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October 2, 2014

Breanne Potter, Assistant Commission Secretary
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109

Re: Utility Environmental Protection Act Notice for the Hycroft 345 kV Transmission Line Project

Dear Ms. Potter:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission please find the Notice by Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a NV Energy ("Sierra Pacific") Under the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application for Approval by a Federal Agency to Construct the Hycroft 345 kV Transmission Line Project. Sierra Pacific files this Notice pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Section 704.870.2 and Nevada Administrative Code Section 703.421, as amended in Docket No. 13-06022.

Please contact me at 775-834-5696 or chilen@nvenergy.com, if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Best regards,

/s/ Christopher A. Hilan
Christopher A. Hilan
Associate General Counsel

SIERRA PACIFIC POWER COMPANY d/b/a NV ENERGY

NOTICE UNDER THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL BY A FEDERAL AGENCY TO CONSTRUCT THE HYCROFT 345 kV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Sierra Pacific Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy (“Sierra Pacific”), files this notice of an application for approval by a federal agency to construct the Hycroft 345 kV Transmission Project with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes Section (“NRS”) 704.870.2 and Nevada Administrative Code Section (“NAC”) 703.421.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who filed the application with the appropriate federal agency, as required by NAC 703.421(1):

Matt Gingerich, Manager, Property Services
6100 Neil Road
Reno, Nevada 89511
(775) 834-4567

2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency, as required by NAC 703.421(2):

The application will be filed with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Nevada District Office on October 3, 2014.

3. A general description of the location of the proposed facility, as required by NAC 703.421(3):

The project location is approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada in Humboldt and Pershing Counties.

4. A general description of the proposed facility, as required by NAC 703.421(4):

Sierra Pacific proposes to construct additional electrical facilities which will provide additional capacity to support the operation of the Hycroft Mining project. The proposed facilities are listed below:

Oreana 345kV Substation Expansion

Sierra Pacific proposes to expand the Oreana Substation to the southeast of the existing substation. The expansion will require an area 730 feet by 710 feet. The expansion involves installation of the following equipment:

- 345kV Transmission Line Fold of the existing Valmy - Tracy 345 lines;
- Four (4) 345kV Breakers;
- Instrument transformers;
- New control enclosure to accommodate new protection panels;
- New Telecom infrastructure including fiber optic cable and a new tower with microwave dishes and waveguide; and
- Switches, service transformers and associated bus work and hardware.

345kV Transmission Line

Sierra Pacific proposes to construct, operate and maintain approximately 57 miles of new steel 345 kV H-Frame electric power transmission line between the existing Oreana substation and a new 345 kV substation located approximately 55 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada. The structures will typically be 110 feet tall but heights may vary between 75 to 130 feet to account for variable terrain along the route.

Hycroft 345 kV Substation

Sierra Pacific proposes to construct a new 345 kV substation at the Hycroft mine site. The substation will require an area 1,000 feet by 1,000 feet which includes areas required for access. The new substation involves installation of the following equipment:

- 345/120kV, 280 MVA Transformer;
- Two (2) 345kV Breakers;
- Six (6) 120kV Breakers;
- Instrument transformers;
- New control enclosure to accommodate new protection panels;
- New Telecom infrastructure including fiber optic cable and a new tower with microwave dishes and waveguide; and
- Switches, service transformers and associated bust work and hardware.

5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, as required by NAC 703.421(5):

A copy of this notice is being served on the Nevada State Clearinghouse. See attached Certificate of Service.

1 **CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing **NOTICE OF SIERRA PACIFIC**
3 **POWER COMPANY D/B/A NV ENERGY UNDER THE UTILITY**
4 **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION FOR**
5 **APPROVAL BY A FEDERAL AGENCY TO CONSTRUCT THE HYCROFT 345**
6 **KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT** upon the persons listed below by electronic
7 mail:

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