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**Via Hand Delivery**

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Re: Application of Transwest Express, LLC For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Under The Utility Environmental Protection Act; Docket No. 09-11005

Dear Ms. Osborne:

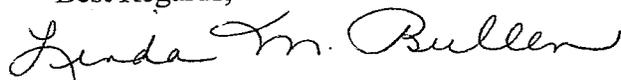
Enclosed for filing please find the Application of Transwest Express, LLC For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"). The documents comprising the application are:

1. Application For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act; and
2. Exhibits A through J including the required Public Notice and Proof of Publication (Exhibits G and H) and Proof of Service (Exhibit I). The TransWest Express Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (Exhibit F) is enclosed separately herewith.

This UEPA process was commenced on November 4, 2009 with the filing of the Initial Application of Transwest Express, LLC for a Permit to Construct the Transwest Express Transmission Project. Transwest respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Application under the UEPA as complying with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (702)-279-4040.

Best Regards,



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Application of TransWest Express LLC For A Permit To  
Construct A Utility Facility Under The Utility Environmental  
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2 **In The Matter of the Application of TransWest**  
3 **Express LLC for a Permit to Construct the**  
4 **TransWest Express Transmission Project**  
5 **Pursuant to the Utility Environmental**  
6 **Protection Act**

Docket No. 09-11005

7 **APPLICATION OF TRANSWEST EXPRESS LLC FOR A PERMIT**  
8 **TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY**  
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### 7 C. LEGAL AUTHORITY

8 The National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. requires a  
9 thorough review and analysis of the environmental conditions associated with the Proposed  
10 Facility. The Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and Western Area Power Administration  
11 ("Western") have performed this review and analysis of the Proposed Facility as joint lead  
12 agencies, in conjunction with other federal and cooperating state agencies. The Notice of  
13 Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") prepared by BLM and  
14 Western for the Proposed Facility was published in the Federal Register on May 1, 2015. *See* 80  
15 Fed. Reg. 24962 (May 1, 2015).

16 UEPA establishes a two-step application procedure for facilities subject to federal  
17 permitting and environmental review that are built in Nevada. First, if a federal agency is  
18 required to conduct an environmental analysis of a proposed utility facility, the project proponent  
19 is required to file a Notice of the federal filing with the Commission. *See* NRS 704.870(2)(a)(1)  
20 and (2). Subsequently, the project proponent must file an application with the Commission for a  
21 permit to construct the proposed facility. *See* NRS 704.870(2)(b). TransWest filed its Notice  
22 with the Commission on September 3, 2014.

23 TransWest now files this Application pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) for a Permit to  
24 Construct the TransWest Express Transmission Project. The BLM and Western, both federal  
25 agencies, have issued an Environmental Impact Statement related to the construction of the  
26 Proposed Facility. TransWest requests that the Commission accept this Application as  
27 complying with the statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above and approve its request  
28 for a Permit to Construct the Proposed Facility pursuant to NRS 704.8905(1)(b).

1 **D. ALLEGATIONS OF MATERIAL FACT**

2 The Proposed Facility will be located primarily on federal land managed by the BLM in  
3 Clark County and Lincoln County, Nevada. See Exhibit A, Site Location Map. The Proposed  
4 Facility will provide efficient, cost-effective and economically feasible transmission of  
5 approximately 20,000 GWh/year of clean and sustainable electric energy from Wyoming to  
6 utility markets in the Desert Southwest region, including markets in Nevada.

7 **E. RESPONSES TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

8 The information required by NAC 703.423 is provided below.

9 **1. A description of the location of the proposed utility facility. (NAC 703.423(1))**

- 10 (a) A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility, including a  
11 regional map that identifies the location of the proposed utility facility.

12 The transmission line portion of the Proposed Facility will enter Nevada near the Route  
13 56 corridor in Lincoln County. The route then continues south and southwest towards Glendale  
14 and Moapa (Clark County), crosses the Moapa River Indian Reservation within a BLM-managed  
15 utility corridor, and then continues south towards Las Vegas, Nevada. The Proposed Facility's  
16 route then continues south along the eastern edge of Las Vegas toward Boulder City, Nevada,  
17 and terminates in Boulder City at a proposed substation/converter station west of US Highway  
18 95 near the existing Marketplace Hub in the Eldorado Valley. See Exhibit A, Site Location Map.  
19 A regional map showing the location of the Proposed Facility is attached as Exhibit B.

20 The Southern Terminal will consist of an AC/DC converter station (a ±600 kV DC  
21 switchyard and a converter building containing power electronics and control equipment) and a  
22 500 kV AC substation. The 500 kV AC substation will be connected to existing 500 kV  
23 substations, including Mead, Eldorado, Marketplace and McCullough. The Southern Terminal  
24 will require an AC/DC converter station approximately 30 acres in size; a 500 kV AC substation  
25 approximately 110 acres in size; and electrical connections to the ±600 kV DC transmission line,  
26 the existing Mead–Marketplace 500 kV transmission line, the Eldorado Substation 500 kV bus  
27 and the McCullough Substation 500 kV bus.

- 1 (b) A legal description of the site of the proposed utility facility, with the exception of  
2 electric lines, gas transmission lines, and water and wastewater lines, for which  
3 only a detailed description of the site is required.

4 A legal description of the Proposed Facility Site in Nevada is attached as Exhibit C.

- 5 (c) Appropriately scaled site plan drawings of the proposed utility facility, vicinity  
6 maps and routing maps.

7 A facility plan for the Proposed Facility is attached as Exhibit D, including the typical  
8 transmission tower alignment and the general arrangement of the Southern Terminal. Scaled  
9 diagrams are attached as Exhibit E, and include the transmission towers and the electrical one-  
10 line diagram of the Southern Terminal.

11 **2. A general description of the proposed utility facility. (NAC 703.423(2))**

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

13 The Proposed Facility is approximately 730 miles long, of which approximately 156.7  
14 miles are in Nevada. Of the 156.7 miles in Nevada, approximately 131.9 miles lie on BLM land,  
15 6.1 miles on Bureau of Reclamation land, 14 miles in the BLM-managed utility corridor on land  
16 within the borders of the Moapa Indian Reservation and 4.7 miles on private land.

17 The Proposed Facility will include:

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- 19 • transmission structures, conductors, insulators and associated hardware;
  - 20 • temporary construction use areas, such as staging areas, material storage areas,  
21 pulling, tensioning and splicing sites, and concrete batch plants;
  - 22 • fiber optic communications system and regeneration stations;
  - 23 • a terminal station, including a AC/DC converter station and AC substation;
  - 24 • a ground electrode facility and low-voltage electrode line; and
  - 25 • access roads to transmission structures, temporary construction use areas and  
26 terminal.

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

1 TransWest anticipates minimal uses of natural resources during construction and  
2 operation of the Proposed Facility. Water will be utilized for construction and dust control, and  
3 crushed rock aggregate will be used for substation/converter station surfacing and to produce  
4 concrete. The only other natural resources the Company anticipates using are those incorporated  
5 into construction materials (e.g. steel and aluminum).

6 (c) Layout diagrams of the proposed utility facility and its associated equipment.

7 Layout diagrams of the Proposed Facility in Nevada are attached as Exhibit D.  
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9 (d) Scaled diagrams of the structures at the proposed utility facility.

10 Scaled diagrams of the Proposed Facility in Nevada are attached as Exhibit E.  
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12 (e) A statement concerning whether the proposed utility facility is an electric  
13 generating plant or the associated facilities of an electric generating plant that uses  
14 renewable energy as its primary source of energy to generate electricity.

15 The Proposed Facility is not an electric generating plant. The Proposed Facility is  
16 designed to transmit renewable energy from Wyoming to the Desert Southwest.

17 **3. A copy and summary of any studies which have been made of the environmental  
18 impact of the proposed utility facility as required by subsection 1 of NRS 704.870.  
19 (NAC 703.423(3))**

20 The BLM and Western have prepared an EIS for the Proposed Facility, which is provided  
21 as Exhibit F.

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

26 The selected location is best suited for the Proposed Facility  
27 as disclosed and analyzed in the EIS. The Proposed Facility route is the Agency Preferred  
28 Alternative chosen by the BLM and Western in the EIS and is the result of their work with more

1 than three dozen cooperating agencies over six years of comprehensive federal environmental  
2 analysis, pursuant to NEPA.

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

6 A summary of this Application has appeared in newspapers published and distributed in  
7 the area where the Proposed Facility is planned pursuant to NRS 704.870(4)(b) and NAC  
8 703.423(5). *See* Exhibits G and H. A copy of the Application has been filed with the clerk of  
9 each local government in the area in which the Proposed Facility is to be located pursuant to  
10 NRS 704.870(4)(a). *See* Exhibit I.

11 **6. Proof that a copy of the application or amended application has been submitted to  
12 the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the Department of Administration to enable  
13 agency review and comment. (NAC 703.423(6))**

14 A copy of the Application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within  
15 the Nevada Department of Administration. *See* Exhibit I.

16 **7. An explanation of the nature of the probable effect on the environment. (NAC  
17 703.423(7))**

18 (a) A reference to any studies described in subsection 3, if applicable.

19 Detailed environmental analysis of the Proposed Facility is contained in the EIS. *See*  
20 Exhibit F. The EIS analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts from  
21 constructing and operating the Proposed Facility in Nevada.

22 (b) An environmental statement that includes:

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24 (1) The name, qualifications, professions and contact information of each  
25 person with primary responsibility for the preparation of the  
26 environmental statement.

27 A list of preparers and reviewers is included at Section 6.4 of the EIS. *See* Exhibit F.  
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- 1                   (2)   The name, qualifications, professions and contact information of each  
2                                    person who has provided comments or input in the preparation of the  
3                                    environmental statement.

4                   A description of the consultation and coordination process, as well as a list of  
5                   commenters and agencies that participated and coordinated in the preparation of the EIS is  
6                   included in Section 6 of the EIS. *See* Exhibit F.

- 7                   (3)   A bibliography of materials used in the preparation of the environmental  
8                                    statement.

9                   A bibliography of reference materials used in preparing the EIS is contained in the  
10                   References Section of the EIS. *See* Exhibit F at pp. R-1 through R-113.

- 11                   (4)   A description of:

- 12                                   (I)   The environmental characteristics of the project area existing at the  
13    time the application or amended application is filed with the  
14    Commission.

15                   *See* Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences”),  
16                   Exhibit F.

- 17                                   (II)   The environmental impacts that the construction and operation of  
18    the proposed utility facility will have on the project area before  
19    mitigation.

20                   *See* Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences”),  
21                   Exhibit F.

- 22                                   (III)   The environmental impacts that the construction and operation of  
23    the proposed utility facility will have on the project area after  
24    mitigation.

25                   *See* Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences”),  
26                   Exhibit F.

1       **8. An explanation of the extent to which the proposed utility facility is needed to**  
2       **ensure reliable utility service to customers in this State. (NAC 703.423(8))**

3           The Proposed Facility will achieve interstate benefits by the proposed construction of  
4       transmission facilities in Nevada.

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

8           The Proposed Facility has significant economic and environmental benefits as described  
9       below in subsection 12. Further, the Proposed Facility will be designed, constructed and  
10      operated to avoid, minimize and mitigate the adverse effects on the environment as explained in  
11      Section 3 of the EIS.

12      **10. An explanation of how the proposed utility facility represents the minimum adverse**  
13      **effect on the environment. (NAC 703.423(10))**

14           (a)     The state of available technology.

15           The Proposed Facility will be designed, constructed and operated to meet all applicable  
16      regulatory requirements and to avoid, minimize and mitigate the adverse effect on the  
17      environment.

18           The Proposed Facility has been analyzed extensively in the EIS, and TransWest has  
19      completed a comprehensive Plan of Development, which incorporates best management  
20      practices and agency land use plan stipulations, to support the construction of the facilities  
21      needed for the Project. The Plan of Development has evolved multiple times since 2008 to  
22      capture new information and address environmental data gathered over the course of the EIS  
23      process, and it is based on extensive engineering and environmental analysis.

24           (b)     The nature of various alternatives.

25           The EIS analyzed a full range of alternatives. The Proposed Facility route is the Agency  
26      Preferred Alternative chosen by the BLM and Western in the EIS and is the result of their work  
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1 with more than three dozen cooperating agencies and the public over six years of comprehensive  
 2 federal environmental analysis, pursuant to NEPA. As noted in the EIS, the Agency Preferred  
 3 Alternative “meets the agencies’ respective purposes and needs while balancing the Applicant’s  
 4 objectives with the Federal land management multiple-use mandate”. EIS P.2 of introduction  
 5 letter. The Agency Preferred Alternative represents the minimum adverse effect on the  
 6 environment that meets the objectives for the Proposed Facility.

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 8 (c) The economics of various alternatives.

9 The Proposed Facility represents the minimum adverse effect on the environment that is  
 10 economically viable.

11 **11. An explanation of how the location of the proposed utility facility conforms to**  
**applicable state and local laws and regulations. (NAC 703.423 (11))**

12 (a) All permits, licenses and approvals the applicant has obtained, including copies  
 13 thereof.

14 The EIS for the Proposed Facility was issued on May 1, 2015. The remaining permits  
 15 detailed below are anticipated to be obtained on or before the date indicated.

16 (b) All permits, licenses and approvals the applicant is in the process of obtaining to  
 17 commence construction of the proposed utility facility. The applicant must  
 18 provide an estimated timeline for obtaining these permits, licenses and approvals.

Permit/Authorization	Approving Agency	Date Obtained or Anticipated Date To Obtain
Environmental Impact Statement	U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Bureau of Land Management	May 1, 2015
Record of Decision	U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Bureau of Land Management	September 2015
Right of Way Grant	U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Bureau of Land Management	October 2015
Record of Decision	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	September 2015
Right of Use Authorization	U.S. Bureau of Reclamation	October 2015
National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Programmatic Agreement	U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Bureau of Land Management; Nevada State Historic Preservation Office	October 2015

1	Endangered Species Act Section 7 Incidental Take Permit	U.S. Dept. of the Interior; Fish & Wildlife Service	August 2015
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3	Clean Water Act Section 404 Jurisdictional Determination	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	December 2016
4	No Hazard Determination	Federal Aviation Administration	December 2016
5	Special Purpose Permit	Nevada Department of Wildlife	December 2016
6	NPDES General Construction Stormwater Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	December 2016
7	Temporary Permit for Working in Waterways	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	December 2016
8	Groundwater Discharge Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	December 2016
9			
10	Hazardous Materials Storage Permit	Nevada State Fire Marshal	December 2016
11	Dust Control Permit	Clark County Department of Air Quality	December 2016
12			
13	Special Use Permit	Clark County Board of County Commissioners	December 2016
14	Grading Permit	Clark County Department of Development Services	December 2016
15	Building Permit	Clark County Department of Building	December 2016
16			
17	Drainage Study Approval	Clark County Department of Public Works	December 2016
18	Special Use Permit	Lincoln County Board of County Commissioners	December 2016

19 **12. Explanation of how the proposed utility facility will serve the public interest. (NAC**  
20 **703.423(12))**

- 21 (a) The economic benefits that the proposed utility facility will bring to the applicant  
22 and this State.

23 Construction of the Proposed Facility will deliver economic benefits for Nevada,  
24 including increased property tax revenues, sales/use tax revenues, lease payments and job  
25 creation. These are analyzed in Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental  
26 Consequences”), sub-section 3.17, “Social and Economic Resources.” In particular, the EIS  
27 notes on page 3.17-23 that “construction of the southern terminal would generate substantial  
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1 short-term sales and use taxes” and “sales taxes on consumer purchases by construction workers.  
2 The tax revenues would accrue primarily to the State of Nevada and Clark County.” The EIS  
3 presents a minimum estimated sales tax gain of \$19,660,000 for the State and \$3,590,000 for  
4 local governments (Table 3.17-13).

5 In addition, TransWest estimates that construction of the Proposed Facility which will  
6 occur over a period of 24-36 months, will create approximately 180-250 direct construction jobs.  
7 Moreover, the Proposed Facility will create 12-25 long-term operations and maintenance jobs in  
8 Nevada.

9 The Project will also generate property tax revenue for Clark and Lincoln counties.  
10 TransWest estimates that in the first tax year of the Project, Clark and Lincoln counties will  
11 receive approximately \$4,300,000 to \$5,400,000 in property taxes. Over a 50-year economic life  
12 for the project, TransWest will pay approximately \$154,000,000 in Nevada property taxes in the  
13 aggregate. *See Exhibit J.*

14 TransWest is completing the process to acquire an option to lease a parcel of land from  
15 Boulder City, Nevada, where TransWest will construct the southern terminal for the Proposed  
16 Facility. Boulder City has zoned the requested area for a DC substation. Should the lease be  
17 approved, Boulder City will receive revenues from TransWest under the lease for the duration of  
18 the lease term.

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

22 Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences”) addresses the potential impacts on environmental resources from the construction and operation  
23 of the Proposed Facility. Resources examined include potential impacts to climate and air  
24 quality; geological, paleontological and mineral; soil; water; vegetation and special status plant  
25 species; wildlife and special status wildlife species; aquatic and special status aquatic species;  
26 cultural resources and Native American concerns; visual; recreation; land use and special  
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1 designation areas; transportation and access; social and economic; public health and safety; wild  
2 horse management areas; and land with wilderness characteristics.

3 Notably, the Proposed Facility will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by  
4 displacement of electricity produced by fossil fuels. According to the EIS, page 3.1-17: “for  
5 every 10 percent of the energy transmitted [on the Proposed Facility] that is provided from  
6 renewable sources, a  $1.5 \times 10^6$  tpy reduction in GHG emissions could be achieved. This is about  
7 the same as the electricity use of 190,000 homes for 1 year”. Therefore, the Proposed Facility is  
8 capable of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by up to 0.15 billion tpy or the equivalent of the  
9 electricity use of 1.9 million homes each year”.

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

13 Section 3 of the EIS (“Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences”) includes sub-section 3.18, “Public Health and Safety”. This sub-section analyzes potential  
14 impacts on occupational safety; electric and magnetic fields, corona and stray voltage; noise; and  
15 hazardous materials and waste. The EIS concludes that, with the successful implementation of  
16 design features, best management practices and mitigation measures, the Proposed Facility will  
17 have “a relatively low impact on public health and safety”, and that any residual impacts “would  
18 be short-term, ending once construction activities were completed in a given area”. See EIS at  
19 pp 3.18-30, 3.18-32, and 3.18-33.

20 As noted above, the Proposed Facility also will result in improved air quality by  
21 displacement of electricity produced from fossil fuels, resulting in an improvement to human  
22 health. If the Proposed Facility is not constructed, the EIS notes on page 3.1-25 that: “No action  
23 would mean that valuable renewable resources would not be tapped to replace power generation  
24 from fossil fuel-fired generation facilities, and GHG emissions on the order of millions of tons of  
25 CO<sub>2</sub>e per year would potentially not be avoided”.

1 (d) The interstate benefits expected to be achieved by the proposed electric  
2 transmission facility in this state, if applicable.

3 The Proposed Facility is expected to achieve substantial interstate environmental  
4 benefits. As noted above, the Proposed Facility will result in a reduction of greenhouse gas  
5 emissions by delivering renewable energy to the Las Vegas area. On page 3.1-13, the EIS states  
6 that "On average, each MWh of electricity from wind and solar energy delivered to the Las  
7 Vegas area will avoid emissions from fossil fuel burning by over 1,000 lb/MWh". By avoiding  
8 these emissions from fossil fuel-fired generation facilities, the Proposed Facility achieves  
9 important interstate and even global benefits. If the Proposed Facility is not constructed, the EIS  
10 concludes on page 3.1-25 that: "No action would mean that valuable renewable resources would  
11 not be tapped to replace power generation from fossil fuel-fired generation facilities, and GHG  
12 emissions on the order of millions of tons of CO2e per year would potentially not be avoided".

13 Construction of the Proposed Facility will also deliver economic benefits such as those  
14 anticipated for Nevada, including increased property tax revenues, sales/use tax revenues, lease  
15 payments and job creation in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah. Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected  
16 Environment and Environmental Consequences") includes sub-section 3.17, "Social and  
17 Economic Resources," which outlines positive impacts on public sector revenues, jobs,  
18 temporary housing use and related issues. The EIS notes on page 3.17-58 that "the economic  
19 effects would include supporting jobs and incomes for local households. Communities would  
20 benefit from additional investments, and public entities, including the federal, state and local  
21 governments, would derive revenues from the economic activities".

## 22 **F. CONCLUSION AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

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

- 25 1. Grants a Permit to Construct the Proposed Facility, as described in this  
26 Application;
- 27 2. Grants such conditions and modifications that may allow for the issuance of the  
28 UEPA Permit to Construct or a compliance order with the condition that the Company may file

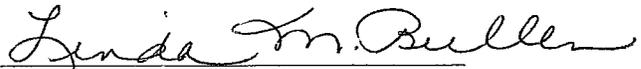
1 any outstanding required permits, licenses or approvals with the Commission prior to  
2 commencing construction of the Proposed Facility pursuant to NRS 704.890;

3 3. Grants such deviations from the Commission's regulations as may be in the public  
4 interest; and

5 4. Grants TransWest such other and further relief as the Commission may find  
6 reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances.

7 Respectfully submitted on May 26, 2015.

8 TransWest Express LLC

9 By: 

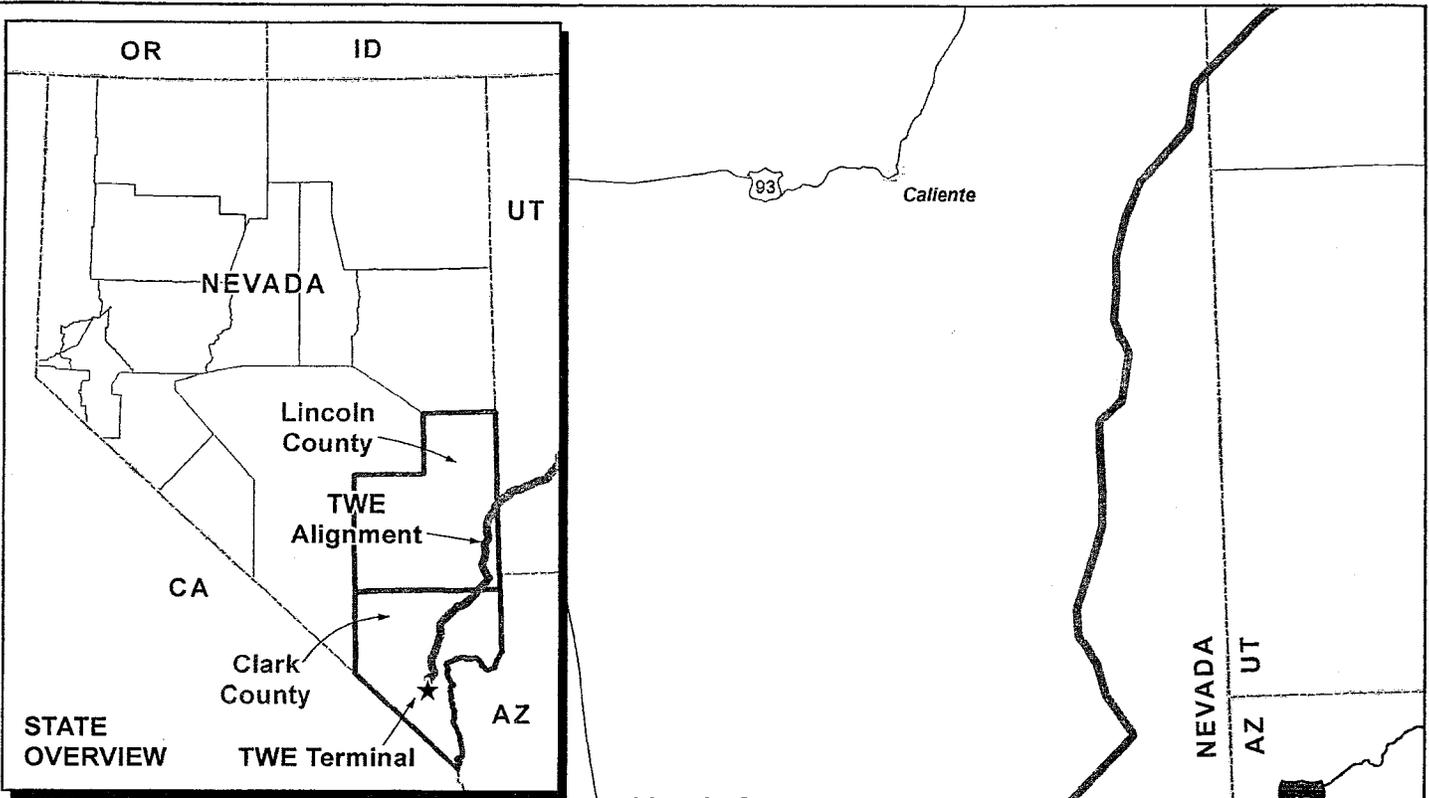
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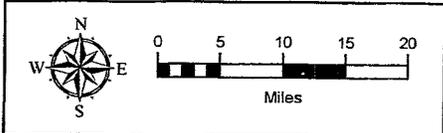
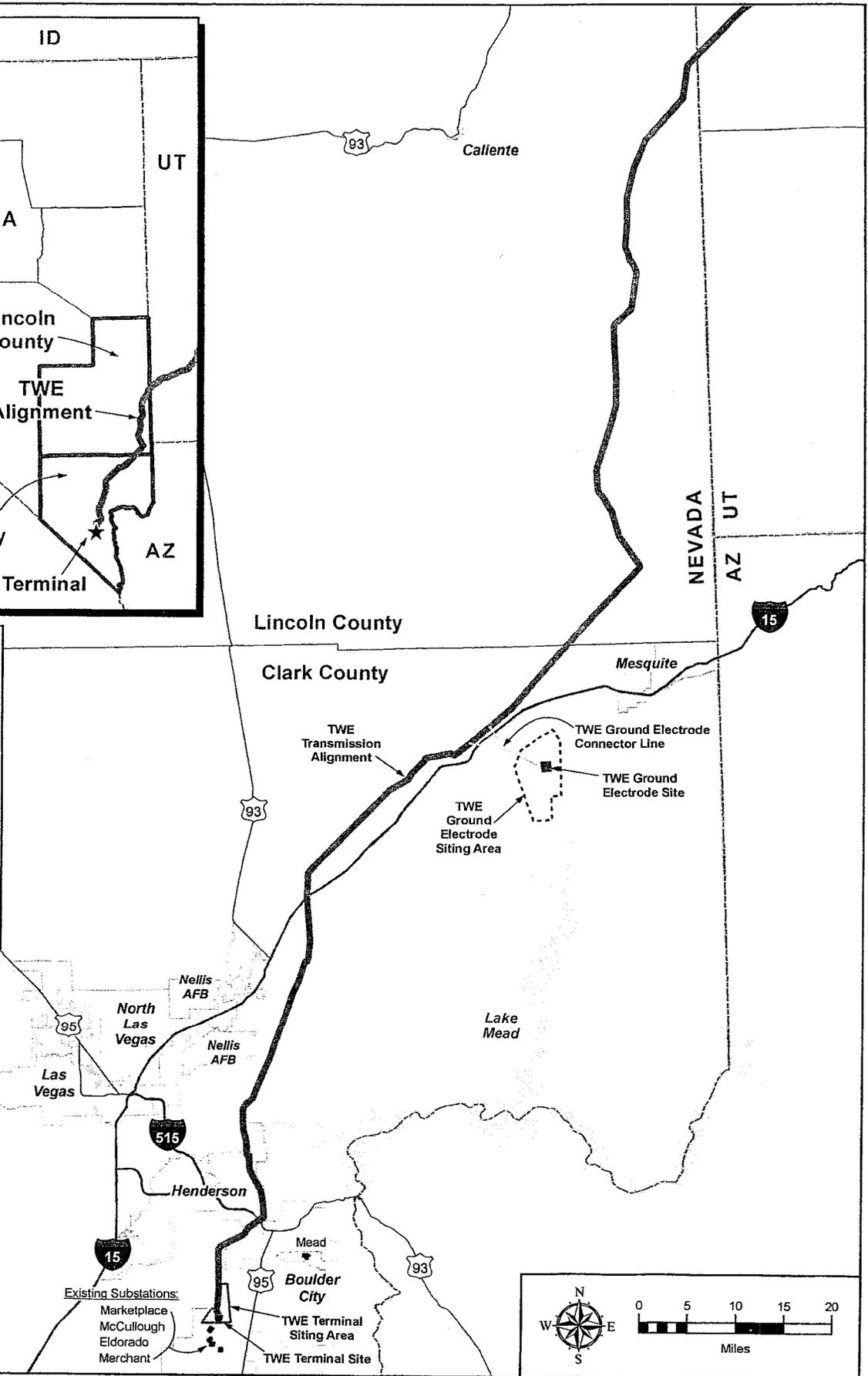
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# **EXHIBIT A**



**TWE Project**

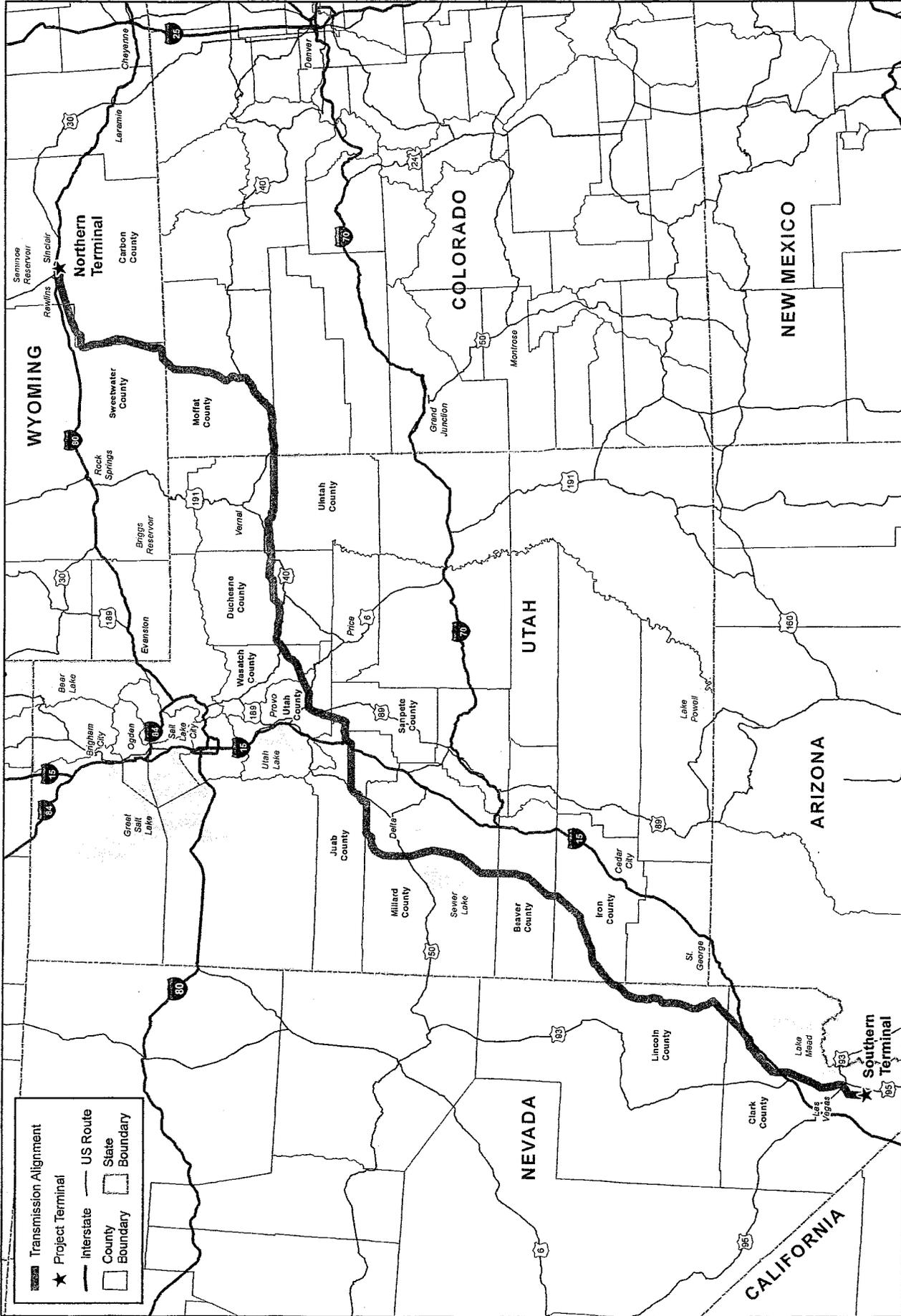
- Transmission Alignment
- Terminal Siting Area
- Terminal Site
- Ground Electrode Siting Area
- Ground Electrode Connector Line
- Ground Electrode Site
- Municipalities
- Interstate
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- County Boundary
- State Boundary



**Proposed Transmission Alignment - Nevada**  
 TransWest Express Transmission Project

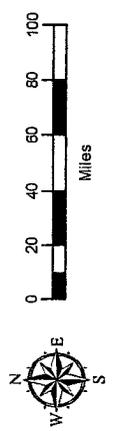


# **EXHIBIT B**



**Legend**

- Transmission Alignment
- Project Terminal
- Interstate
- US Route
- County Boundary
- State Boundary



## Proposed Transmission Alignment - Overview

TransWest Express Transmission Project



# **EXHIBIT C**

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

### TransWest Express Transmission Project

March 2015

The Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 12; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 13; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 24; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 25; all in Township 2 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 31; the South Half (S  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 32; all in Township 2 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 4; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 5; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 9; the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 10; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 15; the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 23; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 25; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 26; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 36; all in Township 3 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

All of Section 4; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 5; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 7; all of Section 8; the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 9; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 17; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 18; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 19; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 20; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 29; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30; all of Section 31; the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 32; all in Township 3 South, Range 71 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 8; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 9; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 10; all of Section 11; the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 13; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 14; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 24; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 25; all in Township 4 South, Range 67 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 30; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 31; the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 32; all in Township 4 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

All of Section 1; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 2; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 10; all of Section 11; the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 12; the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 14; all of Section 15; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 16; all of Section 21; the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 25; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 28; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 29; all of Section 32; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 33; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 35; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 36; all in Township 4 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 4; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 5; the North Half (N ½) of Section 6; the West Half (W ½) of Section 9; the West Half (W ½) of Section 16; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 19; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 20; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 21; the North Half (N ½) of Section 30; all in Township 4 South, Range 71 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 4; the North Half (N ½) of Section 5; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 9; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) of Section 16; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 22; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 27; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 34; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 35; all in Township 5 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 1; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 2; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 10; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 11; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 14; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) of Section 23; the South Half (S ½) of Section 24; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 25; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 26; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 36; all in Township 5 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 2; the North Half (N ½) of Section 3; the North Half (N ½) of Section 4; all of Section 5; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 6; all of Section 8; the South Half (S ½) of Section 10; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 11; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 15; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 16; the West Half (W ½) of Section 17; the East Half (E ½) of Section 18; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 19; all of Section 20; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 21; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 28; all of Section 29; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 30; all of Section 31; all of Section 32; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 33; all in Township 5 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 2; the East Half (E ½) of Section 11; the West Half (W ½) of Section 12; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 13; all in Township 6 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 18; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 19; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 20; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 27; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 28; the North Half (N ½) of Section 29; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 34; all of Section 35; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 36; all in Township 6 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The West Half (W ½) of Section 5; all of Section 6; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 7; the West Half (W ½) of Section 8; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 17; the East Half (W ½) of Section 18; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 19; all of Section 20; the Southwest Quarter (SW

¼) of Section 21; the West Half (W ½) of Section 28; all of Section 29; all of Section 32; the West Half (W ½) of Section 33; all in Township 6 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 13; all of Section 24; all of Section 25; the East Half (E ½) of Section 35; all of Section 36; all in Township 7 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

All of Section 5; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 6; all of Section 7; all of Section 8; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 17; all of Section 18; the North Half (N ½) of Section 19; all in Township 7 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

All of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) of Section 2; the East Half (E ½) of Section 11; all of Section 12; all of Section 13; all of Section 24; all of Section 25; all of Section 36; all in Township 8 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 36; all in Township 8.5 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) of Section 1; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 2; the East Half (E ½) of Section 11; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 12; all of Section 14; the East Half (E ½) of Section 22; the West Half (W ½) of Section 23; all of Section 27; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 33; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 34; all in Township 9 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) of Section 3; the East Half (E ½) of Section 4; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 9; the West Half (W ½) of Section 10; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 14; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 15; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 23; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 25; all of Section 26; the East Half (E ½) of Section 35; the West Half (W ½) of Section 36; all in Township 10 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada.

All of Section 1; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 2; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 12; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 13; all of Section 36; all in Township 11 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The West Half (W ½) of Section 7; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 17; all of Section 18; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 19; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 20; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 29; all of Section 30; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 31; all in Township 11 South, Range 70 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The East Half (E ½) of Section 36 in Township 12 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 2; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 10; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 11; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 16; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 20; all of Section 21; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 22; all of Section 29; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 30; all of Section 31; the West Half (W ½) of Section 32; all in Township 12 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Lincoln County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

All of Section 1; all of Section 11; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 12; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 14; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 21; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 22; the East Half (E ½) of Section 27; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 28; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 29; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 31; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 32; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 33; all of Section 34; all in Township 12 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

All of Section 5; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 6; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 8; the East Half (E ½) of Section 17; the East Half (E ½) of Section 20; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 27; the North Half (N ½) of Section 28; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 29; all in Township 13 South, Range 69 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The South Half (S ½) of Section 25; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 26; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 32; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 33; all of Section 34; all of Section 35; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 36; all in Township 14 South, Range 66 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 11; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 12; the North Half (N ½) of Section 13; all of Section 14; all of Section 15; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 16; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 20; all of Section 21; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 22; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 23; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 25; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 26; the North Half (N ½) of Section 28; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 29; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 30; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 31; all in Township 14 South, Range 67 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The North Half (N ½) of Section 4; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 5; all of Section 6; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 7; the South Half (S ½) of Section 14; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 21; all of Section 22; all of Section 23; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 24; the West Half (W ½) of Section 25; all of

Section 26; all of Section 27; all of Section 28; all of Section 29; the South Half (S ½) of Section 30; all of Section 31; all of Section 32; all of Section 33; all of Section 34; all of Section 35; the West Half (W ½) of Section 36; all in Township 14 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 12; all of Section 13; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 14; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 22; all of Section 23; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 24; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 26; all of Section 27; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 28; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 32; all of Section 33; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 34; all in Township 15 South, Range 65 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 1; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 2; the North Half (N ½) of Section 3; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 4; the East Half (E ½) of Section 5; the South Half (S ½) of Section 7; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 8; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 9; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 18; all in Township 15 South, Range 66 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) of Section 1; all of Section 2; all of Section 3; all of Section 4; all of Section 5; all of Section 6; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 7; all of Section 8; all of Section 9; all of Section 10; all of Section 11; the West Half (W ½) of Section 12; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 13; all of Section 14; all of Section 15; all of Section 16; all of Section 17; the East Half (E ½) of Section 18; all of Section 20; all of Section 21; all of Section 22; all of Section 23; all of Section 27; all of Section 28; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 29; the East Half (E ½) of Section 32; all of Section 33; all of Section 34; all in Township 15 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 12; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 13; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 14; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 22; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 23; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 24; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 27; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 28; the East Half (E ½) of Section 33; the West Half (W ½) of Section 34; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 36; all in Township 16 South, Range 64 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 4; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 5; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 6; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 7; the North Half (N ½) of Section 9; the West Half (W ½) and the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 10; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 31; all in Township 16 South, Range 65 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The North Half (N ½) of Section 3; the North Half (N ½) of Section 4; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 5; all in Township 16 South, Range 68 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

All of Section 10; the South Half (S ½) of Section 11; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 12; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 14; all of Section 15; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 16; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 20; the West Half (W ½) of Section 21; all of Section 22; all of Section 27; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 29; the Southeast

Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 31; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 32; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 34; all in Township 17 South, Range 64 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 12; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 13; all in Township 18 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 3; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 6; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 7; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 10; all of Section 15; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 16; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 21; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 22; the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 27; all of Section 28; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 32; all of Section 33; all in Township 18 South, Range 64 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 36 in Township 19 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 4; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 5; all of Section 8; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 17; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 18; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 19; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 20; all of Section 30; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 31; all in Township 19 South, Range 64 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

All of Section 1; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 11; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 12; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 13; all of Section 14; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 16; the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 21; the North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 22; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 23; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 26; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 27; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 33; all of Section 34; all in Township 20 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada. *Aliquots in this township are projected within full sections not containing surveyed quarter-section corners.*

The Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 6 in Township 20 South, Range 64 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The North Half (N  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 3; all of Section 4; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 8; all of Section 9; all of Section 16; all of Section 17; the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 18; all of Section 19; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 20; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 21; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 22; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 27; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 28; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 29; all of Section 30; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 33; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 34; all in Township 21 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 3; all of Section 10; the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 11; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southeast Quarter (SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 14; the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 15; all of Section 23; the West Half (W  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of Section 24; all of Section 26; the Northeast Quarter (NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 27; the East Half (E  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and the Southwest Quarter (SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 35; all in Township 22 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 13; the East Half (E ½) of Section 24; the East Half (E ½) of Section 25; the East Half (E ½) of Section 36; all in Township 23 South, Range 62 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The North Half (N ½) of Section 2; all of Section 3; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 4; the South Half (S ½) of Section 8; all of Section 9; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 10; the West Half (W ½) and the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 17; all of Section 18; all of Section 19; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 20; all of Section 30; all of Section 31; all in Township 23 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The East Half (E ½) of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) of Section 12; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 13; the East Half (E ½) and the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 23; all of Section 24; all of Section 25; all of Section 26; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 27; the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section 35; all of Section 36; all in Township 24 South, Range 62 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

All of Section 6; all of Section 7; all of Section 18; all of Section 19; the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section 29; all of Section 30; the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of Section 31; the West Half (W ½) of Section 32; all in Township 24 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

All of Section 1; the East Half (E ½) and the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 2; the North Half (N ½) of Section 12; all in Township 25 South, Range 62 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

The West Half (W ½) of Section 5; the South Half (S ½) of Section 6; the North Half (N ½) of Section 7; the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of Section 8; all in Township 25 South, Range 63 East of the Mt. Diablo P.M., Clark County, Nevada.

# **EXHIBIT D**

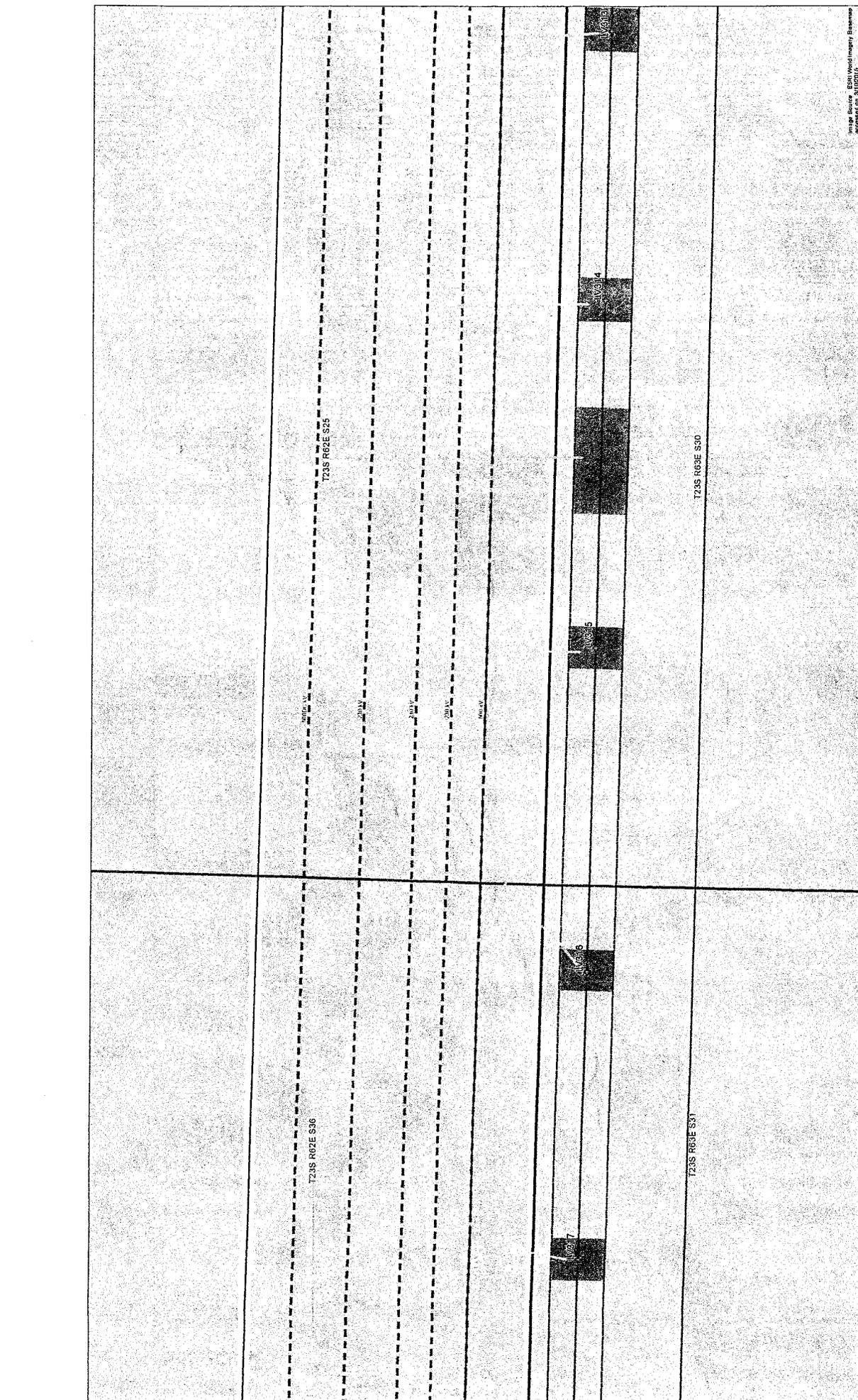


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**Las Vegas FO - Constraints, Access Roads,  
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1. The 115 KV line follows the centerline of the corridor and is shown in black. The work area is shown in gray. The access roads are shown in white. The constraints are shown in yellow. The map is not to scale and is for informational purposes only. All work areas are subject to change without notice.

**Legend**

**Basic Features/Access/Restrictions/Alternatives**

- NEW Project Transmission
- EXISTING Project Transmission
- EXISTING Project Transmission
- NEW Project Transmission Line
- PRELIMINARY Power Location

**Transmission Line**

- 115 KV
- 138 KV
- 230 KV
- 500 KV

**Access Roads**

- NEW
- EXISTING

**Restrictions**

- ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVE AREAS
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SENSITIVE AREAS
- WATER RESOURCES SENSITIVE AREAS
- WETLANDS
- WILDLIFE SENSITIVE AREAS
- PLANT COMMUNITY SENSITIVE AREAS
- SOIL SENSITIVE AREAS
- SEISMIC SENSITIVE AREAS
- SLURRY WALL SENSITIVE AREAS
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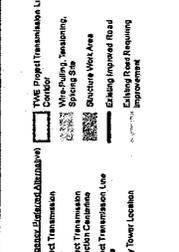
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- NEW DRAINAGE CANAL
- EXISTING DRAINAGE CANAL
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- EXISTING FENCE
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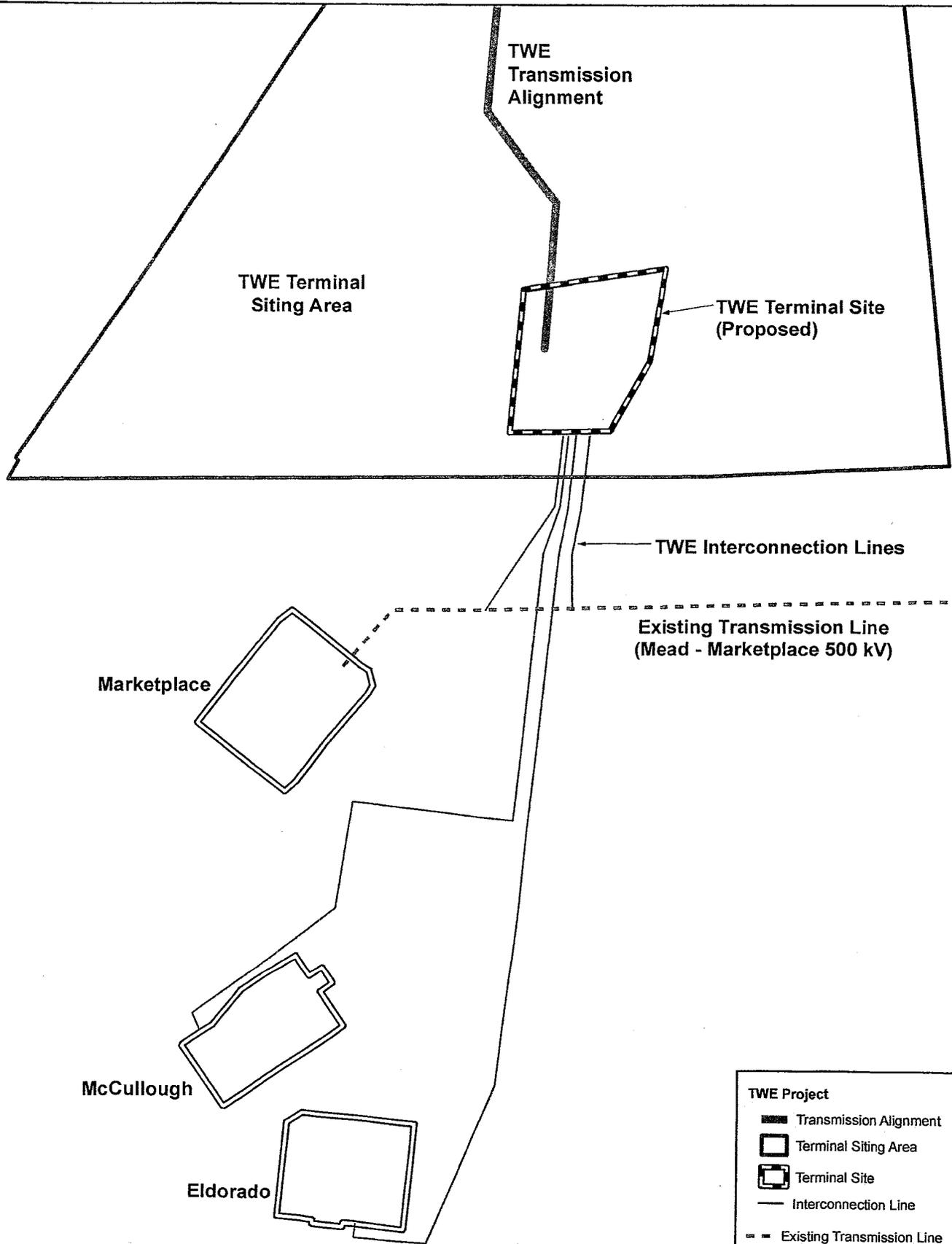
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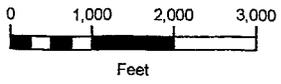


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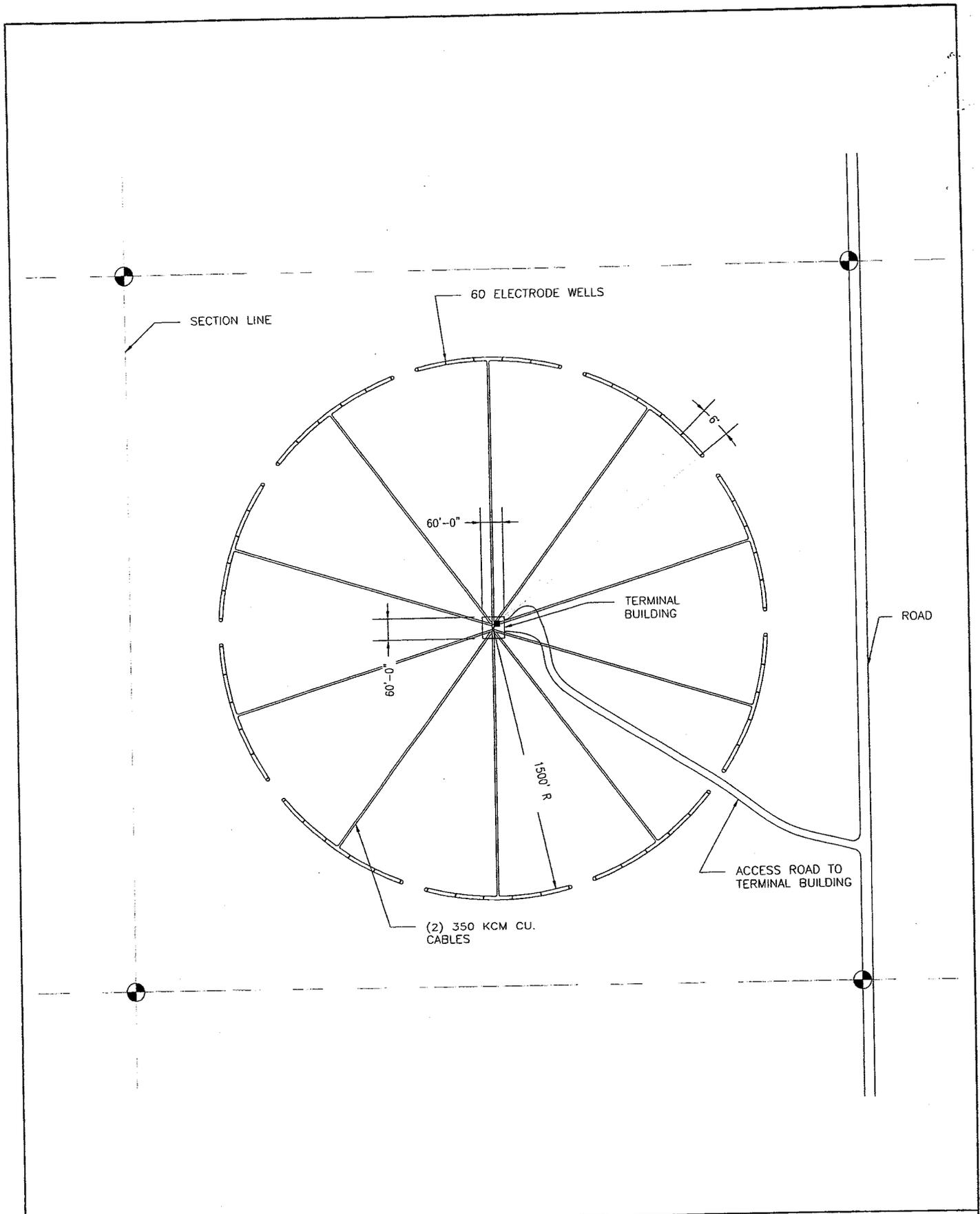
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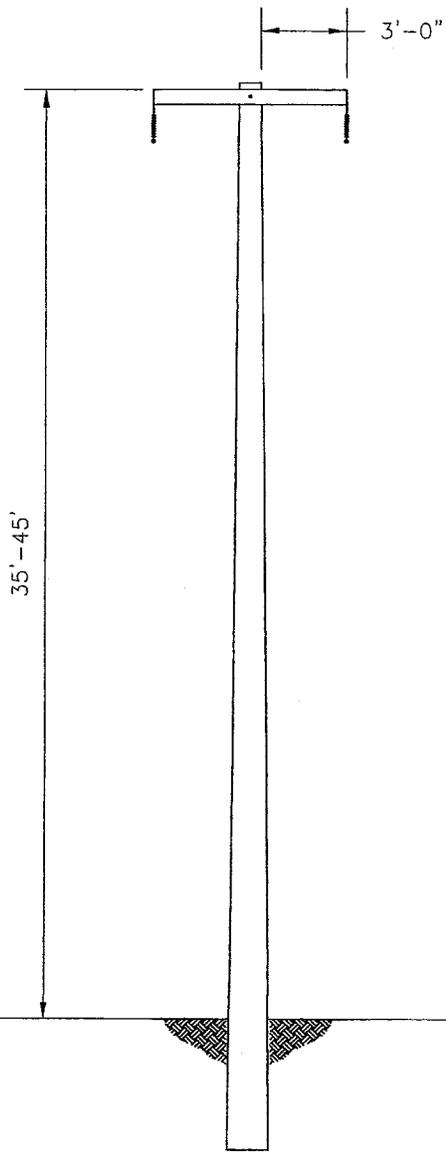
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# **EXHIBIT E**



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FIGURE 8  
TYPICAL SITE PLAN FOR  
GROUND ELECTRODE SYSTEM



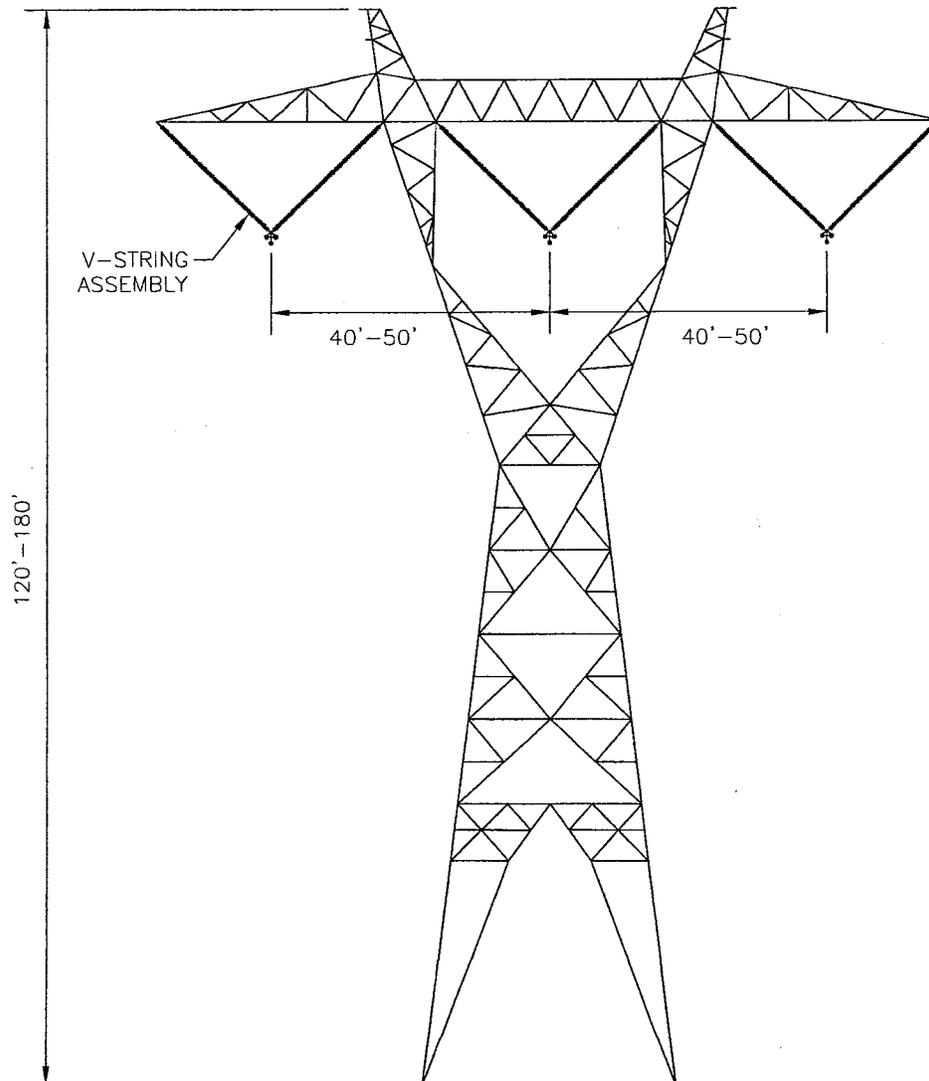
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FIGURE 11

TYPICAL POLE STRUCTURE FOR  
OVERHEAD ELECTRODE LINE



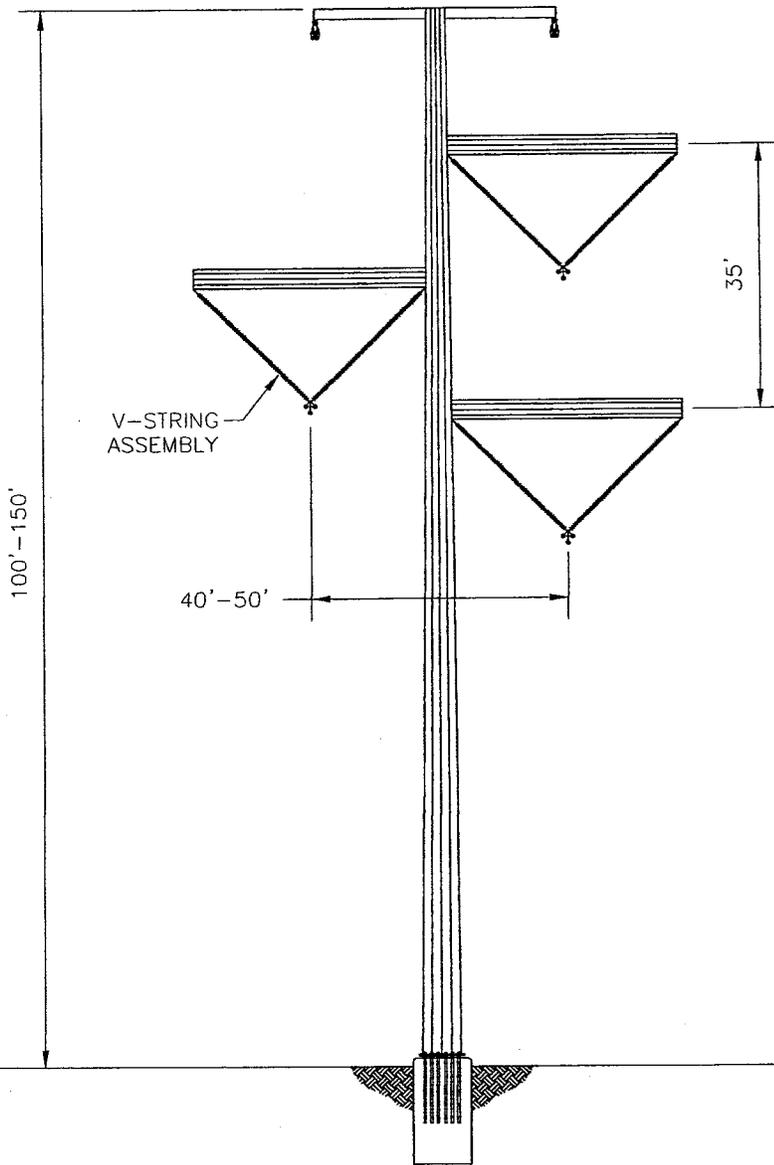
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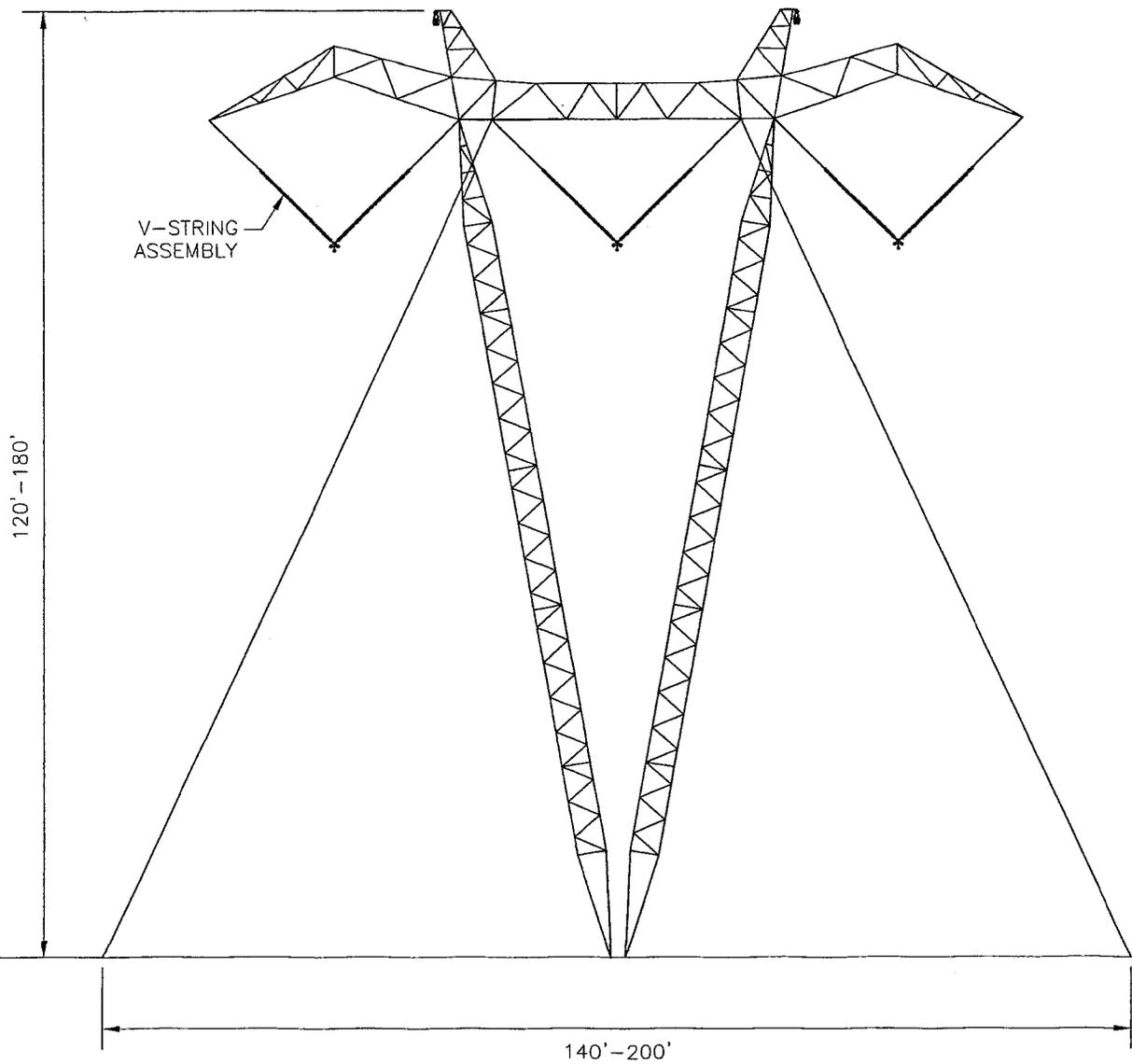
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FIGURE 5

TYPICAL 500KV AC SINGLE CIRCUIT  
SELF SUPPORTING  
LATTICE STRUCTURE



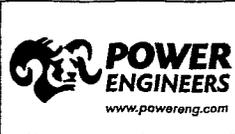
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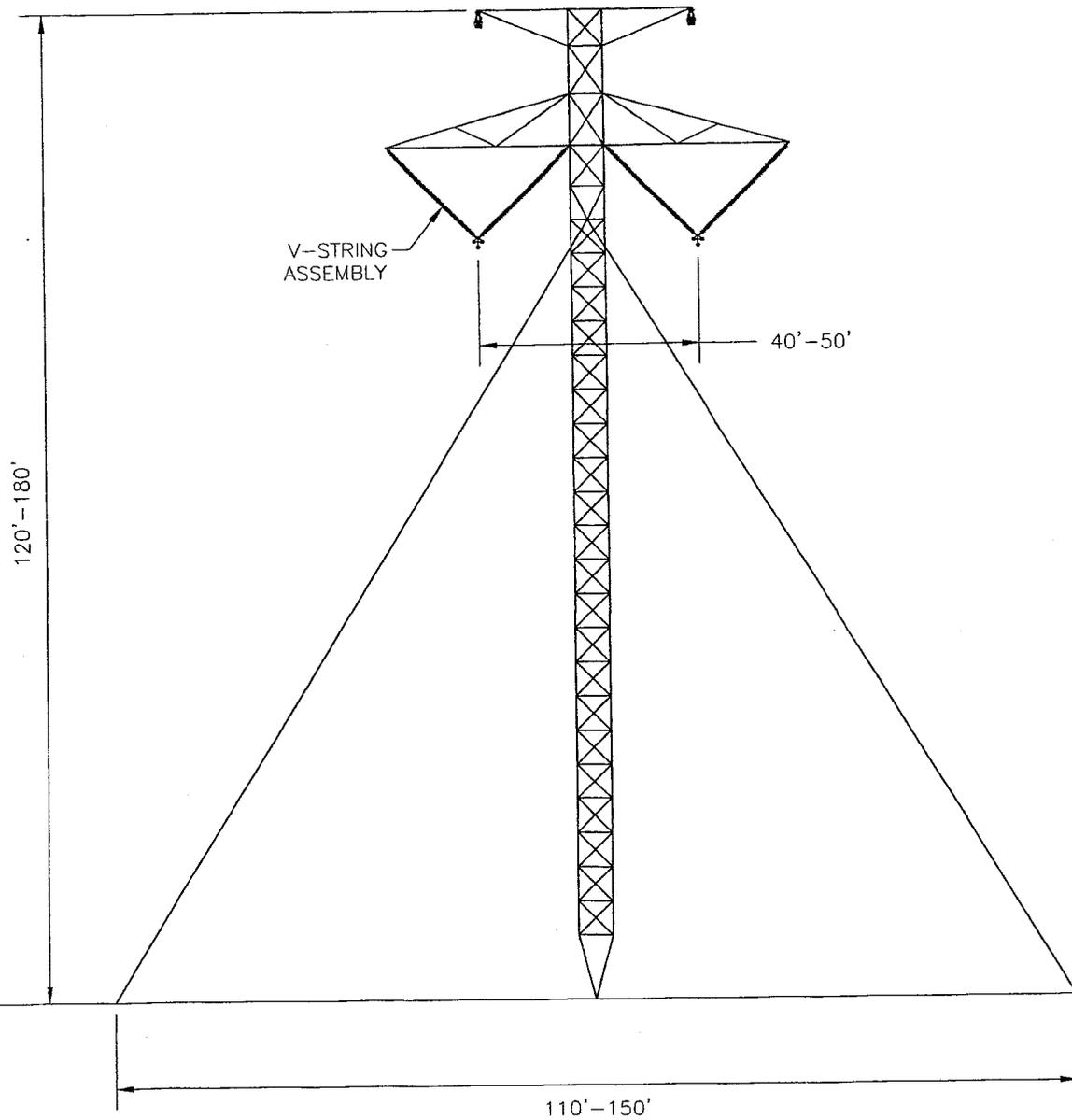


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FIGURE 24  
TYPICAL 500kV AC  
SINGLE CIRCUIT GUYED  
LATTICE STRUCTURE



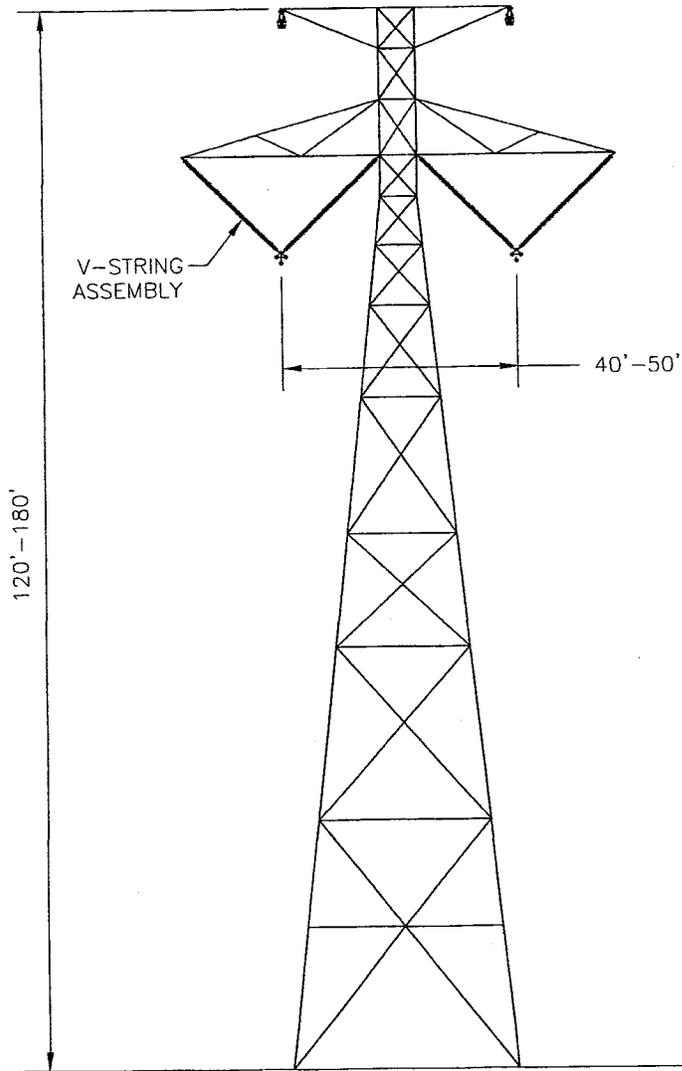
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FIGURE 1

TYPICAL ±600kV DC  
GUYED V-STRING  
LATTICE STRUCTURE



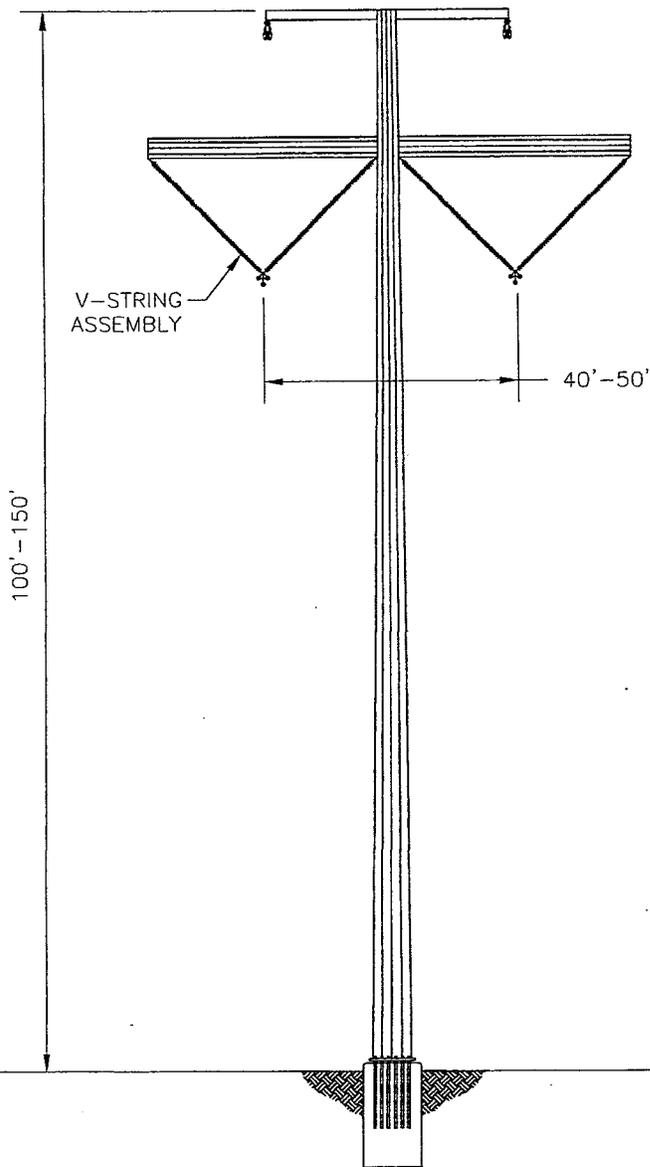
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TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
FIGURE 2

TYPICAL ±600kV DC  
SELF SUPPORTING LATTICE  
V-STRING STRUCTURE



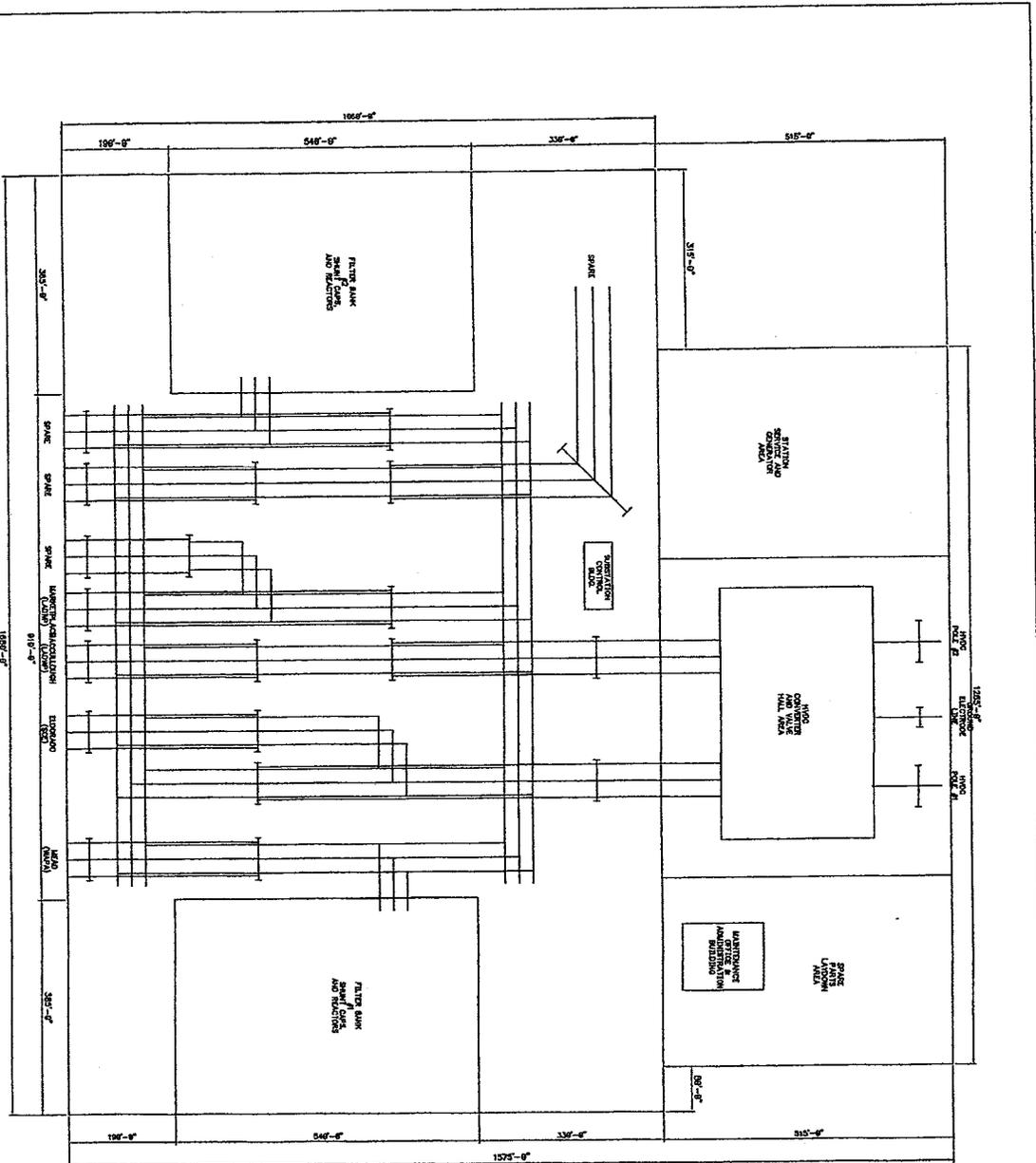
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TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
FIGURE 3

TYPICAL ±600kV DC  
TUBULAR STEEL POLE  
V-STRING STRUCTURE



YARD	DIMENSIONS	AREA (IN ACRES)
500KV YARD	1680' X 1060'	40.9
HYDC	1295' X 515'	15.2

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**EXHIBIT F**

**TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT  
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
ENCLOSED SEPARATELY HEREWITH**

## **TransWest Express Final Environmental Impact Statement Addendum**

This addendum provides clarifications and information to the TransWest Express Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS). These changes will be incorporated into the electronic version of the document that is available on the BLM project website.

### **Addendum to Section 3.11 Cultural Resources and Native American Concerns**

This text will be added to section 3.11.6.2 of the Final EIS on page 3.11-23. Original text, in part, is as follows:

To date, the number of historic properties that would be adversely affected by the proposed Project is unknown. As stipulated in the PA, an intensive Class III pedestrian inventory would be required after the final route is selected by the BLM and Western. The pedestrian inventory of the final route would be completed prior to construction and with enough lead time to allow for NRHP evaluation of identified sites, impact assessments, and resolution of adverse effects, if necessary. The inventory would be performed regardless of land ownership. All cultural resources located within the APE would be evaluated for eligibility to the NRHP and for Native American traditional religious and cultural importance in consultation with Native American Tribes.

Per the PA, the BLM Wyoming State Office is lead for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA on behalf of the federal agencies (36 CFR 800.2(a)(2)), as evidenced by the Memorandum of Understanding between BLM and Western. In consultation with Western ...

This text is revised as follows:

To date, the number of historic properties that would be adversely affected by the proposed Project is unknown. As stipulated in the PA, an intensive Class III pedestrian inventory would be required after the final route is selected by the BLM and Western. The pedestrian inventory of the final route would be completed prior to construction and with enough lead time to allow for NRHP evaluation of identified sites, impact assessments, and resolution of adverse effects, if necessary. The inventory would be performed regardless of land ownership. All cultural resources located within the APE would be evaluated for eligibility to the NRHP and for Native American traditional religious and cultural importance in consultation with Native American Tribes.

Through the NEPA process, the BLM Las Vegas Field Office identified cumulative impacts to cultural and historic properties from the construction, operation, and maintenance of the 600-kV TransWest transmission line. The Project is located within a designated WWEC and passes through the Rainbow Gardens Area of Critical Environmental Concern (identified as "corridor of concern" 39-231 in the July 11, 2012, settlement agreement establishing an inter-agency MOU, work plan, and BLM policy guidance providing for the review of WWECs). Because the Project is in a designated Section 368 energy corridor, meaningful mitigation measures are needed to ensure that impacts to sensitive resources are minimized and that the public has an opportunity to participate in the mitigation process.

The Gypsum Cave Traditional Cultural Property and portions of the Old Spanish National Historic Trail are impacted by this Project. The TWE alignment runs adjacent to the Gypsum Cave TCP, which is held as sacred to the Nuwu (Paiute) people. The TCP designation came about through consultation with the Nuwu and the Nevada SHPO as part of the mitigation of the Harry Allen to Mead transmission line, which was constructed within the WWEC corridor in 2009. The cumulative impacts identified include vandalism and the proliferation of unauthorized roads and trails because of increased access to the cave resources as well as visual, audible and atmospheric impacts on the integrity of setting, feeling and association of the TCP. CUL-2 provides for on-site and off-site mitigation to compensate for cumulative impacts, as well as unavoidable direct and indirect adverse effects to Gypsum Cave TCP.

The Old Spanish National Historic Trail runs adjacent to the Project for 15 miles in the California Wash area near Moapa. This segment of the Old Spanish NHT could include a high potential segment of the trail which would be conducive to recreation and interpretation of native habitats and ecosystems. Impacts to the Old Spanish NHT include visual impacts on the integrity of setting, feeling and association of the trail. CUL-1 and CUL-3 provide for on-site and off-site mitigation to compensate for cumulative impacts, as well as direct and indirect adverse effects to the Old Spanish NHT in Nevada, as directed in the NTSA.

The proposed mitigation will support meaningful measures to offset the cumulative impacts from this and other transmission projects in the area. BLM will require current cost estimates from the applicant based upon mitigation specific for the Project. This mitigation for cumulative effects does not relieve TransWest of its responsibilities under Section 106 of the NHPA or Project-specific BMPs for cultural resources.

BLM and consulting parties (including federal agencies, state and local governments, tribes, and many other stakeholders) will evaluate and select appropriate mitigation action(s) to address cumulative effects of the Project. Available mitigation actions include:

**Project Archaeology - Investigating Migration:** The national award-winning Project Archaeology program is developing 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum on westward migration, including a context document that summarizes baseline research on the National Historic Trails. This context would provide a structure for developing individual teaching modules that could be used in southern Nevada schools on specific Old Spanish NHT locations or on the Old Spanish NHT in Nevada.

**Recreational/Interpretative/Educational Walking Trails:** A 15-mile trail along the segment identified as California Crossing (California Wash) would be developed, including as-needed National Historic Trail inventory (M-6280) as well as metal detecting to locate trail trace in advance of any proposed trail construction.

**Old Spanish Trail Application (App) for the Southern Nevada District:** The Old Spanish NHT App is a trail interpretation app for smartphones and tablets currently being planned by the NPS. NPS and BLM are co-administrators of the Old Spanish NHT. Development of the app would be coordinated in partnership with NPS.

**Management plan for each of the five high potential Old Spanish NHT segments in Clark County:** This plan would include, as needed: National Historic Trail inventory (M-6280), a Class I records search, visual assessment of the significant segments, a Class III inventory of the segments, condition assessments, and recommendations for proposed development and use of each trail segment based on the information gathered.

**Mobile exhibit of the Old Spanish NHT:** In conjunction with the Project Archaeology context and individual curriculum modules for the Old Spanish NHT, this mobile exhibit to be developed in partnership with the Old Spanish Trail Association would travel to schools and events across Nevada to inform the public about the trail.

**Interpretation Plan for the Old Spanish NHT Auto Route across Clark County:** BLM and its partners would work with the NPS to develop and implement an interpretive plan for a proposed auto route of the Old Spanish NHT across Nevada.

**Post and cable fencing to protect portions of the Old Spanish NHT West of Mountain Springs:** BLM would develop and implement a plan for post and cable fencing to protect sections of the Old Spanish NHT in the vicinity of Stump Springs and Sandy Valley Road west of Las Vegas.

**Interpretation of the History of Transportation:** In conjunction with its partners, BLM would explore possibilities for developing exhibits at locations where Native American Trails, the Old Spanish NHT,

the Mormon Wagon Road, the Union Pacific Railroad, and Arrowhead highway could be interpreted to inform the public about the history of transportation in Southern Nevada.

**Gypsum Cave post and cable fencing, site reclamation, and travel management:** These actions would limit access of vehicles to the cave over power line roads, close and reclaim unauthorized roads, and clean up vandalism of the cave and associated areas.

**Designation of other TCPs valued by the Nuwu people:** In consultation with the Nuwu, BLM would propose, document, and manage other TCPs on BLM lands in southern Nevada.

Per the PA, the BLM Wyoming State Office is lead for compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA on behalf of the federal agencies (36 CFR 800.2(a)(2)), as evidenced by the Memorandum of Understanding between BLM and Western. In consultation with Western ...

### **Addendum to Section 3.14 Land Use**

The following text clarifies information found in Section 3.14.4 and Section 3.14.6.3 of the Final EIS; specifically, text related to conservation easements in the last row of Table 3.14-11 "Designated Avoidance Areas Within Region I", as well as the alternative discussions that follow the table related to conservation easements. The Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement was recorded with the Moffat County Clerk on December 24, 2014. A depiction of the Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement boundary can be found in Figure 2.26 (Section 2.5.1.1).

All of the Region I main alternatives would cross the same portion of the Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement; Alternatives I-A, I-B, I-C, and I-D would each cross 1 mile of the easement.

Tuttle Ranch Micro-siting Option 3 would cross 2 miles of the Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement. This option also would cross the NPS Deerlodge Road but avoid the Tuttle Ranch Conservation Easement (as disclosed in Section 3.14.6.3).

Tuttle Ranch Micro-siting Option 4 would cross 1 mile of the Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement. This option also would avoid the Tuttle Ranch Conservation Easement and cross Deerlodge Road, however it would cross the road at a state-land section instead of on NPS-managed land.

Original text from paragraphs 7 on page 3.14-42 of Section 3.14.6.3 of this Final EIS is as follows:

#### Alternative I-B (Agency Preferred)

Alternative I-B follows the Alternative I-A route with the exception of a 2-mile deviation in Sweetwater County. This would change the portion of the route located on BLM-managed lands from 103 miles to 105 miles and the portion within Sweetwater County from 34 to 36 miles. All other impacts would be the same, or very similar to Alternative I-A.

This text is revised as follows:

#### Alternative I-B (Agency Preferred)

Alternative I-B follows the Alternative I-A route with the exception of a 2-mile deviation in Sweetwater County. This would change the portion of the route located on BLM-managed lands from 103 miles to 105 miles and the portion within Sweetwater County from 34 to 36 miles. The BLM also may consider micro-siting variations to Alternative I-B to avoid crossing portions of the Cross Mountain Ranch conservation easement. Such minor variations would be within the 2-mile corridor analyzed in the EIS. All other impacts would be the same, or very similar to Alternative I-A.

### **Addendum to Section 3.15 Special Designations**

Original text for SDA-14 in Section 3.15.6 of the Final EIS is as follows:

***SDA-14:** Placement of any project component within/across river segments that are eligible or suitable for inclusion in the NWSRS shall be micro-sited in coordination with BLM to minimize surface or visual disturbances from towers, roads, or other facilities to the outstandingly remarkable values that led to segment eligibility/suitability.*

This text is revised as follows:

***SDA-14:** Placement of any project component within/across river segments that are NTSA components or eligible or suitable for inclusion in the NWSRS shall be micro-sited in coordination with BLM to minimize surface or visual disturbances from towers, roads, or other facilities to the outstandingly remarkable values that led to segments eligibility/suitability. Compensatory mitigation may be required to offset impacts to the outstandingly remarkable values when impacts cannot be effectively avoided and mitigation is infeasible, consistent with DOI's Secretarial Order 3330, BLM's Draft Regional Mitigation Manual Section 1794, and the CEQ (40 CFR 1508.20).*

### **Addendum to Section 3.20 Lands with Wilderness Characteristics**

Original text from paragraphs 6 and 7 of Section 3.20.6.2 of this Final EIS is as follows.

***LWC-1:** Applicable SDA mitigations noted in Section 3.15 shall be applied to areas managed to protect wilderness characteristics and, to the extent feasible and practicable through coordination with the local BLM Field Office at their discretion, to inventoried areas that have been documented to contain wilderness characteristics.*

While applicant committed measures as well as proposed mitigations for other resource values provide for measures to protect resources contributing to an area's wilderness characteristics, **LWC-1** would provide an additional method for the BLM to minimize impacts. Effectiveness of **LWC-1** includes minimizing Project effects to resources that contribute to the area wilderness character by consolidating and minimizing surface disturbances during project construction, access, and facility placement as well as assure that the alignment would not further encroach into areas not currently affected by the Project as disclosed in this EIS. Applying the SDA mitigations to areas managed to protect wilderness characteristics as well as inventoried areas that have been documented to contain wilderness characteristics would allow for the local BLM office discretion in the best way to retain as much of the wilderness characteristics in areas not directly affected for future management consideration.

This text is revised as follows:

***LWC-1:** Applicable SDA mitigations noted in Section 3.15 shall be applied to areas documented to contain wilderness characteristics. Application of these mitigations would be implemented at the discretion of the local BLM Field Office.*

While applicant committed measures and proposed mitigations for other resource values provide measures to protect resources contributing to an area's wilderness characteristics, **LWC-1** would provide an additional method for the BLM to minimize impacts. Effectiveness of **LWC-1** includes minimizing Project effects to resources that contribute to the area's wilderness character by consolidating and minimizing surface disturbances during project construction, access, and facility placement as well as assure that the alignment would not further encroach into areas not currently affected by the Project as disclosed in this EIS. Applying the SDA mitigations to inventoried areas that have been documented to contain wilderness characteristics would allow for the local BLM office to

use its discretion to ensure retention of as much as possible of the wilderness characteristics in areas not directly affected for future management consideration.

Compensatory mitigation may be required to offset impacts to the inventoried lands with wilderness characteristics where impacts cannot be effectively avoided and mitigation is infeasible in accordance with the Department of the Interior's Secretarial Order 3330 and BLM's Draft Regional Mitigation Manual Section 1794 and consistent with the CEQ (40 CFR 1508.20). Secretarial Order 3330 provides a policy that directs the Department of the Interior bureaus to "seek ways to offset or compensate for those impacts [that cannot be avoided or effectively minimized] to ensure the continued resilience and viability of our natural resources over time." (Secretarial Order 3330 at 2). BLM's Draft Regional Mitigation Manual also reflects BLM's policy commitment to "consider mitigation outside of the area of impact when it is not feasible or practical to mitigate impacts to an acceptable level in the same area as the use-authorization." (BLM Draft Regional Mitigation Manual at 1-5). Compensatory mitigation may be required to offset impacts to those inventoried lands with wilderness characteristics that mitigation measure **LWC-1** would minimize, but not avoid altogether. Compensatory mitigation for impacts to inventoried lands with wilderness characteristics may include funding to maintain or enhance wilderness characteristics through resource restoration and other related activities, funding of related interpretation and educational programs, or other appropriate projects at the discretion of the field manager.

#### **Addendum to Chapter 5.0 Cumulative Impacts**

Due to the recent change in status of the Cross Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement, the paragraph 6 of Section 5.3.14.2 has been revised to clarify cumulative impacts to the easement.

The original text is as follows:

#### **Conclusion**

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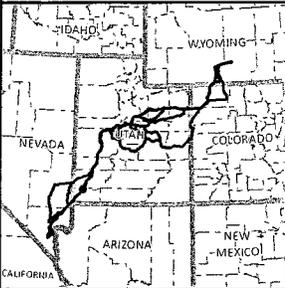
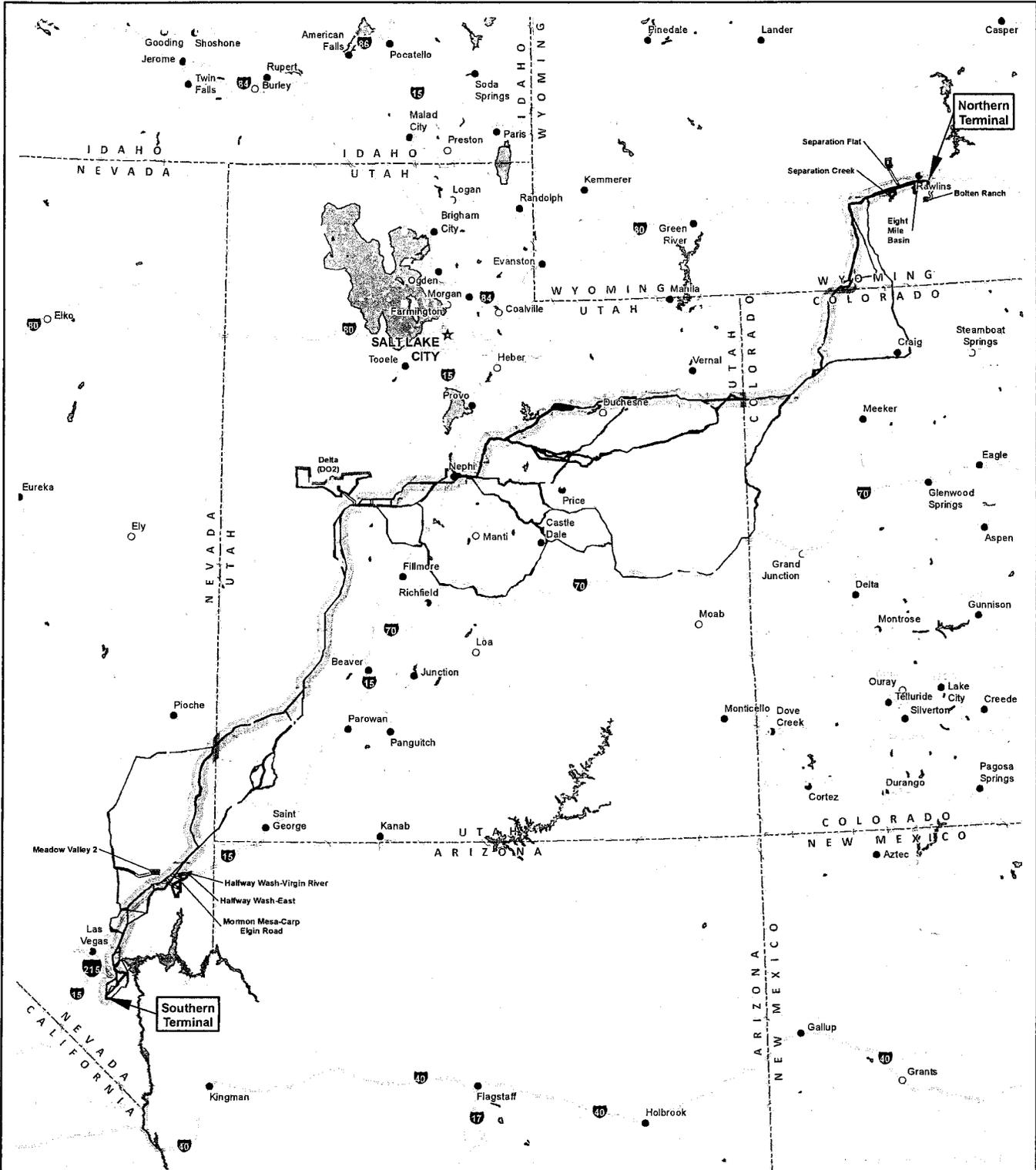
## ERRATA

### Modifications and Corrections TransWest Express Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement

This document describes changes to the TransWest Express Transmission Project Final Environmental Impact Statement to correct errors or omissions.

1. **Figure ES-2** does not correctly depict the agency preferred alternative through Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch counties in Utah. A corrected **Figure ES-2** with the correct agency preferred alternative is attached to the errata. Please note that the correct agency preferred alternative is depicted in **Figure 2-29** and in all other relevant figures of the Final EIS.

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- Project Corridors**
- Applicant Proposed Alternative
  - Agency Preferred
  - Potential Ground Electrode Siting Area
  - Potential Ground Electrode Site
  - Potential Ground Electrode Overhead Electrical Line

**TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

Figure ES-2  
Agency Preferred

Scale: 0 20 40 80 Miles  
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# **EXHIBIT G**

**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)):

**Application Of Transwest Express LLC For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Under The Utility Environmental Protection Act**

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 Transwest Express LLC ("Transwest").  
Linda M. Bullen of Bullen Law, LLC 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 Application, Transwest requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada grant to Transwest a permit to construct a 600 kV direct current transmission line and related infrastructure on federal land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and private, tribal and local municipally-owned lands in Clark and Lincoln Counties, Nevada, including a substation located in Boulder City, Nevada (the "Proposed Facility").**

**An environmental review of the Proposed Facility was conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq. An environmental impact statement was prepared by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and Western Area Power Administration following the conclusion of an environmental review process.**

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 704.069(1)<sup>1</sup>:

**A consumer session is not required.**

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.

**The draft notice does not pertain to a tariff filing.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

# **EXHIBIT H**

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P.O. Box 1888, Carson City, NV 89702-2288  
(775) 881-1201

Account Number: 4520748

Bullen Law, LLC  
9101 W. Sahara Ave., Ste 105-L  
Las Vegas, NV 89117  
Attn: Linda Bullen

**Cora Jeffreys** says:  
That (s)he is a legal clerk of the **NEVADA APPEAL**, a newspaper published Tuesday through Sunday at Carson City, in the State of Nevada.

**TransWest Express**

**AD# 11180103**

of which a copy is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper for the full required period of 1 time commencing **May 12, 2015**, and ending on **May 12, 2015** all days inclusive.

Signed:



STATEMENT:

Date	Amount	Credit	Balance
05/12/15	\$302.29	\$302.29	\$0.00

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA  
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Pub: May 12, 2015

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# THE ELY TIMES

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# INVOICE

# Affidavit of Publication

Acct. No. \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF NEVADA )  
ELY ) ss.

Linda Cottrell, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she/he is a legal clerk of the ELY TIMES, a newspaper published in the State of Nevada, general circulation in White Pine County, of which a copy is hereto attached, was published in said newspaper for the full required period of

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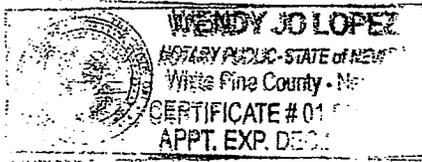
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both days inclusive.

Signed Linda Cottrell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th  
day of May, 2015

Wendy Jo Lopez  
Notary Public



### STATEMENT:

Date	Am't.	Cr.	Bal.
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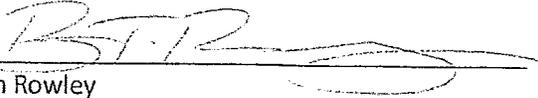
P.O. Box 485, Pioche, NV 89043  
Phone: (775) 962-5522 Fax: (775) 962-5523  
Email: contact.lcrecord@gmail.com

## AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Ben Rowley, of the Lincoln County Record, published weekly each Friday, at Pioche, Lincoln County, Nevada, do solemnly swear that a copy of the above notice as per clipping attached was published each week in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper 1 consecutive issue(s) commencing with the issue dated May 15, 2015 and ending with the issue dated May 15, 2015.

TransWest

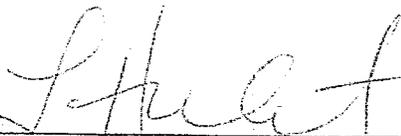
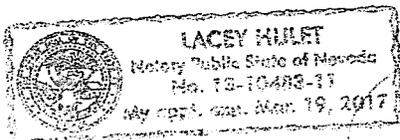
Utility Environmental Protect Act



Ben Rowley

State of Nevada  
County of Lincoln

Subscribed and sworn to before me on <sup>May 19</sup> April 19, 2015 by Ben Rowley.

  
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**LEGALS**

**CE**  
 County Water District will hold  
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 15, 2015.

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**FARMSTEAD ASSOCIATION'S "2014"**  
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**BID-CATTLE GRAZING**  
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 Publish: May 8, 15, 2015

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned  
 has been duly appointed and qualified by the  
 above-entitled Court on October 24, 2014 as  
 personal representative of the Estate of James  
 R. Ryan, Deceased.  
 All creditors having claims against said Estate  
 are required to file their claim, with the proper  
 vouchers attached, with the Clerk of the Court  
 within 90 days after the first publication of this  
 notice. DATED: May 9, 2014.  
 By Anthony P. Kurila, Personal Representative of  
 the Estate of James R. Ryan  
 By Jane M. Eberhardy, Esq., Attorney for Per-  
 sonal Representative  
 Publish: May 15, 22, 29, 2015

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BUDGET HEARING LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
**DISTRICT**  
 Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will  
 be held Thursday, May 21st, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.  
 The subject of the public hearing will be a dis-  
 cussion on the tentative 2015-2016 fiscal year  
 budget prepared in such detail and on appro-  
 priate forms as prescribed by the Department  
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 Lincoln County Hospital District. Copies of the  
 tentative budget are on file at the Controller's  
 office of Grover C. Dils Medical Center. The  
 meeting will be held in the Administration Con-  
 ference room of Grover C. Dils Medical Center  
 in Caliente, Nevada.  
 Submitted by Kevin Smith, Chairman, Board of  
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 Lincoln County Hospital District doing business  
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 Publish: May 15, 2015

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 The above legal ad is 2 columns by 9" and 3"  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING FOR PI-**  
**OCHE FIRE DISTRICT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the Pioche Fire Dis-  
 trict will conduct a hearing for the 2015-2016  
 Final Budget on Thursday, May 21, 2015, 6:30  
 p.m. at the Pioche Fire District Office, 357 Air-  
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**On May 8, 2015 the Lincoln County Record published**  
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	TAX
002-221-03 ADAMSON, CHADLEY STORY & EVELYN	\$408.02
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006-241-71 ALLISON, TIMOTHY & CYNTHIA	\$167.16
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001-240-35 ARNHART, TOM & CINDY	\$783.11
001-111-22 ASPERHEIM, AMY M	\$734.98
001-072-04 ASPERHEIM, AMY M. & ABBY L.	\$1,889.19
003-091-16 BART, JOHN. A.	\$432.75
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013-180-07 BARTON, JUDY & WILCOX, TERENCE	\$160.40
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001-151-01 BENEZET, JEREMY	\$87.93
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014-070-13 BEST, DONALD A & CARROL W TRUST	\$110.52
009-011-57 BIDA, SAM	\$26.99
010-111-34 BLEVINS, JERRY	\$118.14
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001-046-07 BORUP, HARRY J. & MARY M. TRUST	\$391.77
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011-210-14 BROWN, JOHN C. & RAMONA	\$5,554.74
003-142-04 BROWN, PHIL	\$73.00
004-132-10 BROWNE, EUGENE & NANCY	\$9.02
002-142-05 BULLOCH FARMS, LLC	\$2,893.59
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**Affidavit of Publication**

STATE OF NEVADA)  
COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

**BULLEN LAW LLC  
SUITE 105-L6  
9101 WEST SAHARA AVE  
LAS VEGAS NV 89117**

**Account # 124204  
Ad Number 0000517778**

Eileen Gallagher, 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, was continuously published in said Las Vegas Review-Journal and / or Las Vegas Sun in 1 edition(s) of said newspaper issued from 05/09/2015 to 05/09/2015, on the following days:

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*Eileen Gallagher*  
LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 11th day of May, 2015

Notary *Mary A. Lee*

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Notary Public State of Nevada  
No. 09-8941-1  
My Appt. Exp. Nov. 13, 2016

# **EXHIBIT I**

1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I hereby certify that on May 26, 2015, a true and correct copy of the Application Of Transwest  
3 Express, LLC For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Pursuant To The Utility Environmental  
4 Protection Act was served as indicated below to the following parties:  
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6 **Via Hand Delivery to:**

7 Public Utilities Commission of Nevada  
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9 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148  
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10 Office of the Attorney General  
11 Bureau of Consumer Protection  
12 10791 W. Twain Ave., Suite 100  
13 Las Vegas, NV 89135  
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14 **Via U.S. Mail to:**

15 Nevada Department of Conservation and  
16 Natural Resources  
17 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 1003  
18 Carson City, Nevada 89701  
19 Attn: Leo Drozdoff  
20 Director

21 Nevada Division of Environmental Protection  
22 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
23 Carson City, NV 89701-5249  
24 Attn: Dr. Colleen Cripps  
Administrator

25 Lincoln County Clerk  
26 181 North Main Street, Suite 201  
P.O. Box 90  
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Attn: Lisa C. Lloyd, County Clerk

Dated May 26, 2015

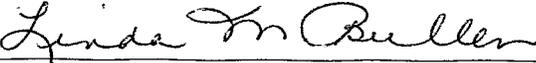
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# **EXHIBIT J**



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**NEVADA PROJECTED TAX REVENUES  
TRANSWEST EXPRESS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PROJECT**

This memorandum addresses the estimated property tax revenues that will be generated by the TransWest Express Transmission Project (TWE Project) in Nevada. The TWE Project is being developed by TransWest Express LLC (TransWest), a wholly owned affiliate of The Anschutz Corporation. The TWE Project is a 600 kV direct current transmission line with terminals near Sinclair, Wyoming and in the Eldorado Valley, Nevada. The TWE Project will facilitate the delivery of renewable energy from Wyoming to California, Arizona and Nevada.

Western Area Power Administration (Western) anticipates owning 50% of the TWE Project. Western is a power marketing agency within the U.S. Department of Energy. Western and the Bureau of Land Management are jointly leading the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement concerning the TWE Project's proposed route and alternative routes. The proposed route is 726 miles long and crosses approximately 157 miles of land in Nevada as follows:

PROPOSED ROUTE IN NEVADA						
County	Total (miles)	Private		State		Federal
Clark County	88	4.1	5%	0.0	0%	70   80%
Lincoln County	69	0.7	1%	0.0	0%	68   99%
<b>State Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>138   88%</b>

The TWE Project will generate property tax revenues for Clark County and Lincoln County. Western will be exempt from paying property tax on its proposed 50% ownership of the TWE Project because Western is a part of the federal government. But there is no such exemption for TransWest. TransWest will pay property taxes based upon the assessed value of the TWE Project as determined by the Nevada Tax Commission (Tax Commission).

**In the first tax year of the TWE Project, Clark and Lincoln Counties will receive approximately \$4,300,000 to \$5,400,000 in property taxes as a result of the construction of the TWE Project. Over a 50 year economic life for the project, TransWest will pay approximately \$154,000,000 in property taxes in the aggregate.**

The details of this estimate and other tax revenue estimates, and the allocation between the two counties, are set out below in this memorandum. These estimates are based upon: (1) TransWest owning 50% and Western owning 50% of the TWE Project; (2) current Nevada law and the property valuation methods of the Nevada Tax Commission; (3) information on the average mill levies of Clark County and Lincoln County; (4) BLM's proposed route for the TWE Project; and (5) current cost estimates for the TWE Project. Should the above factors change, the tax revenue estimates might also change.

## PROPERTY TAX ESTIMATES

### I. Assessment Authority

In Nevada, the physical property that comprises an interstate or inter-county electric transmission system is taxed as real property and is centrally assessed by the Nevada Tax Commission. *Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 361.320(1)-(2)*. According to the Supervisor of the Division of Centrally Assessed Property, Nevada Department of Taxation, any portion of the transmission system located on federal land will be taxed, as will the value of the transmission company's possessory interest in the federal land.

The TWE Project will extend through four states and across two counties in Nevada. Therefore, the TWE Project will be centrally-assessed by the Tax Commission, not by the local county officials. Also, all of the project's physical property located on federal lands (which comprise 88% of the project's land position in Nevada) will be taxed.

### II. Determining Estimated Value

To assess property for tax purposes, the Nevada Tax Commission uses the unit rule of valuation. Under this rule, the Tax Commission will estimate the actual value of the portion of the TWE Project located in Nevada as a collective unit. *NRS 361.320(2)*. In making that determination, the Tax Commission may consider the system-wide value of the entire transmission line, whether or not located in Nevada, and then allocate a portion of the system-wide value to Nevada based upon the quantity, use and value of the system's physical property located there. *Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 361.410; 361.431*. Therefore, with respect to the TWE Project, the Tax Commission may evaluate the entire transmission line from Wyoming to Nevada (or a smaller interstate segment) or just evaluate the facilities located in Nevada.

The Tax Commission may use three different indicators of value, or appraisal methods, to establish the estimated value of an electric transmission line: (1) the cost approach, (2) the income approach and (3) the stock and debt approach. *NRS 361.320(5); NAC 361.408*.

- The cost approach is a frequently used indicator of value for most commercial and industrial property. This approach is based on the proposition that an informed purchaser would pay no more than the cost of producing a substitute property with the same utility as the appraised property. This approach entails determining the gross book cost for financial reporting purposes of all taxable operating property, and then deducting depreciation. *NAC 361.421*.

- The income approach is used to value income-producing properties. This approach is based on the capitalization of the appraised property's income and assumes that an informed purchaser would not pay more than the present value of the future income expected to be generated by the property.
- The stock and debt approach is generally recognized as a less applicable method for determining the value of taxable property because it derives the property's value from valuations of the entire company as reflected in the securities market or by computations of the present net worth of income flows. When used, it is generally applied to value the properties of railroads and large utilities.

The Tax Commission will use one or more of the above approaches to value the portion of the TWE Project located in Nevada. The Tax Commission will then reconcile the methods to derive the final estimate of the transmission line's actual value. *NAC 361.429*. The final estimate, however, may not exceed the value indicated by the cost approach. *NRS 361.320(5)*.

### **III. Assessed Value and County Allocation**

Having determined the estimated value of the portion of the TWE Project located in Nevada, the Tax Commission then determines the assessed value that is subject to taxation. The assessed value of electric transmission property in Nevada is 35% of its estimated value. *NRS 361.225*. Property taxes are then calculated by multiplying the assessed value of the TWE Project by the applicable mill levies for the tax districts in the counties where the TWE Project is located.

In Nevada, the assessed value of an electric transmission system can be allocated among the affected counties in a particular way. If the system is placed in service after July 1, 2003 and is located in a county with a population less than 100,000, then the Tax Commission must segregate the value of the portion of the system located in that county from the value of the entire system located in Nevada. *NRS 361.320(4)*. The segregated value is then assessed in that county and taxed at the same rate as other property. *Id.*

The TWE Project's transmission line will be placed in service after July 1, 2003 and will cross Lincoln County, which has a population of less than 100,000. Therefore, the Tax Commission will segregate the value of the portion of the line located in Lincoln County for tax assessment purposes in Lincoln County.

### **IV. Estimated Project Costs**

For the purposes of this memorandum, the cost approach will be used to estimate the actual value of the portion of the TWE Project located in Nevada. The income approach and the stock and debt approach cannot be used because the project currently has no income or securities to evaluate. Based upon a cost range of \$1,250,000 to \$1,800,000 per mile, the total cost of the transmission line in Nevada (157 miles) would be approximately \$196,250,000 to \$282,600,000. The estimated cost of the line terminal to be located in Clark County is \$600,000,000 to

\$700,000,000;<sup>1</sup> and the estimated cost of the ground electrode facility to be located in Clark County is \$18,000,000 to \$22,000,000. Therefore, the total estimated cost of the TWE Project in Nevada is approximately \$814,250,000 to \$1,004,600,000.<sup>2</sup> This estimated cost, as with the estimated cost of an electric transmission line in any region, could be significantly impacted up or down depending on the final route's terrain, number of river crossings and infrastructure crossings.<sup>3</sup> In addition, the final cost is also dependent on commodity prices, primarily for steel, aluminum and concrete, as well as labor costs.<sup>4</sup>

In allocating project costs between Clark County and Lincoln County, the cost of the portion of the system located in Lincoln County must be segregated from the cost of the portion of the system located in Clark County. This results in an allocation of \$728,000,000 to \$880,400,000 to Clark County and \$86,250,000 to \$124,200,000 to Lincoln County, as shown below in Table 1.

At the time the TWE Project generates an income, the Tax Commission will use the income approach to determine an estimated value for the TWE Project and will reconcile that value with the estimated value derived using the cost approach. This reconciliation may result in a reduction to the estimated value derived using the cost approach. The Nevada Department of Taxation will not at this time suggest a percentage to estimate this reduction and advises to look only to the cost approach until the time that the TWE Project generates an income.

## V. TWE Project Tax Estimates

Table 1 below sets forth the estimated costs of the TWE Project and allocates those costs between Clark County and Lincoln County, Nevada. Table 1 also accounts for Western's proposed 50% ownership of the TWE Project<sup>5</sup> and the 35% level of assessment applicable in Nevada for electric transmission property.

In addition, there are numerous tax districts within Clark County and Lincoln County, each with its own mill levies. For the purposes of this memorandum, those mill levies have been averaged to derive a county-wide tax rate, using FY2014-15 rates. These average rates are used in Table 1 to calculate the estimated taxes due in Year 1 of the TWE Project for Clark County and Lincoln County. *The estimated tax revenue to Clark County in Year 1 is \$3,900,000 million to \$4,700,000 million and to Lincoln County is \$480,000 to \$690,000.*

<sup>1</sup> The costs of the terminal vary based on the amount of equipment required to reliably operate the system. System studies are currently underway to determine the level of equipment required.

<sup>2</sup> These cost estimates do not include the value of TransWest's possessory interest in the federal lands impacted by the TWE Project. TransWest has yet to obtain those interests so they are difficult to value at this time. Such additional costs will create greater actual tax revenues than the estimates of this memorandum.

<sup>3</sup> These features impact the number and types of structures needed in each area. For planning purposes, we assume there will be 40 structures per 10 mile stretch of line, although this ratio could be between 30 to 60 structures per stretch of line depending on the route features.

<sup>4</sup> The final cost would also be impacted if an alternative route is chosen for the TWE Project line. BLM's preferred route in Nevada is 157 miles long, which is the number used in this memorandum to estimate the line costs.

<sup>5</sup> In the event that Western does not ultimately own any interest in the TWE Project, and 100% of the project is owned privately, then the tax revenue estimates set forth in this memorandum would double.

**TABLE 1**

		Clark County	Lincoln County	Nevada Total
T-Line Miles		88	69	157
T-Line Cost per Mile	<i>low</i>	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,250,000
	<i>high</i>	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000
Southern Terminal Cost	<i>low</i>	\$ 600,000,000	-	\$ 600,000,000
	<i>high</i>	\$ 700,000,000	-	\$ 700,000,000
Ground Electrode Cost	<i>low</i>	\$ 18,000,000	-	\$ 18,000,000
	<i>high</i>	\$ 22,000,000	-	\$ 22,000,000
Estimated Actual Value	<i>low</i>	\$ 728,000,000	\$ 86,250,000	\$ 814,250,000
	<i>high</i>	\$ 880,400,000	\$ 124,200,000	\$ 1,004,600,000
Exemption for Western's Proposed Interest		50%	50%	50%
Assessed Value		35%	35%	35%
Average Tax Rate <sup>6</sup>		3.0631	3.1800	3.0755
Year 1 Estimated Taxes	<i>low</i>	\$ 3,902,389	\$ 479,981	\$ 4,382,371
	<i>high</i>	\$ 4,719,318	\$ 691,173	\$ 5,410,491

The TWE Project's assessed value in Clark County for Year 1 is estimated to be \$127,400,000 to \$154,070,000. *This ranks the TWE Project among the largest property taxpayers in Clark County:*

**2013-2014 Assessed Value in Clark County, Nevada<sup>7</sup>**

1.	MGM Resorts International	\$ 2,277,163,442
2.	NV Energy	\$ 1,713,383,806
3.	Caesars Entertainment Corporation	\$ 1,487,185,551
4.	Las Vegas Sands Corporation	\$ 838,249,998
5.	Wynn Resorts Limited	\$ 660,875,539
6.	Station Casinos Incorporated	\$ 452,546,828
7.	Boyd Gaming Corporation	\$ 269,969,063
8.	Southwest Gas Corporation	\$ 168,805,479
9.	General Growth Properties Incorporated	\$ 165,123,869
10.	Universal Health Services Incorporated	\$ 152,256,237
11.	Nevada Property 1 LLC	\$ 150,879,431
12.	Ruffin Companies	\$ 144,264,477
13.	Camden Property Trust	\$ 135,356,876
14.	Picerne Real Estate Group	\$ 132,661,508
15.	Molasky Group of Companies	\$ 113,795,968

**VI. Depreciated FMV on the TWE Project**

Finally, this section outlines the impact of applying depreciation to the FMV of the TWE Project and the resulting tax revenues over time. The Tax Commission indicates that it will

<sup>6</sup> See <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/brc/Pages/TaxStructure.aspx>; Nevada Local Government Finance Redbook 2014-2015 at <http://tax.nv.gov/LocalGovt/PolicyPub/ArchiveFiles/Redbook/>.

<sup>7</sup> See <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/assessor/Documents/Secured%2013-14.pdf>

apply a straight-line depreciation schedule of 1.5% per year for 50 years, resulting in a 25% residual value for all remaining years of use. This memorandum estimates a total cost for the TWE Project of approximately \$800,000,000 in Clark County and \$100,000,000 in Lincoln County<sup>8</sup>, as supported above in Table 1. Based upon these estimates, TransWest will pay an estimated **136.7 million dollars** in property taxes in Clark County and an estimated **17.3 million dollars** in property taxes in Lincoln County over a 50 year economic life for the project.

### CONCLUSION

TransWest will pay an estimated **154 million dollars** in property taxes in Nevada over the 50 year economic life of the TWE Project. This tax estimate is generally conservative. The TWE Project will be one of the largest property tax payers in Clark County.

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<sup>8</sup> For purposes of calculating the depreciation estimates, a value in the middle of estimated FMV was used.