The contents of the UEPA Application for the Bighorn Substation Interconnection Project will include, among other things:

- (1) A description of the proposed facilities requiring a permit to construct from the PUCN and their location, including a description of any associated equipment proposed for the facilities, diagrams of the structures involved in the proposed utility facilities, and appropriately scaled maps of the location of the facilities;
- (2) An environmental statement that describes the environmental characteristics of the project area, the potential environmental impacts from the construction within the Bighorn Substation and specific mitigation measures to be implemented to reduce those impacts to a less-than-significant level;
- (3) A list of federal, state, regional and local agencies whose approval may be required for the proposed utility facilities; and
- (4) An explanation of the extent to which the proposed facilities are needed to ensure reliable utility service to electric customers within this state.

Because the Bighorn Substation is located on privately-owned land, environmental analysis of the proposed facilities was not required to be performed by any federal agency.

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

DATED this 3rd day of
November, 2010
NV ENERGY
PUE: November 5, 2010
LV Review-Journal

Exhibit G
Certificate of Service

Exhibit G

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing

APPLICATION OF NEVADA POWER COMPANY FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE BIGHORN SUBSTATION UPGRADE PROJECT PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

upon the persons listed below by the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following:

Tammy Cordova Public Utilities Commission of Nevada 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250 Las Vegas, NV 89148	Staff Counsel Division Public Utilities Commission of Nevada 1150 E. William Street Carson City, NV 89701-3109
Leo Drozdoff Division of Environmental Protection Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89706-0851	Krista Coulter Nevada State Clearing House Dept. of Administration 209 E. Musser, Room 200 Carson City, NV 89701
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Beverly Bridges Las Vegas City Clerk City Hall, First Floor 400 Stewart Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89101	Shirley B. Parraguire Clark County Clerk 200 Lewis Avenue, 5th Floor P.O. Box 551601 Las Vegas, NV 89155
Mark Harris, Planning Engineer Public Utilities Commission of Nevada 1150 E. William Street Carson City, NV 89701-3109	Attorney General's Office Bureau of Consumer Protection 100 N. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701-4717

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2010.



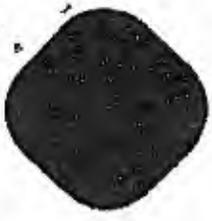
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Exhibit H

**Copy of the Permits, Licenses
and Approvals**

Exhibit H-1

Clark County Special Use Permit (2001)



Department of Comprehensive Planning Current Planning Division

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(702) 455-4314 • Fax (702) 455-3271

John L. Schlegel, Director • Barbara Glnoulas, Assistant Director

NOTICE OF FINAL ACTION

June 28, 2001

Ed Garcia
3773 Howard Hughes Pkwy.
Las Vegas, NV 89109

REFERENCE: ZC-0507-01

On the date indicated above, a Notice of Final Action was filed with the Clark County Clerk, Commission Division, pursuant to NRS 278.0235 and marking the commencement of the twenty-five (25) day limitation period specified therein.

The above referenced application was presented before the Clark County Board of County Commissioners at their regular meeting of **June 20, 2001** and was **APPROVED** subject to the conditions listed below and/or on the attached sheet. You will be required to comply with all conditions prior to the issuance of a building permit or a business license whichever occurs first.

Time limits to commence, complete or review this approval apply only to this specific application. A property may have several approved applications on it, each will have its own expiration date. It is the applicant's responsibility to keep each application current.

CONDITIONS: Subject to 85 acres of M-2 zoning (for the power generating facility) and balance of property to be rezoned M-D; air shed compatibility study to address power generating facility and the Airport, if no issues are identified, the project shall proceed with permitting as usual, if issues are identified, study to be brought back to the Board of County Commissioners with identification of proposed mitigation measures within 60 days and prior to the issuance of permits; dust mitigation measures to include treatments such as lignosulfonate (organic substance made primarily from tree sap), synthetic polymers, recycled asphalt, compacted stone or gravel chips, Type II gravel, chipped asphalt singles, equivalent or better, or the standards approved by the Clark County Health Department Air Quality Division, whichever is more restrictive; drainage study and compliance; demonstrating legal access; sign deed restrictions; and all applicable standard conditions for this application type.

*Returned
7/23/01*

06/20/01 BCC AGENDA SHEET

ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION
(TITLE 30)

1-15/PRIMM

PUBLIC HEARING
APP. NUMBER/OWNER/DESCRIPTION OF REQUEST
ZC-0507-01 - PRIMM 120 LIMITED PARTNERSHIP:

ZONE CHANGE to reclassify 165.7 acres from R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone to M-2 (Industrial) Zone for an electric generating station.

USE PERMIT for an electric generating station.
WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS for the following: 1) full off-sites, including paving; 2) on-site paving; 3) landscape requirements; 4) trash enclosure requirements; 5) waive the required 1,000 foot setback from a non-industrial use; 6) noise; and 7) increase height.

Generally located approximately 6,500 feet east of Interstate 15 approximately 8,000 feet north of the Nevada/California state line within the N1/2 Sections 9 & 10, Township 27 South, Range 59 East EKpb

RELATED INFORMATION:

APN:
237-09-001-002; 237-10-000-002

WAIVERS OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

1. Waive full off-sites, including paving.
2. Waive on-site paving.
3. Waive all landscaping requirements.
4. Waive trash enclosure requirements.
5. Reduce the setback from a non-industrial use to zero feet where 1,000 feet is required.
6. Waive the noise requirements set forth in Section 30.68.020.
7. Increase height to 150 feet where 75 feet is permitted.

MASTER PLAN/LAND USE GUIDE:

SOUTH COUNTY - UP TO OPEN LANDS (OPEN SPACE/GRAZING/VACANT LANDS; RESIDENTIAL UP TO 1 DU/10 AC) IN COMMUNITY DISTRICT 3/6

BACKGROUND:

Project Description

This is a request for an electric generating station which will produce power to serve the existing and future needs of the Las Vegas area and the greater Western Region. The plans show a 550 MW, natural gas-fired, combined cycle generating facility consisting of two advanced technology combustion turbine generators, two heat recovery steam generators (HRSG), a steam turbine generator, and an air cooled condenser. There are also a number of ancillary facilities and an on-site supporting infrastructure shown on the plans which include a 14,900 square foot administrative building, a 660 square foot warehouse, water treatment and storage facilities, and a 500 kV switchyard. The maximum height of the structures is 150 feet. The landscape plan shows crushed rock surfacing with no trees or planting material. The station will

occupy approximately 60 acres of the overall site. The applicant indicates they will use a dry cooling technology which will limit the annual water requirements to approximately 220 acre feet for the entire facility.

Prior Land Use Requests

A zone change (ZC-1177-94) was approved to permit an apartment complex on a portion of this site in August 1994. That project was never constructed and the zoning has expired.

Surrounding Zoning and Land Use

The adjacent parcels surrounding this site are undeveloped and zoned R-U. The town of Primm is located approximately 8,000 feet to the west on both sides of I-15. The land at that location is developed with a mixture of H-1, H-2, C-2, R-T, and R-V-P zoning. The Union Pacific Railroad tracks run through the western portion of this site along the western edge of the proposed electric generating station. This area may be subject to negative impacts from noise associated with the proposed Ivanpah Airport. A site located approximately three miles to the north is being considered for the airport.

Department of Aviation Issues

The proposed use is compatible with aircraft operations expected to occur in the area with the future development of the Ivanpah Airport currently being planned between the communities of Jean and Primm.

Related Applications

A use permit (UC-0497-01) for a 230/138kV power transmission line corridor that is approximately 38.3 miles long between the site of the requested electric generating station and Arden is scheduled on the June 7, 2001 meeting of the Planning Commission.

STANDARDS FOR APPROVAL:

The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed request meets the goals and purposes of Title 30.

Analysis

Although, staff believes the proposed facility will serve a significant public need, this request does not conform to the land use guide. Furthermore, the electric generating station does not require the entire 165.7 acres. Over 100 acres of this site is being reserved for future development. Although this site may be impacted by future airport noise contours, that does not mean that industrial land uses of the intensity permitted in the M-2 zone will be appropriate in this area. The land in the noise contours associated with McCarran International Airport and Nellis Air Force Base have not developed at that intensity. Based on preliminary studies this site may be marginally to continually impacted by noise from the airport. If this is the case, development in this area would have to comply with the requirements set forth for the AE-65 zone. The 1998 BLM Resource Management Plan has identified this area to be appropriate for future disposal which means the majority of the land surrounding this site will be privatized and open to development pressure. Approval of M-2 zoning for the total property (165.7 acres) in this area is premature.

Staff recommends approval for the approximately 60 acres designated on the plans for development of an electric generating station and denial for the remaining 105 acres.

If this request is approved, the Board and/or Commission finds that the application is consistent with the standards and purpose enumerated in the Comprehensive Plan, Title 30, and/or the Nevada Revised Statutes.

TAB/CAC:
APPROVALS:
PROTESTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION: June 7, 2001 - APPROVED - Subject to 85 acres of M-2 zoning (for the power generating facility) and balance of property to be rezoned M-D; dust mitigation measures to include treatments such as lignosulfonate (organic substance made primarily from tree sap), synthetic polymers, recycled asphalt, compacted stone or gravel chips, Type II gravel, chipped asphalt singles, equivalent or better, or the standards approved by the Clark County Health Department Air Quality Division, whichever is more restrictive; drainage study and compliance; demonstrate legal access; sign deed restrictions; and all applicable standard conditions for this application type. Vote: Unanimous Absent: Malan

APPLICANT: Reliant Energy Bighorn, LLC
CONTACT: Ed Garcia, 3773 Howard Hughes Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89109

Exhibit H-2

BLM right of way grant (October 2010)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
RIGHT-OF-WAY LEASE/GRANT

SERIAL NUMBER N-85077

1. As approved by the Record of Decision for the *Silver State Solar Project (N-85077)*, dated October 12, 2010, a right-of-way lease/grant is hereby issued pursuant to Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761 et seq.) and the Bureau of Land Management right-of-way regulations (43 CFR Part 2800) and amendments thereto.

2. Nature of Interest:

a. By this instrument, the holder:

Silver State Solar Power North, LLC
A Wholly owned subsidiary of
NextLight Renewable Power, LLC
Attn: Frank De Rosa
353 Sacramento Street, Suite 2100
San Francisco CA, 94111

receives a right to use and occupy the following described public lands to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission a 50-MW alternating current (AC) (60-MW direct current (DC)) photovoltaic (PV) solar power plant project, including associated facilities as described in the approved Plan of Development (POD), incorporated herein:

See attached legal description and map (Exhibit A).

b. The instrument issued herein consists of a 50-MW AC (60-MW (DC)) PV solar power plant and associated facilities, to include: a 320-acre PV solar array field (consisting of fixed-tilt mounting systems supported by driven steel posts, PV solar modules, DC collection system comprised of underground cabling and combiner boxes, power inverters, three-phase pad mounted transformers that convert the output of inverters to 34.5 kilovolts (kV)), a 0.25-mile paved access road (30-foot wide), an underground fiber optic communications line (located along access road), a perimeter fence, a perimeter road (within the security fence), interior solar field access ways, a 34.5kV collection system to convey electricity from the solar field to the substation, a 1-acre 34.5kV/230kV substation (consisting of 34.5kV/230kV step-up transformers, breakers, bus work, protective relaying and associated equipment), a 0.4-mile 230kV overhead power transmission line and associated access road, a 1.2-acre operation and maintenance facility (consisting of a 2,000 square foot operation and maintenance building, parking area, a SCADA

communications system, and other associated facilities), a 0.8-mile maintenance road (located adjacent to the outside of the perimeter fence), a 20-foot-wide fire break (located immediately adjacent to the outside of the security fence); and the following temporary facilities as needed, only for the duration of the construction activity: a 2.25-acre water storage pond, a 4-acre construction mobilization and lay down area, and a 3.8 acre workforce parking area.

The total footprint covered by this instrument, consists of 618.63 acres, more or less.

- c. This instrument shall expire on December 31, 2039, unless, prior thereto, it is relinquished, abandoned, or terminated pursuant to the terms and conditions of this instrument or of any applicable Federal law or regulation.
- d. This instrument may be renewed by the Authorized Officer. The holder is required to submit an application for renewal at least 120 calendar days prior to the expiration date of this instrument. The Authorized Officer will review the application for renewal to ensure the holder is complying with the terms, conditions, and stipulations of this instrument and applicable laws and regulations. If renewed, the right-of-way shall be subject to the regulations existing at the time of renewal and any other terms and conditions that the Authorized Officer deems necessary to protect the public interest.
- e. Notwithstanding the renewal, expiration, relinquishment, abandonment, or termination of this instrument, the provisions of this instrument, to the extent applicable, shall continue in effect and shall be binding on the holder, its successors, or assigns, until they have fully satisfied the obligations and/or liabilities accruing herein before or on account of the renewal, expiration, relinquishment, abandonment, or termination of this authorization.
- f. The Authorized Officer retains the right of access to the lands included within the right-of-way at any time and may enter any facility on the right-of-way in accordance with 43 CFR 2805.15(a). The holder shall pay monitoring fees in accordance with 43 CFR 2805.16 for the reasonable costs incurred in the inspection and monitoring of construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the right-of-way.
- g. This instrument is issued subject to valid existing rights in accordance with 43 CFR 2805.14.

3. Rental:

- a. For and in consideration of the rights granted, the holder agrees to pay the Bureau of Land Management the fair market value of the right-of-way, which includes both base rent and a megawatt capacity fee, as determined by the Authorized Officer unless specifically exempted from such payment by law or regulation. Provided, however, that the rental may be adjusted by the Authorized Officer, whenever necessary, to reflect changes in fair market value as determined by the application of sound business management principles, and so far as practicable and feasible, in accordance with comparable commercial practices. The rental provisions of this authorization may also be modified consistent with the provisions of any regulatory changes or pursuant to the provisions of any new or revised statutory authorities.

- b. The rental includes an annual base rent for the acreage of the public land included in the authorization and a megawatt capacity fee based on the authorized megawatt capacity of the approved solar energy facilities. The base rent is due and payable upon the date of issuance of this instrument and will be paid on an annual basis consistent with the regulations. The base rent will be adjusted each year based on the Implicit Price Deflator-Gross Domestic Product (IPD-GDP) index. The megawatt capacity fee is based on the authorized megawatt capacity approved by the Authorized Officer, or an approved phase of development, and will be paid on an annual basis upon the start of electric generation from the solar energy facilities. The megawatt capacity fee will be phased-in over a 5-year period after the start of electric generation (at the rate of 20 percent the first year, 40 percent the second year, 60 percent the third year, 80 percent the fourth year, and 100 percent the fifth and subsequent years of operations). The 5-year phase-in period will apply separately to each phase of development as approved by the Authorized Officer.

(The rental calculation and \$ amount owed the BLM will be contained in the offer to issue letter, along with any phase-in determination language).

4. Bond:

- a. A Performance and Reclamation bond, in an amount determined by the Authorized Officer, shall be obtained by the holder to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this instrument. The Authorized Officer will require that the holder submit a Reclamation Cost Estimate for review and to assist the Authorized Officer in determining the bond amount. The holder shall provide the Authorized Officer proof that a bond in the required amount has been obtained by such date as specified by the Authorized Officer. The amount of the bond will be limited to the anticipated liabilities associated with the activities approved by the Notice to Proceed. If the Notice to Proceed is limited to only an initial phase of development or activity, the bond amount will be limited to that phase or activity. The bond amount would increase with the issuance of a Notice to Proceed for future phases of development or additional activities. The bond must be maintained in effect until removal of improvements and restoration of the right-of-way has been accepted by the Authorized Officer. Acceptable bond instruments include cash, cashier's or certified check, certificate or book entry deposits, negotiable U.S. Treasury securities (notes, bills, or bonds) equal in value to the bond amount, surety bonds from the approved list of sureties (U.S. Treasury Circular 570) payable to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), irrevocable letters of credit payable to the BLM issued by financial institutions that have the authority to issue letters of credit and whose operations are regulated and examined by a federal agency, or a policy of insurance that provides BLM with acceptable rights as a beneficiary and is issued by an insurance carrier that has the authority to issue insurance policies in the applicable jurisdiction and whose insurance operations are regulated and examined by a federal or state agency. The Authorized Officer will not accept a corporate guarantee as an acceptable form of bond. The Authorized Officer will review the bond on an annual basis to ensure adequacy of the bond amount. The bond will also be reviewed at the time of any assignment, modification, or renewal of this instrument. The Authorized Officer may increase or decrease the bond amount at any time during the term of the right-of-way authorization, consistent with the regulations. *(The bond \$ amount will be determined by the BLM and provided to the holder by letter prior to approval of a Notice to Proceed).*

- b. The holder agrees that any bond held as security for holder's performance of the terms and conditions of this instrument may, upon failure on the holder's part to fulfill any of the requirements herein set forth or made a part hereof, be retained by the United States to be applied as far as may be needed to the satisfaction of the holder's obligations assumed hereunder, without prejudice whatever to any other rights and remedies of the United States.
- c. Should the bond delivered under this instrument become unsatisfactory to the Authorized Officer, the holder shall, within 30 calendar days of demand, furnish a new bond. In the event of noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this instrument, the BLM will notify the holder that the surety or other bond instrument is subject to forfeiture and will allow the holder 15 calendar days to respond before action is taken to forfeit the bond and suspend or terminate the authorization.

5. **Terms and Conditions:**

- a. This instrument is issued subject to the holder's compliance with all applicable laws and regulations and, in particular, with the regulations contained in Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 2800, including the terms and conditions required by 43 CFR 2805.12. Failure of the holder to comply with applicable law or regulations or any terms, conditions, or stipulations of this instrument shall constitute grounds for suspension or termination thereof. The Authorized Officer may change the terms and conditions of this instrument as a result of changes in legislation, regulations, or as otherwise necessary to protect public health or safety or the environment in accordance with 43 CFR 2805.15(e).
- b. The right-of-way Stipulations (Exhibit B), attached hereto, and the approved Plan of Development, dated January 2010, are incorporated into and made a part of this instrument as fully and effectively as if they were set forth herein in their entirety.
- c. The holder shall perform all operations in a good and workmanlike manner, consistent with the approved Plan of Development, so as to ensure protection of the environment and the health and safety of the public. The Authorized Officer may order an immediate temporary suspension of operations, orally or in writing, in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.16 to protect public health or safety or the environment if the Authorized Officer determines that the holder has violated one or more of the terms, conditions, or stipulations of this instrument. An immediate temporary suspension order is effective until the holder receives a written Notice to Proceed from the Authorized Officer.
- d. The holder will not initiate any construction or other surface disturbing activities on the right-of-way without prior written authorization of the Authorized Officer. Such authorization will be a written Notice to Proceed (Form 2800-15) issued by the Authorized Officer or his/her delegated representative. Each Notice to Proceed will authorize construction or use and occupancy only as therein expressly stated and only for the particular location or use and occupancy therein described, i.e., a construction phase or site location. The Authorized Officer will issue a Notice to Proceed subject to such terms and conditions as deemed necessary when the design, construction, use, occupancy, and operation proposals are in conformity with the terms and conditions of this instrument.
- e. The holder shall start construction of the initial phase of development within 12 months after issuance of a Notice to Proceed but no later than 24 months after the effective date of the issuance of

this right-of-way lease/grant. The holder shall complete construction within the timeframes approved in the Plan of Development, but no later than 24 months after start of construction, unless the project has been approved for phased development as provided for in paragraph (5)(f).

- f. If this right-of-way lease/grant and approved Plan of Development provides for a phased development, construction of each subsequent phase must begin within 3 years of the start of construction of the previous phase. A Notice to Proceed will be required to be issued by the Authorized Officer for each phase of development. The Notice to Proceed for a particular phase of development may be subject to the issuance of additional Notices to Proceed for specific activities within the particular development phase.
- g. During operations, the holder shall maintain all onsite electrical generation equipment and facilities in accordance with the design standards in the approved Plan of Development. Any idle, improperly functioning, or abandoned equipment or facilities that have been inoperative for any continuous period of 3 months or more must be repaired, placed into service, and/or removed from the site within 30 calendar days from receipt of a written Notice of Failure to Ensure Diligent Development from the Authorized Officer, unless the holder is provided an extension of time by the Authorized Officer. To obtain an extension of the 30-day deadline, the holder must submit a written request to the Authorized Officer and show therein good cause for any delays in repairs, use, or removal; an estimate when corrective action will be completed; and evidence of diligent operation of the equipment and/or facilities.
- h. Failure of the holder to comply with any diligent development provision of this instrument may cause the Authorized Officer to suspend or terminate the authorization in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.17 - 2807.19, and use the posted Performance and Reclamation bond to cover the costs for removal of any equipment and/or facilities. The Authorized Officer will provide the holder a written Notice of Failure to Ensure Diligent Development prior to the suspension or termination of the authorization. The holder will be provided an opportunity to correct any noncompliance in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.18 or submit a written request to the Authorized Officer for an extension of the timelines in the approved Plan of Development.
- i. Upon termination by the Authorized Officer or expiration of this instrument, all improvements shall be removed from the public lands within 180 calendar days or otherwise disposed of as provided for in the approved Plan of Development, or as directed by the Authorized Officer.
- j. This instrument shall, at a minimum, be reviewed by the Authorized Officer at the end of the 10th year and at regular intervals thereafter not to exceed 10 years. Provided, however, that this instrument may be reviewed at any time deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer in accordance with the regulations.
- k. This instrument may be assigned consistent with the regulations, but all assignments are subject to approval by the Authorized Officer. In addition, the qualifications of all assignees must comply with the requirements of the regulations. A partial assignment of this instrument shall not be approved if such action would hinder the Authorized Officer's management of the authorization or the associated public lands.

1. Upon the request of the Authorized Officer, the holder shall provide access to environmental, technical, and financial records, reports, and other information related to construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the right-of-way. Any information marked confidential or proprietary will be kept confidential to the extent allowed by law. Failure of the holder to cooperate with such request, provide data, or grant access to such records, reports, and information may, at the discretion of the Authorized Officer, result in suspension or termination of the right-of-way lease/grant in accordance with the regulations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The undersigned agree to the terms, conditions, and stipulations of this right-of-way lease/grant.

Frank DeRum
(Signature of Holder)

President
(Title)

10/12/10
(Date)

Mary Jo Rugwell
Mary Jo Rugwell

Southern Nevada District Manager

10/13/10
(Effective Date of Right-of-Way Lease/Grant)

Bob B. R.
LAS VEGAS FIELD MANAGER
10/12/10

Attachments

Exhibit A: Legal Description and Map

Exhibit B: Stipulations

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND MAP

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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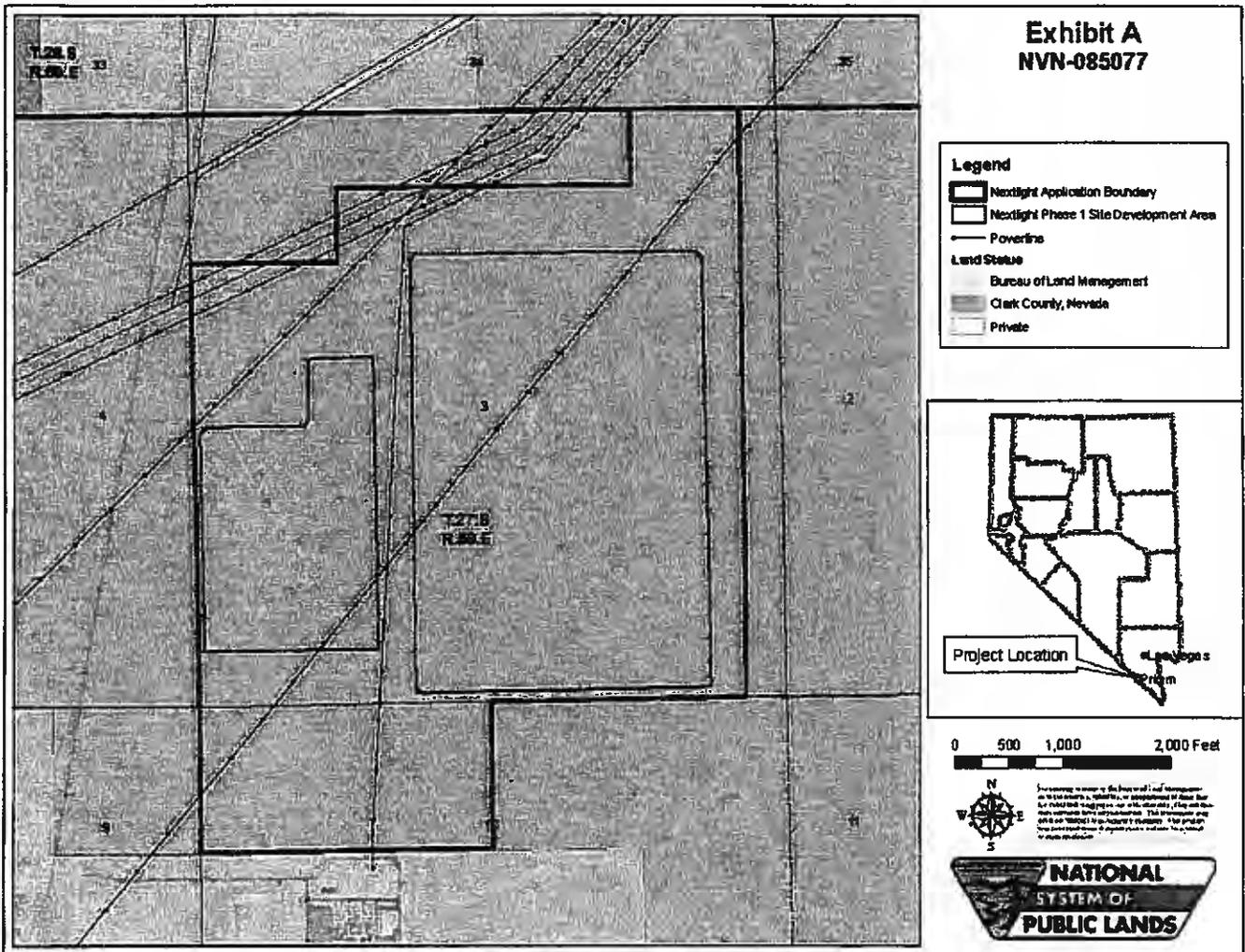


EXHIBIT B

STIPULATIONS

1. The holder shall construct, operate, and maintain the facilities, improvements, and structures within this right-of-way in strict conformity with the approved Plan of Development, as amended or supplemented by approval of the Authorized Officer. Any surface disturbing activity, additional construction, or use that is not in accord with the approved Plan of Development shall not be initiated without the prior written approval of the Authorized Officer. A copy of the complete right-of-way lease/grant, including all stipulations and approved Plan of Development, shall be made available on the right-of-way area during construction, operation, and decommissioning. Noncompliance with the above will be grounds for immediate temporary suspension of activities if it constitutes a threat to public health or safety or the environment.
2. The holder shall comply with the Biological Opinion for listed and proposed species associated with this project signed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service on September 16, 2010. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Biological Opinion shall be cause for suspension or termination of the right-of-way lease/grant. *[protective measures from the Biological Opinion may be attached to the right-of-way lease/grant or incorporated into the Plan of Development]*
3. Any cultural resource (historic or prehistoric site or object) discovered by the holder, or any person working on his behalf, on public or Federal land shall be immediately reported to the Authorized Officer. The holder shall suspend all operations in the immediate area of such discovery until written authorization to proceed is issued by the Authorized Officer. An evaluation of the discovery will be made by the Authorized Officer to determine appropriate actions to prevent the loss of significant cultural or scientific values. The holder will be responsible for the cost of evaluation and any decision as to proper mitigation measures will be made by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder.

The holder shall immediately notify the BLM Authorized Officer of any paleontological resources discovered as a result of operations under this authorization. The holder shall suspend all activities in the vicinity of such discovery until notified to proceed by the Authorized Officer, and shall protect the locality from damage or looting. The Authorized Officer will evaluate, or will have evaluated, such discoveries as soon as possible, but not later than 5 working days after being notified. Appropriate measures to mitigate adverse effects to significant paleontological resources will be determined by the Authorized Officer after consulting with the holder. The holder is responsible for the cost of any investigation necessary for the evaluation and for any mitigation measures, including museum curation. The holder may not be required to suspend operations if activities can avoid further impacts to a discovered locality or be continued elsewhere, however not suspending operations must be approved by the Authorized Officer.

In order to avoid any effects to 26CK1620/8282 and 26CK2632/8280 during road construction activities, an archaeological monitor will be present during land disturbing activities along the proposed main access road within 100 feet of 26CK1620/8282 and 26CK2632/8280 in the northwest corner of the right-of-way lease/grant area. Further, should any deep excavations be conducted in this sand dune area, a qualified and BLM-approved geo-archaeologist or geologist will be present to analyze the

excavation(s) to determine the presence or absence of the former Pleistocene Ivanpah Lake bottom and the amount of associated post lake deposition.

Although unlikely, any human remains that may be discovered during authorized activities shall be protected by all Project personnel and construction crew members by following the procedures set forth in Section VI of the October 26, 2009, State Protocol Agreement between the BLM and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. This includes at a minimum: 1) it is the responsibility of the holder to notify the BLM authorized contracting officer and archaeologist immediately, 2) cease all construction activities within a 100 meter buffer area, and 3) to ensure protection of the discovery from further damage or vandalism until a BLM-authorized archaeologist evaluates the nature of the materials. If needed, mitigation procedures will be developed by the BLM in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office.

4. The holder shall comply with the construction practices and mitigating measures established by 33 CFR 323.4, which sets forth the parameters of the "nationwide permit" required by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. If the proposed action exceeds the parameters of the nationwide permit, the holder shall obtain an individual permit from the appropriate office of the Army Corps of Engineers and provide the Authorized Officer with a copy of same. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be cause for suspension or termination of the right-of-way lease/grant.
5. All powerlines shall be designed and constructed to be avian-safe in accordance with the standards outlined in "Suggested Practices for Avian Protection on Power Lines: the State of the Art in 2006" (APLIC 2006). Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Authorized Officer, powerlines shall also be constructed in accordance with standards outlined in "Suggested Practices for Raptor Protection on Powerlines", Raptor Research Foundation, Inc., 1996. The holder shall assume the burden and expense of proving that pole designs not shown in the raptor protection publication are "eagle safe." Such proof shall be provided by a raptor expert approved by the Authorized Officer. The BLM reserves the right to require modifications or additions to all powerline structures placed on this right-of-way, should they be necessary to ensure the safety of large perching birds. Such modifications and/or additions shall be made by the holder without liability or expense to the United States.
6. The holder will arrange and attend preconstruction conference(s) prior to the holder's commencing construction and/or surface disturbing activities on the right-of-way or specific construction phase of the right-of-way as specified by the Authorized Officer. The holder and/or his representatives will attend this conference. The holder's contractor, or agents involved with construction and/or any surface disturbing activities associated with the right-of-way, will also attend this conference to review the stipulations of the authorization, including the Plan of Development, as applicable. The holder shall notify the Authorized Officer of the schedule for any preconstruction conference at least 10 calendar days in advance of the preconstruction conference or such timeframe as may be required by the Notice to Proceed.
7. The holder shall designate a representative who shall have the authority to act upon and to implement instructions from the Authorized Officer. The holder's representative shall be available for communication with the Authorized Officer within a reasonable time when construction or other surface disturbing activities are underway.

8. The holder shall protect all survey markers found within the right-of-way. Survey markers include, but are not limited to, Public Land Survey System line and corner markers, other property boundary line and corner markers, and horizontal and vertical geodetic monuments. In the event of obliteration or disturbance of any of the above, the holder shall immediately report the incident, in writing, to the Authorized Officer and the respective installing authority if known. Where any of the above survey markers are obliterated or disturbed during operations, the Authorized Officer will determine how the marker is to be restored. The holder will be instructed to secure the services of a registered land surveyor or informed that an official survey will be executed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). All surveying activities will be in conformance with the Manual of Surveying Instructions and appropriate State laws and regulations. Surveys by registered land surveyors will be examined by the Authorized Officer and the BLM State Office Chief Cadastral Surveyor for conformance with the Manual of Surveying Instructions and State laws and regulations before being filed in the appropriate State or county offices of record. The holder shall be responsible for all administrative and survey costs.
9. Use of pesticides and herbicides shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws. Pesticides and herbicides shall be used only in accordance with their registered uses within limitations imposed by the Secretary of the Interior. Prior to the use of the pesticides, the holder shall obtain from the Authorized Officer, written approval of a Pesticide Use Proposal Plan showing the type and quantity of material to be used, pest(s) to be controlled, method of application, locations of storage and disposal of containers, and any other information deemed necessary by the Authorized Officer.
10. Only those chemicals (pesticides and herbicides) listed on the BLM approved label list are authorized for use on public lands. A Pesticide Use Proposal must be submitted for each chemical used, and it cannot be used until approval has been obtained in writing from the Authorized Officer. The proposal needs to identify any surfactants or dyes used in the spraying operation. Applicator(s) of chemicals used must have completed pesticide certification training and have a current up to date Certified Pesticide Applicator's License. Pesticide and herbicide application records for the areas and acres treated must be submitted to the Authorized Officer each year. This includes the following:

- Brand or Product name
- EPA registration number
- Total amount applied (use rate #A.I./acre)
- Date of application
- Location of application
- Size of area treated
- Method of treatment (air/ground)
- Name of applicator
- Certification number and dates
- Costs to treatment
- Amount of surfactants or dyes used in spraying operation

The record information must be recorded no later than 14 calendar days following the pesticide or herbicide application and must be maintained for ten years.

11. Construction sites shall be maintained in a sanitary condition at all times; waste materials at those sites shall be disposed of promptly at an appropriate waste disposal site. 'Waste' means all discarded matter

including, but not limited to, human waste, trash, garbage, refuse, oil drums, petroleum products, ashes, and equipment. A litter policing program shall be implemented by the holder which covers all roads and sites associated with the right-of-way.

12. The holder shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations, existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated, with regard to any hazardous materials, as defined by 43 CFR 2801.5 that will be used, produced, or transported on or within the right-of-way, or used in the construction, operation, maintenance, or decommissioning of the right-of-way or any of its facilities. The holder agrees in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.12(e) to fully indemnify the United States against any liability arising from the release of any hazardous substance or hazardous waste (as these terms are defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq., or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, 42 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) on the right-of-way (unless the release or threatened release is wholly unrelated to the right-of-way holder's activity on the right-of-way). This agreement applies without regard to whether a release is caused by the holder, its agent, or unrelated third parties.

The holder shall immediately report any release of hazardous substances (leaks, spills, etc.) caused by the holder or third parties in excess of the reportable quantity as required by federal, state, or local laws and regulations. A copy of any report required or requested by any federal, state or local government agency as a result of a reportable release or spill of any hazardous substances shall be furnished to the Authorized Officer concurrent with the filing of the reports to the involved federal, state or local government agency.

The holder shall immediately notify the Authorized Officer of any release of hazardous substances, toxic substances, or hazardous waste on or near the right-of-way or potentially affecting the right-of-way of which the holder is aware.

As required by law, the holder shall have responsibility for and shall take all action(s) necessary to fully remediate and address the hazardous substance(s) on or emanating from the right-of way.

13. Within 120 calendar days of completion of construction, the holder shall submit to the Authorized Officer, as-built drawings and a certification of construction verifying that the facility has been constructed in accordance with the design, plans, specifications, and applicable laws and regulations.

Within 90 days of construction completion, the holder shall provide the Authorized Officer with data in a format compatible with the Bureau's Arc-Info Geographic Information System to accurately locate and identify the right-of-way:

Acceptable data formats are:

Corrected Global Positioning System files with sub-meter accuracy or better, in UTM NAD 83; Zone 11;

ARCGIS export files on a CD ROM, shapefile, geodatabase.

Data may be submitted in any of the following formats:

ARCGIS interchange, shapefile or geodatabase format.

CD ROM in compressed or uncompressed format.

All data shall include metadata for each coverage, and conform to the Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata Federal Geographic Data Committee standards. Contact the GIS Department at (702) 515-5000.

14. The holder shall be liable for all fire suppression costs resulting from fires caused during construction or operations. All guidelines and restrictions imposed by agency fire control officials will be followed.

The following fire prevention measures shall be implemented by the holder or its contractor during construction:

- Maintain a list of all relevant fire fighting authorities near the project site. The closest resources to respond to a wild land fire threatening the community of Primm would come from Clark County Fire Department Station 78 in Goodsprings;
 - Have and maintain available fire suppression equipment in all construction areas, including but not limited to: water trucks, potable water pumps, and chemical fire extinguishers. Ensure an adequate supply of fire extinguishers for welding and brushing crews;
 - Include mechanisms for fire suppression in all heavy equipment, including fire extinguishers and spark arresters or turbo-charging (which eliminates sparks in exhaust);
 - Remove any flammable wastes generated during construction on a regular basis;
 - Vegetation clearing shall be accomplished in a manner that reduces vegetation and does not create a fire hazard;
 - Store all flammable materials used at the construction site;
 - Allow smoking only in designated smoking areas; and
 - Require all work crews to park vehicles away from flammable vegetation, such as dry grass and brush. At the end of each workday, heavy equipment should be parked over mineral soil, asphalt, or concrete, where available, to reduce the chance of fire.
15. Prior to a Notice to Proceed being issued, the holder may conduct activities necessary for the installation of the perimeter fencing, designed with a desert tortoise exclusionary fence along its bottom edge, and activities necessary to clear desert tortoises from the area enclosed within the fence, as described in the approved Biological Opinion for the portion of the project being authorized. All activities must be conducted in accordance with the approved Biological Opinion for this project and all other terms, conditions and stipulations of this right-of-way authorization.
16. The holder shall, prior to construction activities, provide the Authorized Officer a Revised Plan of Development, a Performance and Reclamation bond, a Site Restoration Plan, a Groundwater Monitoring Plan, and a Traffic Management Plan. Prior to construction, and upon approval of the Plan of Development, acceptance of the Performance and Reclamation bond, approval of the third-party

Compliance Inspection Contractor, approval of the Site Restoration Plan, approval of the Groundwater Monitoring Plan, and approval of the Traffic Management Plan, a Notice to Proceed will be issued by the Authorized Officer.

17. The holder shall submit for approval to the Authorized Officer a Revised Plan of Development that is reflective of the activities authorized in the right-of-way lease/grant. The holder shall ensure that the following elements are contained within the Revised Plan of Development:

- Erosion and sedimentation control measures to be used to minimize impacts during the life of the project. At a minimum, this will include: soil stabilization measures to offset loss in vegetation, biannual and post-storm monitoring of erosion and sedimentation, annual monitoring of the surface of Roach Dry Lake to assess effects of sedimentation (monitoring at Roach Dry Lake will be conducted in a manner that will not interfere with the Southern Nevada Supplemental Airport (SNSA)), and adaptive management of actions if erosion and sedimentation control measures are found to be insufficient to control surface water at the site. Any changes must be approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.
- A storm water monitoring and response plan to be used to minimize impacts from flood damage during the life of the project. At a minimum, this plan shall include: visual surveys of all structures for scour following major storm events, visual surveys of fencing to check for damage and/or debris, cleanup of broken equipment if failures do occur, inspection and cleanup of downstream areas, including the surface of Roach Dry Lake, if debris is transported off site, and adaptive management of flood protection and erosion actions if the monitoring plan reveals routine damage to project structures due to flooding. Any changes must be approved in advance by the Authorized Officer.
- Flood risk control measures to be used to minimize impacts during the life of the project. These measures shall include adhering to the recommendations presented in the holder's Initial Site Drainage Plan (Louis Berger 2010). At a minimum, this plan shall include:
 - PV panels designed to be at least 6 inches above the high water mark as defined in the Louis Berger report, concrete ballasts would not be used on areas rated at moderate or higher risk flood zone after House (2006). Steel post foundations would be used in these flood-prone areas. Steel post foundations (8 to 12 feet in depth) in flood-prone areas would be designed to withstand a minimum of 1.5 feet of scour; and
 - Concrete ballasts would not be used on areas rated at moderate or higher risk flood zone after House (2006). Steel post foundations would be used in these flood-prone areas. Steel post foundations (8 to 12 feet in depth) in flood-prone areas would be designed to withstand a minimum of 1.5 feet of scour; and
 - Adaptive management of actions if erosion and sedimentation control measures are found to be insufficient or excessive or if flooding proves to be destructive. Any changes must be approved by the Authorized Officer.

- Measures to reduce night lighting in all natural areas to avoid unnecessary visual disturbance to wildlife. Methods to be implemented include, but are not limited to, shielding methods, and/or reduced lumen intensity.
18. The holder shall develop, and submit for approval by the Authorized Officer, a Site Restoration Plan that describes measures to mitigate and compensate for special status plants such as transplanting/re-seeding and/or compensation in consultation with appropriate agencies (USFWS, BLM, and/or NDOW). The plan will also outline the protocol for the re-vegetation of the portions of the project area that are classified as temporarily impacted. The plan will provide a matrix showing how the holder will address each species considered sensitive in terms of mitigation type (e.g., seed collection, salvage, fencing certain populations). This will include clearly describing how cacti and yucca species will be salvaged, stored, and re-established. The plan will also define success criteria in accordance with agency guidance and outline mitigation measures to be implemented if the success criteria are not met.
 19. The holder shall fund and implement a third party Compliance Program with the Authorized Officer. The Program will include the holder hiring an independent third-party Compliance Inspection Contractor, to be approved by the Authorized Officer, to insure compliance with the terms, conditions and stipulations of this lease/grant, N-85077. All questions or concerns regarding compliance with the terms, conditions, and stipulations of this right-of-way lease/grant shall be directed to the Authorized Officer.
 20. The holder shall develop, implement, and submit for approval by the Authorized Officer a Groundwater Monitoring Plan prior to construction. The plan will include metering of project wells and monthly reports to the Las Vegas Valley Water District and quarterly reports on water use to the BLM and State Engineer.
 21. The holder will produce, and submit for approval by the Authorized Officer, a Traffic Management Plan that identifies Best Management Practices (BMP) to minimize construction-related traffic impacts. Specifically, the BMPs shall ensure an adequate flow of traffic in both directions by providing sufficient signage to alert drivers of construction zones, notifying emergency responders prior to construction, conducting community outreach, and control traffic around impacted intersections. The Traffic Management Plan shall also include the following:
 - Deliveries of materials will be scheduled for off-peak hours to reduce effects during periods of peak traffic;
 - To further reduce effect to the I-15/Primm Boulevard off ramp, the plan will identify the I-15 / Yeats Well Road off ramp as an alternate access route to the project site during peak construction;
 - Truck traffic will be phased throughout construction;
 - Truck traffic will use designated truck routes when arriving to and departing from the proposed work sites;
 - The holder will require 50 percent of the construction workforce to carpool or vanpool; and

- Signs and public notices regarding construction work will be distributed before disruptions occur, identifying detours to maintain access, the use of flagmen or escort vehicles to control and direct traffic flow, and scheduling roadway work during periods of minimum traffic flow.
22. The holder shall ensure that all structures installed as part of the project will be color treated to reduce contrast with the surrounding environment. Structures to be color treated include the PV panel frames and support beams, the interconnection transmission towers, any walls surrounding switchyard/substation facilities, the operations and maintenance structure, fences installed around the project, water tanks, and any other walls or enclosed structures installed as part of the project. The holder will work with the Authorized Officer to select the appropriate color from the BLM approved color palette. All color treatments shall be approved by the Authorized Officer prior to any application.
23. The holder shall implement the following plan for the all cactus and yucca species that are salvaged from the right-of-way lease/grant area:

The BLM will conduct a series of public and commercial sales to reduce the number of cactus and yucca present. The proponent shall reimburse the BLM for costs associated with the sales through a cost reimbursable account. The BLM staff from renewable resources, law enforcement and support services will arrange, advertise and implement the sales. Logistically, the sales will take place after the area has been fenced and cleared of tortoise.

For the remaining cactus and yucca that are not purchased as a result of the BLM sponsored public and commercial sales, the holder shall fund, setup, and maintain three cactus and yucca stockpiles to assist with BLM habitat restoration, road closure, and mine reclamation programs. Stockpiles would be set up: (1) at Ann Road in Las Vegas, (2) The Desert Tortoise Center in Las Vegas, and (3) near Searchlight, all locations will be selected and approved by the Authorized Officer. The holder shall contract with a BLM-approved company to set-up and maintain the stockpiles. Set-up would include: fencing 1 to 2-acre sites with t-post and wire (or repair existing fencing if present), salvage and transplant cactus/yucca in trenches and water plants at least once a month (or more frequently, as needed, or as directed by the Authorized Officer). The holder shall continue maintenance (watering) for a one year period.

The BLM restoration and reclamation crews shall have full project site access during construction, to salvage cactus, yucca and other plant materials (shrubs, cryptogrammic crusts) on an as needed basis. Any remaining cactus and yucca after the abovementioned steps are completed would not be salvaged; however, the final determination on the completion of salvaging activities at the project area will be made by the Authorized Officer.

24. The holder shall conduct all construction activity (including, but not limited to, truck deliveries, pile driving, and vibration equipment use) only during daytime hours (7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.) while in the vicinity of the Desert Oasis Apartment Complex and near residential or recreational areas.
25. The holder shall turn off idling equipment when not in use.

26. The holder shall notify adjacent residents in advance of construction work through public mailings and signs directed toward residents, landowners, and recreational users within one mile of the site prior to commencement of construction. The notice shall state specifically where and when construction activities will occur in the area. The holder shall also provide a communication line or procedures to enable individuals to contact the contractor in the event that construction noise levels affect them. The holder shall provide the Authorized Officer with the mailing list and a copy of the notice that was mailed immediately following the mailing.
27. The holder shall install acoustic barriers around stationary construction noise sources as necessary to maintain a noise level not to exceed 85 dba at the property boundary closest to the nearest residence.
28. The holder shall ensure that construction equipment is maintained per manufacturers' recommendations. The holder shall ensure that all equipment is adequately muffled and maintained, to include: use of noise controls on standard construction equipment and shielding on impact tools, use of broadband noise backup alarms on mobile equipment, and installation of mufflers on exhaust stacks of all diesel and gas-driven engines.
29. The holder shall ensure proper installation of transformer equipment by: installing transformers within enclosures, using sound-dampening pads between each transformer and the mounting surface, using flexible conduit couplings between each transformer and the associated wiring system, and mounting the transformers on surfaces with a large mass to avoid amplifying the sound.
30. To minimize or avoid potential hazards from earthquakes and other geologic events, the holder is responsible for funding inspections to be performed by a BLM-approved appropriate professional (e.g. geologist, geophysicist, geologic engineer, or structural engineer) following geologic events in the vicinity of the project site. The appropriate professional will perform the appropriate inspection and make recommendations to ensure that hazards are minimized for the next comparable or larger event. The holder will implement the recommended corrective actions.
31. The holder shall acquire the appropriate insurance coverage to address potential off-site damage to structures or injury to people by facility structures that are moved off-site by a geologic event such as an earthquake or flash flood event.
32. The holder shall ensure that imported soils are free from contaminants before use on the site. At the request of the Authorized Officer, soils shall be tested (at the cost of the holder) to ensure that hazardous materials are not present within the imported fill.
33. The holder shall ensure that imported soils are consistent in texture and drainage characteristics to existing on-site soils before use on the site. At the request of the Authorized Officer and the expense of the holder, soils will be tested to ensure they are of the same soil type as pre-construction soils.
34. If drainages cannot be avoided by infrastructure placement, the holder shall design drainage crossings to accommodate estimated peak flows and ensure that natural volume capacity can be maintained throughout construction and upon post-construction restoration.

35. Preconstruction surveys must be conducted by qualified biologists according to the most current USFWS protocols, where available, by species. These surveys will include surveying mowing areas, brush clearing areas, and ground disturbance areas within habitat deemed suitable for sensitive species by a qualified biologist. These surveys will be conducted for the presence of special status plants, the presence of noxious weeds, and the presence of general and special status wildlife species, to prevent direct loss of vegetation and wildlife and to prevent the spread of noxious plant species. The holder will submit survey results to the Authorized Officer.
36. A Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) shall be prepared by the holder. All construction crews and contractors will be required to participate in WEAP training prior to starting work on the project. The WEAP training shall include a review of the special status species and other sensitive resources that could exist in the project area, the locations of sensitive biological resources and their legal status and protections, and measures to be implemented for avoidance of these sensitive resources. A record of all trained personnel will be maintained.

The holder will ensure that biological monitors monitor and enforce disturbance buffers around all active bird nests (for raptors and species protected by the MBTA) found in project areas during construction. The general bird breeding season for this area is late February to early July. For raptors specifically, the holder will use the USFWS Utah Field Office Guidelines for Raptor Protection from Human and Land Use Disturbances (1999) to determine appropriate survey areas and disturbance buffers for active nests. For all non-raptor bird species, biologists will survey within project areas. Because there are no standardized disturbance buffers for active non-raptor bird nests, the holder will consult with the appropriate agencies (BLM, USFWS, and NDOW) on a case-by-case basis when active nests are found in project areas, unless directed to do otherwise by these same agencies.

Active bird nests will not be moved during breeding season, unless the holder is expressly permitted to do so by the USFWS, BLM, and NDOW.

All active nests and disturbance or harm to active nests will be reported within 24 hours to the USFWS, the BLM, and NDOW upon detection. The biological monitor will halt work if it is determined that active nests are being disturbed by construction activities, until further direction or approval to work is obtained from the appropriate agencies.

37. The holder shall ensure that the following will be done:

A qualified biologist will conduct preconstruction surveys within 30 days prior to construction for western burrowing owl within suitable habitat prior to breeding season (February 1 through August 31). All areas within 250 feet of the project area will be surveyed, per USFWS 2007 burrowing owl guidance.

If an active nest is identified, there will be no construction activities within 250 feet of the nest location to prevent disturbance until the chicks have fledged, as determined by a qualified biologist.

The occurrence and location of any western burrowing owl will be documented by biological monitors in daily reports and submitted to the authorized biologist on a daily basis. The authorized biologist will

report all incidents of disturbance or harm to burrowing owls within 24 hours to the appropriate resource agencies (USFWS, BLM, and/or NDOW).

The holder shall ensure compliance with the following NDOW construction site protocols for the Gila monster (NDOW 2005). These protocols are also applicable for the chuckwalla. Through the WEAP, workers and other project personnel should (at a minimum) know how to: (1) identify Gila monsters and be able to distinguish them from other lizards such as chuckwallas and banded geckos; (2) report any observations of Gila monsters (in Nevada) to the biological monitor for notification of the NDOW; (3) be alerted to the consequences of a bite resulting from carelessness or unnecessary harassment; and (4) be aware of protective measures provided under state law.

- Live Gila monsters found in harm's way on the construction site will be captured and then detained in a cool, shaded environment (<85 degrees Fahrenheit) by the project biologist or equivalent personnel until a NDOW biologist can arrive for documentation purposes. Despite the fact that a Gila monster is venomous and can deliver a serious bite, its relatively slow gait allows for it to be easily coaxed or lifted into an open bucket or box, carefully using a long handled instrument such as a shovel or snake hook (note: it is not the intent of NDOW to request unreasonable action to facilitate captures; additional coordination with NDOW will clarify logistical points). A clean 5-gallon plastic bucket with a secure, vented lid; an 18-inch x 18-inch x 4-inch plastic sweater box with a secure, vented lid; or a tape-sealed cardboard box of similar dimension may be used for safe containment. Additionally, written information identifying the mapped capture location (e.g., GPS record), date, time, and circumstances (e.g., biological survey or construction) and habitat description (e.g., vegetation, slope, aspect, and substrate) will also be provided to NDOW.
- Injuries to Gila monsters may occur during excavation, blasting, road grading, or other construction activities. In the event a Gila monster is injured, it should be transferred to a veterinarian proficient in reptile medicine for evaluation of appropriate treatment. Rehabilitation or euthanasia expenses would not be covered by NDOW. However, NDOW immediately will be notified during normal business hours. If an animal is killed or found dead, the carcass immediately will be frozen and transferred to NDOW with a complete written description of the discovery and circumstances, habitat, and mapped location.
- Should NDOW's assistance be delayed, biological or equivalent acting personnel on site may be requested to remove and release the Gila monster out of harm's way. Should NDOW not be immediately available to respond for photo-documentation, a 35-mm camera or equivalent (5 megapixel digital minimum preferred) will be used to take good quality images of the Gila monster in situ at the location of live encounter or dead salvage. The pictures, preferably on slide film (.tiff or .jpg digital format) will be provided to NDOW. Pictures will include the following information: (1) encounter location (landscape with Gila monster in clear view); (2) a clear overhead shot of the entire body with a ruler next to it for scale (Gila monster should fill camera's field of view and be in sharp focus); and (3) a clear, overhead close-up of the head (head should fill camera's field of view and be in sharp focus).

38. The holder shall ensure that all steep-walled trenches, auger holes, or other excavations are covered at the end of each day. Fencing will be maintained around the covered excavations at night. For open

trenches, earthen escape ramps will be maintained at intervals of no greater than 0.25 mile. A biological monitor will inspect all trenches, auger holes, or other excavations a minimum of twice per day, and also immediately prior to back-filling. Any species found will be safely removed and relocated out of harm's way, using a pool net when applicable. For safety reasons, biological monitors will, under no circumstance, enter open excavations.

39. The holder shall ensure that the following occurs:

Qualified biologists will be notified if badgers are observed within the project area during construction activities. Work will immediately be stopped in the area if the biologists find occupied burrows within 100 feet of construction activities during preconstruction surveys.

Qualified biologists will ensure passive relocation of the occupied burrow by installing one-way trap doors on the burrow. The burrow will be collapsed after the badger vacates.

The qualified biologist will ensure that any badger that is to be relocated will be relocated within suitable badger habitat.

Work will be allowed to resume once the burrow has been relocated.

40. The holder shall consult with the BLM, USFWS, and NDOW regarding conservation measures to be implemented to avoid impacts on desert bighorn sheep during construction. Avoidance and minimization measures could include such elements as preconstruction surveys, biological monitoring, and timing construction activities to avoid bighorn sheep active seasons.
41. The holder shall work closely with the Clark County Department of Aviation to ensure that all planning, construction, and operation remains compatible with airport projects and future airport operations.
42. The holder shall implement a Hazardous Materials Handling Management Program or incorporate within their other program the item outlined below. Hazardous materials used and stored onsite will be managed according to the specifications outlined below as follows:
- **Hazardous Materials Handling Program.** A project-specific hazardous materials management program will be developed prior to initiation of construction. The program will outline proper hazardous materials use, storage, and disposal requirements. The program will identify types of hazardous materials to be used during construction activities. All personnel will be provided with project-specific training. This program will be developed to ensure that all hazardous materials are handled in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Employees will receive hazardous materials training and will be trained in: hazardous waste procedures; spill contingencies; waste minimization procedures; and treatment, storage, and disposal facility (TSD) training in accordance with OSHA Hazard Communication.
 - **Transport of Hazardous materials.** Hazardous materials that will be transported by truck include fuel (diesel fuel and gasoline), and oils and lubricants for equipment. Containers used to store hazardous materials will be properly labeled and kept in good condition. Written procedures for the transport of hazardous materials used will be established in accordance with U.S. Department

of Transportation (USDOT), and Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) regulations. A qualified transporter will be selected to comply with federal and state transportation regulations.

- **Fueling and Maintenance of Construction Equipment:** Written procedures for fueling and maintenance of construction equipment will be prepared prior to construction. Vehicles and equipment will be refueled on site or by tanker trucks. Procedures will include the use of drop cloths made of plastic, drip pans, and trays to be placed under refilling areas to ensure that chemicals do not come into contact with the ground. Refueling stations will be located in designated areas where absorbent pads and trays will be available. The fuel tanks will also contain a lined area to ensure that accidental spills do not occur. Drip pans or other collection devices will be placed under the equipment at night to capture drips or spills. Equipment will be inspected daily for potential leakage or failures. Hazardous materials such as paints, adhesives and solvents, will be kept in an approved locker or storage cabinet.
43. The holder will either return solar panel products to the original manufacturer or send them to a certified recycling facility after the solar PV cells are decommissioned. Solar panel material recycling and end-of-life disposal will be done in compliance with the federal, state, and local regulations.
 44. The holder will ensure that the all health and safety and emergency plans to be required for employees and contractors during construction, operations, and decommissioning of the authorized facility will comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Standards provided in federal regulation 29 CFR, Part 1910, as well as with applicable state and local occupational health and safety regulations.
 45. The holder shall notify FAA by filing FAA Form 7460 at least 30 days before construction is to begin or the date that an application for construction permit is to be filed.
 46. No signs or advertising devices shall be placed on the premises or on adjacent public lands, except those posted by or at the direction of the Authorized Officer.
 47. The Holder shall mark the exterior boundaries of the right-of-way with stake and/or lath at 100 to 200 foot intervals. The intervals may be varied at the time of staking at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. The tops of the stakes and/or laths will be painted and the laths flagged in a distinctive color as determined by the holder. The holder shall maintain all boundary stakes and/or laths in place until final cleanup and restoration is completed.
 48. The holder shall conduct all activities associated with construction, operation, maintenance and decommission of this right-of-way lease/grant within its authorized limits.
 49. The holder shall not violate applicable air standards or related facility siting standards established by or pursuant to applicable federal, state, or local laws or regulations. The holder shall be responsible for dust abatement within the limits of the right-of-way lease/grant and is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits from appropriate authorities for acceptable dust abatement and control methods (e.g., water, chemicals). The holder shall be solely responsible for all violations of any air quality permit, law or regulation, as a result of its action, inaction, use or occupancy of the right-of-way.

Notwithstanding whether a violation of any air quality permit, law or regulation results, the holder will cooperate with the Authorized Officer in implementing and maintaining reasonable and appropriate dust control methods in conformance with law and appropriate to the circumstances at the sole cost of the holder.

Prior to relinquishment, abandonment, or decommission of this right-of-way, the holder shall apply reasonable and appropriate dust abatement and control measures to all disturbed areas. The abatement and measures shall be designed to be effective over the long-term (e.g., rock mulch or other means) and acceptable to the Authorized Officer.

During excavation, backfilling, and contouring, the disturbed soil shall be wetted sufficiently in order to effectively reduce airborne dust and reduce soil erosion.

50. The holder shall comply with all applicable local, state, and federal air, water, hazardous substance, solid waste, or other environmental laws and regulations, existing or hereafter enacted or promulgated. To the full extent permissible by law, the holder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless, within the limits, if any, established by state law (as state law exists on the effective date of this right-of-way), the United States against any liability arising from the holder's use or occupancy of the right-of-way, regardless of whether the holder has actually developed or caused development to occur on the right-of-way, from the time of the issuance of this right-of-way to the holder, and during the term of this right-of-way lease/grant. This agreement to indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any liability shall apply without regard to whether the liability is caused by the holder, its agents, contractors, or third parties. If the liability is caused by third parties, the holder will pursue legal remedies against such third parties as if the holder were the fee owner of the right-of-way.

Notwithstanding any limits to the holder's ability to indemnify and hold harmless the United States which may exist under state law, the holder agrees to bear all responsibility (financial or other) for any and all liability or responsibility of any kind or nature assessed against the United States arising from the holder's use or occupancy of the right-of-way regardless of whether the holder has actually developed or caused development to occur on the right-of-way from the time of the issuance of this right-of-way to the holder and during the term of this right-of-way lease/grant.

51. Mineral material generated, and not needed for construction or development activities within the authorized limits of the right-of-way lease/grant, requires a specific BLM use authorization in accordance with regulations at 43 CFR 3600 prior to the removal of in place excess mineral material. All mineral material generated needs to be used on site within the right-of-way lease/grant area or stockpiled on site for sale by the BLM.

Draft Notice Application for Applications, Petitions and Complaints

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.)**

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

Nevada 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 Nevada Power’s 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, after a federal agency conducts an environmental analysis of a proposed facility, the utility is required to file with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) an application under UEPA. The UEPA application for a permit to construct must: (a) describe the location and the nature of the Proposed Utility Facility; (b) summarize studies which were previously made of the environmental impact of the construction of the facilities; (c) describe the reason that the facilities will be located as proposed; (d) describe the environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Proposed Utility Facility, and (e) describe the measures that will be implemented to mitigate those temporary impacts, as required by NRS 704.870.2(b) and NAC 703.423.

The proposed utility facility in this application is generally described as installation of a new 230 kV circuit breaker and associated equipment within Nevada Power’s Bighorn Substation and construction of approximately 300 feet of 230 kV transmission line and a dead-end transmission structure just

outside the Bighorn Substation. More specifically, the facilities consist of the following:

- One 230 kV dead-end transmission structure;
- One span of 230 kV transmission wire and fiber optic cable (approximately 300 feet);
- One 230 kV circuit breaker;
- One 230 kV A-frame; and
- Associated supporting infrastructure (relay panels, bus work, etc.).

The proposed utility facility will be located within, and just outside, the Bighorn Substation, which is located near Primm, Clark County, Nevada, approximately 45 miles south of Las Vegas, Nevada.

The purpose of the interconnection project is to facilitate the interconnection of a 230 kV transmission line that will transmit the electric output of the Silver State Solar North project to the Bighorn Substation. The interconnection project will thereby enable Nevada Power to purchase additional renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for such power in Nevada.

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 Nevada Power may construct the proposed facilities.

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.

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.

- 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing

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DATED this 3rd day of December, 2010.

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