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Via U.S. Express Mail

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
Attention: Ms. Breanne Potter
Assistant Commission Secretary

Re: Initial Application of Tribal Solar, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Transmission Line
Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act

Dear Ms. Potter:

Enclosed for filing, please find the Initial Application of Tribal Solar, LLC ("Tribal Solar") for a Permit to Construct a Transmission Line Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act. The documents comprising the application are:

1. UEPA Application for a Permit to Construct A Transmission Line under the Utility Environmental Protection Act;
2. Exhibits A through G (*see* Table of Contents, listing each Exhibit), including the required Public Notice (Exhibit E), Proof of Publication (Exhibit F) and Proof of Service (Exhibit G); and
3. Check payable to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") in the amount of \$200 to cover the necessary filing fee.

Tribal Solar respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Initial Application under UEPA as complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements listed in the application. Tribal Solar will submit an Amended Application after the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs completes its determination

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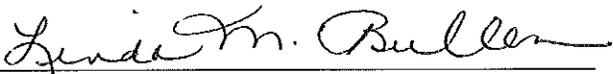
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of NEPA adequacy, and any environmental review that may be required as the result of that determination.

If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (702) 383-8970.

Best Regards,
Tribal Solar, LLC

By: 

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Enclosures: List of Enclosures
Draft Notice
Initial UEPA Application with Exhibits
\$200 Application Fee

LIST OF ENCLOSURES

**Initial Application of Tribal Solar, LLC for a
Permit to Construct a Transmission Line Under the
Utility Environmental Protection Act
March 22, 2013**

This initial application includes the following:

- A) Public Utilities Commission of Nevada Draft Notice
- B) UEPA Initial Application, comprised of the following:
 - 1) Table of Contents
 - 2) List of Exhibits
 - 3) Introduction
 - 4) Legal Background
 - 5) Factual Background
 - 6) Information Regarding the Applicant
 - 7) Responses to Required Disclosures
 - 8) General Description of the Location of the Proposed Facility
 - 9) Alternative Locations for Proposed Facility
 - 10) Reasons for Site Suitability
 - 11) General Description of the Proposed Facility
 - 12) Size and Nature of Proposed Facility
 - 13) Natural Resources to be used in Construction and Operation
 - 14) Summary of Anticipated Environmental Impact Studies
 - 15) Proof of Public Notice
 - 16) Proof of Service
 - 17) Conclusion and Request for Relief
 - 18) Exhibits A – G
- C) \$200 Application Fee

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
DRAFT NOTICE
(Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)**

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page.)

A title that generally describes the relief requested (see NAC 703.160(4)(a)):

Initial Application of Tribal Solar, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Transmission Line Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act (the “Initial Application”)

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner or the name of the agent for the applicant, complainant or petitioner (see NAC 703.160(4)(b)):

**The applicant is Tribal Solar, LLC (“Tribal Solar”).
Linda Bullen of Lionel Sawyer & Collins is legal counsel for the applicant.**

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (see NAC 703.160(4)(c)):

Pursuant to the Initial Application, Tribal Solar respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“PUCN”) grant to Tribal Solar a permit to construct a 230kV transmission line in the vicinity of Laughlin, Nevada (the “Proposed Facility”). Tribal Solar is developing the Proposed Facility to connect a photovoltaic solar facility to the electric grid.

As discussed in the Initial Application, an environmental impact statement with respect to the Proposed Facility will be prepared under the direction of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and included with Tribal Solar’s UEPA Amended Application that will be filed with the PUCN.

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069(1)¹:

A consumer session is not required.

¹ NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

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.

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.

This draft notice does not pertain to a tariff filing.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of Tribal Solar, LLC) Docket No. 13-_____
for a Permit to Construct a)
Transmission Line Under the)
Utility Environmental Protection Act)
_____)

**INITIAL APPLICATION OF TRIBAL SOLAR, LLC FOR A PERMIT
TO CONSTRUCT A TRANSMISSION LINE UNDER THE UTILITY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT**

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

- A. Project Location Map
- B. Regional Vicinity Map
- C. Legal Description of Proposed Facility
- D. Federal Action and Environmental Studies
- E. Public Notice
- F. Proof of Publication
- G. Proof of Service

1 Affairs ("BIA") for the Proposed Facility and the associated solar facility, and it is expected to be
2 completed by June 2014.

3 UEPA establishes a two-step application procedure for facilities subject to federal
4 permitting and environmental review. Under NRS 704.870(2)(a), if a federal agency is required
5 to conduct an environmental analysis of a proposed utility facility, the project proponent is
6 required to also file an application with the Commission that provides notice of the federal filing.
7 The Initial Application must provide a general description of the proposed facility and a
8 summary of any studies that the Company anticipates will be made of the environmental impact
9 of the facility as required by statute. (NRS 704.870(2)(a)(1) and (2).) Subsequently, and not later
10 than 30 days after the conclusion of the Federal environmental review process, the Company is
11 required to file an amended UEPA application with the Commission. (NRS 704.870(2)(b).)

12 Consistent with this legal framework, this Initial Application, together with the Proposed
13 Facility description and Exhibits A (Project Location Map), B (Regional Vicinity Map), C (Legal
14 Description of Proposed Facility), D (Federal Action and Environmental Studies), E (Public
15 Notice), F (Proof of Publication), and G (Proof of Service to Clark County Clerk, Nevada State
16 Clearinghouse, and Other Agencies), all attached and incorporated herein by reference, contains
17 all of the information required to be filed at this time. Additional information will be provided
18 through an amended application once the BIA issues the results of its environmental analysis.

19 Accordingly, Tribal Solar requests that the Commission accept this Initial Application as
20 complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above. Tribal Solar will
21 submit an Amended Application once the environmental analysis prepared by the BIA is
22 complete. At that time, Tribal Solar will seek approval from the Commission of its request for a
23 Permit to Construct the Proposed Facility pursuant to NRS 704.8905.

24 **C. FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

25 The Company is developing a 310MW photovoltaic solar facility on Fort Mojave tribal
26 land in California and Arizona to produce clean, renewable electrical power to meet the growing
27 demand for such power and to satisfy state renewable portfolio standards. The Proposed Facility
28 will be located on Federal, tribal, state, county and privately-owned land and will interconnect

1 with the electric grid at the Mohave Generating Station Substation in Clark County, Nevada. *See*
2 Exhibit A, Project Location Map.

3 **D. INFORMATION REGARDING THE APPLICANT**

4 1. Tribal Solar, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Solar, Inc., a company
5 incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware.

6 2. Tribal Solar, LLC was formed for the purpose of developing, owning and
7 operating utility-scale solar generating facilities in the Western United States.

8 3. Tribal Solar, LLC's principal place of business, mailing address and telephone
9 number are: 135 Main Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco, California 94105; (415) 935-2500.

10 4. All correspondence related to this Initial Application (copy of all pleadings,
11 notices, orders and discovery requests) should be sent to the undersigned counsel:

12 Linda M. Bullen
13 Lionel Sawyer & Collins
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19 **E. RESPONSES TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

20 The information required by NAC 703.421 is provided in the following sections.

21 **1. General Description of the Location of the Proposed Facility. (NAC 703.421(1))**

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

24 The Proposed Facility will be located on Federal, tribal, state, local and privately-owned
25 land in Clark County, Nevada, in the vicinity of Laughlin. *See* Exhibit A, Project Location Map.
26 A Regional Vicinity Map that identifies the location of the Proposed Facility is attached as
27 Exhibit B. A legal description of the Proposed Facility is attached as Exhibit C.

28 (b) Any alternative locations for the proposed utility facility.

The Proposed Facility is designed to connect a solar facility being developed on Fort
Mojave tribal land in California and Arizona to the Mohave Generating Station Substation in

1 Clark County, Nevada. Two alternative routes are being evaluated for the transmission line
2 connecting the solar facility to the substation: Alternative A is approximately 15 miles in length
3 and is located almost entirely within the state of Nevada; Alternative B is of similar length, with
4 roughly 12 miles in Arizona and 3 miles in Nevada. Additional routes were considered but were
5 eliminated due to environmental and land use constraints.

6 (c) The reasons why the locations identified in paragraph (a) are best suited for the
7 proposed utility facility.

8 The potential location for the Proposed Facility is constrained by the need to connect the
9 solar facility to the Mohave Generating Station Substation. Factors considered in the
10 determination of the specific location of the alternatives for the Proposed Facility include land
11 ownership, topography, land use, environmental considerations and avoidance of special
12 management areas. Given these factors, the two alternatives under consideration are best suited
13 for the Proposed Facility.

14 **2. General Description of the Proposed Facility. (NAC 703.421(2))**

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

16 The Proposed Facility is a 230kV transmission line, either 15 or 3 miles in length,
17 depending upon which of two alternatives for the route are selected, and extend from the point of
18 entry of the line into Nevada to the Mohave Generating Station Substation. The Proposed
19 Facility is a portion of a longer transmission line providing the transmission interconnection for a
20 310MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility located on the Fort Mojave Indian
21 Reservation in California and Arizona to the Mohave Generating Station Substation located in
22 Clark County, Nevada.

23 (b) The natural resources that will be used during the construction and operation of
24 the proposed utility facility.

25 The Company anticipates minimal uses of natural resources during construction and
26 operation. The Company will utilize limited amounts of water for dust control during
27 construction. The only other natural resources the Company anticipates using are those natural
28 resources incorporated into construction materials (e.g., steel and concrete).

1 The following permits will be required for the Proposed Facility:

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3 Permit or Approval	4 Approving Agency
5 Solar Energy Ground Lease Approval	6 U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs
7 Right of Way Grant	8 U.S. Bureau of Land Management
9 Right of Way Grant	10 U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
11 Endangered Species Act Section 7 12 Biological Opinion/Incidental Take Permit	13 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
14 Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act Permit	15 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
16 Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality 17 Certification	18 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
19 Clean Water Act Section 401 Determination	20 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
21 Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit	22 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
23 National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 24 Consultation	25 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
26 Scientific Collection Permit	27 Nevada Department of Wildlife
28 Cost Recovery Account	Nevada Department of Wildlife
Right of Way/Lease	Nevada Division of State Lands
Dust Control Permit	Clark County Department of Air Quality
Special Use Permit	Clark County

3. A summary of any studies which the applicant anticipates will be made of the environmental impact of the proposed utility facility, including a copy of all corresponding studies filed with appropriate federal agencies. (NAC 703.421(3))

This Initial Application describes the requisite federal agency approvals for construction of the Proposed Facility and sets forth a general description and summary of the studies that are anticipated as part of a final environmental assessment or environmental impact statement relating to the construction of the utility facility pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(a)(1) and (2). See Exhibit D.

Site-specific studies which have been conducted, are ongoing, or will be conducted, are summarized as follows: biological resources, threatened and endangered species, hydrology, cultural and visual resources, geology and minerals, soil resources, air quality, land use and recreation, traffic and transportation, socioeconomic impacts and hazardous materials and solid

1 wastes. All studies and supporting documents will be included in the final EIS, which will be
2 submitted to the Commission in the Amended Application pursuant to NAC 703.423.

3 **4. A copy of the public notice of the application and proof of the publication of the**
4 **public notice. (NAC 703.421(4))**

5 A summary of the UEPA Initial Application has appeared in newspapers published and
6 distributed in the area where the Proposed Facility is planned pursuant to NRS 704.870(4)(b) and
7 NAC 703.421(4). *See* Exhibits E and F. A copy of the Initial Application has been filed with the
8 clerk of each local government affected by the Proposed Facility pursuant to NRS 704.870(4)(a).
9 *See* Exhibit G.

10 **5. Proof that a copy of the application has been submitted to the Nevada State**
11 **Clearinghouse. (NAC 703.421(5))**

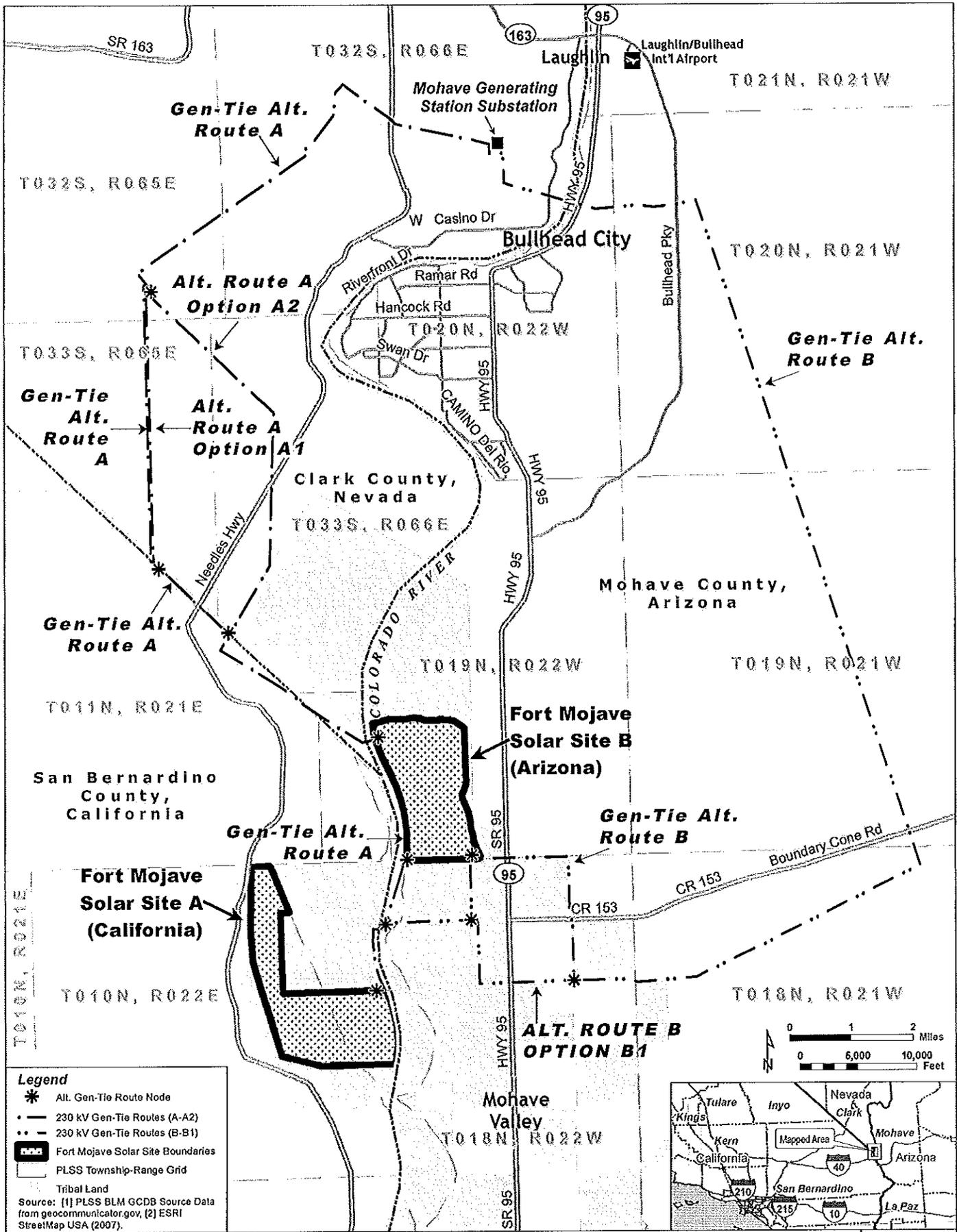
12 A copy of the Initial Application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse
13 within the Department of Administration. *See* Exhibit G.

14 **F. CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

15 Tribal Solar will amend and supplement this application as contemplated by NRS
16 704.820 to 704.900 and NAC 703.415 to 703.427. Based on this Initial Application and any
17 amendment or supplement thereto, Tribal Solar respectfully requests that the Commission
18 proceed in the manner required by law and, in accordance with NAC 703.535(2)(d), issue an
19 order that:

- 20 1. Grants a Permit to Construct the Proposed Facility, as described herein;
- 21 2. Grants such conditions and modifications that may allow for the issuance of the
22 UEPA permit to construct or a compliance order with the condition that Tribal
23 Solar may file any outstanding required permits, licenses or approvals with the Commission prior
24 to commencing construction of the Proposed Facility pursuant to NRS 704.890;
- 25 3. Grants such deviations from the Commission's regulations as may be in the public
26 interest; and

EXHIBIT A
PROJECT LOCATION MAP



Legend

- * Alt. Gen-Tie Route Node
- 230 kV Gen-Tie Routes (A-A2)
- 230 kV Gen-Tie Routes (B-B1)
- Fort Mojave Solar Site Boundaries
- PLS Township-Range Grid
- Tribal Land

Source: [1] PLS BLM GCDB Source Data from geocommunicator.gov, [2] ESRI StreetMap USA (2007).

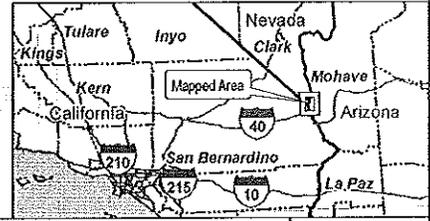
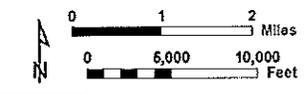
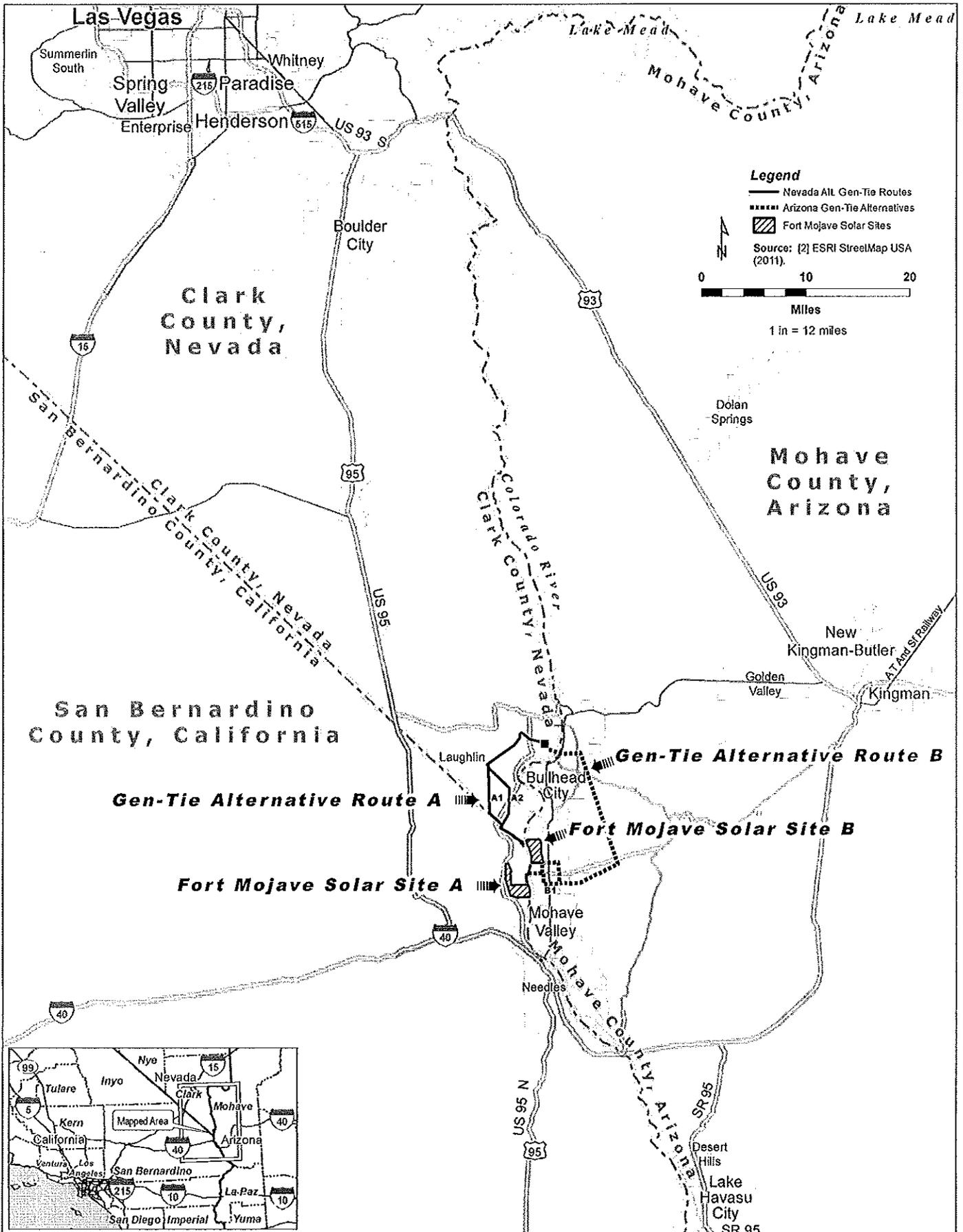


EXHIBIT B

REGIONAL VICINITY MAP



Legend

- Nevada Alt. Gen-Tie Routes
- Arizona Gen-Tie Alternatives
- ▨ Fort Mojave Solar Sites

Source: [2] ESRI StreetMap USA (2011).

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Miles
1 in = 12 miles

EXHIBIT C

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED FACILITY

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From the Project Site to the Substation (230kV only):

Route A:

Exiting the project site B in the northwest corner, the gen-tie travels in the north west direction across the Colorado River to the corner of the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation for approximately 3.5 miles, then follows one of the 3 following alternatives:

A: continues north east for approximately 0.30 miles, then turns northwest along the California/Nevada border, on the Nevada side for approximately 1.6 miles before turning North for approximately 4.5 miles where it meets the existing 500kV SCE transmission line.

A1: follows the same path as A, except it is 200 feet to the right and therefore within the Clark County property.

A2: continues north west for approximately 1.5 miles along the Fort Mojave Indian Reservation Boundary before turning north to follow the existing Aha Macav Public Service 69kV line for approximately 2.4 miles. The line then turns north west away from the Aha Macav path for approximately 3 miles where it meets the existing 500kV SCE transmission line.

Route A cont'd: It then turns northwest to parallel the existing transmission line for approximately 5 miles before crossing over the line to travel around the existing Hiko retention basin located North West of the town of Laughlin. From the retention basin it turn southeast paralleling the existing SCE transmission lines once more for approximately 2.4 miles before reaching the Mohave Generating Station Substation.

Route B:

Exits project site B in the southeast corner and travels east for approximately 1.5 mi to Mountain View Rd., then turns south for approximately 2 miles.

B1: Exits project site B in the southeast corner and travels south for approximately 2 mi to Jerome Rd., then turn east for approximately 1 mile.

B: continues east approximately 3 miles parallel to Jerome Rd. until it ends, then turns slightly northeast for approximately 4 miles. Upon reaching the intersection of the existing WAPA 500kV transmission line that goes up to Davis Dam, the gen-tie route turns north and travels parallel to the existing high power transmission lines along the proposed route for approximately 11 miles to approximately the intersection of Bullhead City Parkway. The transmission line then turns west approximately 3.4 miles, crossing the Colorado River before turning northeast into the Mohave Generating Station Substation.

EXHIBIT D

FEDERAL ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

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The Proposed Facility will be located in part on lands managed by the U. S. Bureau U.S. Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation ("BOR"). Development of the Proposed Facility will require acquisition of rights of way or lease approval from these Federal agencies pursuant to the Indian Long-Term Leasing Act, the Federal Land Policy Management Act and the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. The Proposed Facility will connect a solar generating facility located on Fort Mojave tribal land in Arizona and California to the Mohave Generating Station Substation in Clark County, Nevada. The BIA will conduct an environmental impact statement ("EIS") to assess potential environmental implications of issuing a right-of-way for the solar facility and the Proposed Facility. The BLM is a cooperating agency in conducting the EIS. Prior to issuing a right-of-way, the BIA must first complete the NEPA process, which concludes with publication of a Final EIS and a Record of Decision ("ROD"). Once the ROD is issued, the grants of right-of-way can be issued, subject to conditions as may be identified in the ROD.

A number of site-specific studies have been conducted to establish a baseline for evaluation of potential impacts to the existing resources at the Proposed Facility site. These studies, and data acquired from government agency and resource databases, will be incorporated into the analysis contained in the EIS. The resource area studies will be based on site-specific field surveys, and data that will be included in the EIS are listed below.

- Biological Resources – Existing literature and resource databases will be reviewed to identify the potential presence of plant and animal species at the Proposed Facility site. These studies will be supplemented by data collected by site-specific field surveys conducted to verify the presence or absence of specific species, identification of potential habitat, and evaluation of existing habitat quality. Field surveys will be conducted for botanical resources, including sensitive plants and noxious weeds, wildlife, and migratory birds.
- Threatened and Endangered Species – Statistically-based density surveys of any threatened or endangered species will be conducted to estimate the potential density across the Proposed Facility site. The BLM will initiate formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. BLM will prepare a Biological Assessment for submittal to the FWS, and the FWS will issue a Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Permit for the Proposed facility.
- Hydrology – Surface hydrology studies will be conducted to characterize storm water flows across the site.
- Cultural Resources – The BLM is required to demonstrate compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. As part of the Section 106 compliance process, Class III cultural resource surveys will be conducted for the entire Proposed Facility site and associated facility areas. Compliance will require concurrence by the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) on all resource report opinions and recommendations, and any required treatment or management plans. In addition, the BLM will consult with potentially affected Native American Tribes.
- Visual Resources – The EIS will include an evaluation of the visual impacts of the proposed facility. A visual analysis will be conducted using identified known observation points ("KOPs") and preparation of visual simulations of the proposed facilities.

In addition, the following studies will be incorporated into the EIS to provide a broad basis for decision maker consideration including the following:

- Geology and Minerals
- Soil Resources
- Air Quality
- Land Use and Recreation
- Traffic and Transportation
- Socioeconomic
- Hazardous Materials and Solid Wastes.

EXHIBIT E

PUBLIC NOTICE

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
NOTICE OF INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A
TRANSMISSION LINE UNDER THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION ACT**

Tribal Solar, LLC (the "Company") is submitting, pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), an initial application (the "Application") to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the "Commission") for authority and a permit to construct a 230kV transmission line of either 3 or 15 miles in length, depending upon which of two route alternatives is selected ("Proposed Facility") under Nevada Revised Statutes, Chapter 704, Sections .820 to .900, and Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 703, Section 415 to 427. The Proposed Facility will be located on Federal, state, county and privately-owned land in the vicinity of Laughlin, Nevada.

This Proposed Facility is being undertaken to provide the transmission interconnection for a 310MW photovoltaic solar electric generating facility located on Fort Mojave tribal land in California and Arizona to the Mohave Generating Station Substation, near Laughlin, Nevada. The Company is developing the 310MW photovoltaic solar facility and the Proposed Facility to produce clean, renewable electrical power to meet the growing demand for such power and to satisfy state renewable portfolio standards.

The contents of the Initial UEPA Application will include, but are not limited to:

1. A general description of the location of the Proposed Facility, including (a) a regional map that identifies the location of the Proposed Facility, (b) any alternative locations for the Proposed Facility, and (c) the reasons why the location is best suited for the Proposed Facility;
2. A general description of the Proposed Facility, including, (a) the size and nature of the Proposed Facility, and (b) the natural resources that will be used during the construction and operation of the Proposed Facility;
3. A summary of any studies which the applicant anticipates will be made of the environmental impact of the Proposed Facility, including a copy of all corresponding studies filed with appropriate federal agencies; and
4. A description of how the Proposed Facility and ancillary facilities will aid in providing customers with reliable service and will serve the public interest.

A copy of the application will be available on the Commission's website following the Company's filing of the application. Additional information about the UEPA process and a person's right to participate in that process can be found in Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code Chapters 703 and 704.

EXHIBIT F

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

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 03/04/2013 to 03/04/2013, on the following days:

03/04/2013

Signed: [Signature of Stacey M. Lewis]

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS, THE

5TH day of MARCH

[Signature of Janet E. Miles]
Notary Public

JANET E. MILES
Notary Public State of Nevada
No. 09-8939-1
My Appt. Exp. Nov. 13, 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
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PUB: March 4, 2013
LV Review-Journal

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STATE OF ARIZONA)
County of Mohave) ss

Linda Delano, being first duly sworn, says that during the publication of the notice, as herein mentioned, he/she was and now is the LEGAL CLERK of the MOHAVE VALLEY DAILY NEWS. Six times weekly newspaper published on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each and every week at the city of Bullhead City, in said county.

That said newspaper was printed and published as aforesaid on the following dates, to-wit:

March 13, 2013

That the BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Of which the annexed copy is a printed and true copy, was printed and inserted in each and every copy of said newspaper printed and published on the dates aforesaid, and in the body of said newspaper and not in a supplement thereto.

Linda Delano
(Clerk)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day

Of March, 2013

Laura J. Sullivan-Burger
Notary Public

(My commission expires 10-2-2016)

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STATE OF NEVADA)
County of Clark) ss

I, Linda Delano, am the legal representative of the printer and publisher of the LAUGHLIN NEVADA TIMES, a weekly newspaper circulated in the English language on Wednesday in the Laughlin area, County of Clark, State of Nevada.

Notice Type: Legal

Ad Description: BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

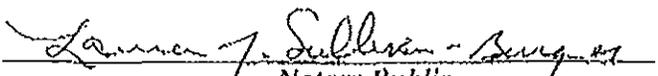
That the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to-wit:

March 13, 2013

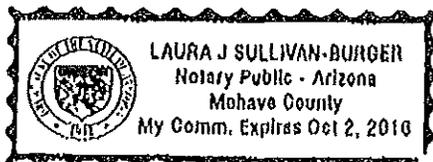

Representative Signature

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury the foregoing is true and correct as subscribed and sworn to before me this

14 day of March, 2013


Notary Public

(My commission expires 10-2-2016)



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PROOF OF SERVICE

1 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

2 I hereby certify that I am an employee of Lionel Sawyer & Collins, and on March 22,
3 2013, I caused to be served, a true and correct copy of the Initial Application of Tribal Solar,
4 LLC for a Permit to Construct a Transmission Line Under the Utility Environmental Protection
5 Act via electronic mail, or U.S. mail, as indicated below, to the following parties:
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7 Via Electronic Mail to:

8 Nevada State Clearinghouse
9 Nevada Department of Administration
10 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003
11 Carson City, NV 89701-5246
12 Attention: Mr. Skip Canfield
13 nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

14 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
15 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
16 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
17 Attention: Dr. Colleen Cripps, Administrator
18 ccripps@ndep.nv.gov

19 Via U.S. Mail to:

20 Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
21 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 1003
22 Carson City, Nevada 89701
23 Attention: Mr. Leo Drozdoff, Director

24 Office of the Attorney General
25 Bureau of Consumer Protection
26 100 North Carson Street
27 Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717
28 Attention: Mr. Eric Witkoski
Chief Deputy Attorney General and Consumer Advocate

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
Attention: Ms. Breanne Potter
Assistant Commission Secretary

1 Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
2 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250
3 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148
4 Attention: Ms. Tammy Cordova, Staff Counsel

4 Clark County Clerk
5 200 Lewis Ave.
6 Las Vegas, Nevada 89101
7 Attention: Ms. Diana Alba

7 Mohave County Clerk of the Board
8 700 West Beale Street
9 Kingman, Arizona 86401
10 Attention: Ms. Peggy Prince

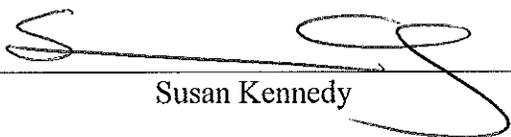
10 San Bernardino County Clerk
11 222 W. Hospitality Lane, First Floor
12 San Bernardino, California 92415-0022
13 Attention: Mr. Dennis Draeger

12 San Bernardino Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
13 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, Second Floor
14 San Bernardino, California 92415-0022
15 Attention: Ms. Laura H. Welch

15 Laughlin Town Manager's Office
16 101 Laughlin Civic Drive
17 Laughlin, Nevada 89029

17 Bullhead City Office of the City Clerk
18 2355 Trane Road
19 Bullhead City, Arizona 86442

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21 DATED this 22nd day of March, 2013.

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24 Susan Kennedy

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