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BLM Seeks Comments on Valley Electric Association's Hidden Hills Transmission Project

Las Vegas –The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office is opening scoping on a Valley Electric Association transmission project proposed on public lands in the southern Pahrump and Sandy valleys in Clark and Nye counties, Nev. A Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, published in the October 11, *Federal Register*. Publication of the notice initiates the beginning of a 60-day scoping period which will close December 12.

The public is being asked to help identify potential issues regarding the applicant's request for a right-of-way (ROW) authorization for the construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of transmission infrastructure improvements, both 230 kilovolt (kV) and 500 kV, and a natural gas pipeline to support the development of the Hidden Hills Solar Electric Generating Project. The 3,275-acre solar-project site would be located on privately-owned land; however, the transmission and natural gas lines, once they leave the site, would be located on public land managed by the BLM.

Scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and on the BLM website at www.blm.gov/nv.

Written comments may be mailed to the BLM, Southern Nevada District, Renewable Energy Project Manager, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, or emailed to ValleyElec_HiddenHillsEIS@blm.gov. For more information, please call Greg Helseth at 702-515-5173.