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Re: Filing of Application of Aiya Solar Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Utility Facility Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act; Docket No. 14-11016

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Enclosed herewith please find the Application of Aiya Solar Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Utility Facility Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"); Docket No. 14-11016. The documents comprising the Application are:

1. Application of Aiya Solar Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Utility Facility Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act; and
2. Exhibits A through I, including the required Public Notice and Proof of Publication (Exhibits F and G) and Proof of Service (Exhibit H). The Final Environmental Impact Statement is included as Exhibit I.

The UEPA process was commenced on November 19, 2014 with the filing of the Notice of the Application to a Federal Agency by Aiya Solar Project, LLC ("Aiya"). Aiya respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada accept this Application under UEPA as complying with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

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

Best Regards,



Linda M. Bullen
Bullen Law, LLC

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11 **A. INTRODUCTION**

12 In accordance with NRS 704.870(2), applicant Aiya Solar Project, LLC ("Aiya" or the
13 "Company"), hereby files with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") its
14 Application ("Application"), which supersedes the Notice of an Application to a Federal Agency
15 filed with the Commission on November 19, 2014 pursuant to the Utility Environmental
16 Protection Act ("UEPA") (NRS 704.820 to 704.900 and NAC 703.415 to 703.427). Aiya
17 proposes to build an up to 100 megawatt photovoltaic solar facility on lands located on the
18 Moapa River Indian Reservation in Clark County, Nevada. The solar field will interconnect via
19 a 230 kilovolt ("kV") generation tie transmission line ("gen-tie") that will be located on Tribal
20 lands, Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") administered lands and private lands.
21 Approximately 0.9 miles of the entire gen-tie will be located on BLM administered lands, which
22 will include 0.7-miles of single-circuit 230 kV transmission line and 0.2-miles of double-circuit
23 230 kV transmission line. An additional 0.5-mile section of the generation tie line will be
24 double-circuit 230 kV transmission line located on private lands. These transmission lines will
25 interconnect the solar field with the existing NV Energy Reid Gardner Substation or a new NV
26 Energy switchyard near the existing Reid Gardner Substation. An expansion of the Reid Gardner
27 Substation including a bay expansion and ancillary facilities and the BLM and private lands
28 portions of this transmission line and ancillary facilities are the subject of this Application (the
"Project"). Aiya provides the following information and exhibits hereto in support of this
Application pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) and NAC 703.423.

1 **B. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 1. Aiya is a wholly owned subsidiary of First Solar Development, LLC.

3 2. Aiya was formed for the purpose of developing and constructing a solar facility
4 on tribal land.

5 3. Aiya's principal place of business and mailing address is 135 Main Street, Suite
6 600, San Francisco, CA 94105; telephone number: (415) 935-2500.

7 4. All correspondence related to this Application should be sent to the undersigned
8 counsel:

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15 **C. LEGAL AUTHORITY**

16 The National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA"), 42 U.S.C. 4321 et. seq., requires a
17 thorough review and analysis of the environmental conditions associated with the Project. The
18 Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") was the lead agency in the environmental review and analysis
19 of the Project, in conjunction with other federal and cooperating state agencies. The BIA, a
20 federal agency, issued the Notice of Availability ("NOA") of the Final Environmental Impact
21 Statement ("EIS") for the Project and the associated solar facility on March 10, 2016.

22 UEPA establishes a two-step application procedure for facilities subject to federal
23 permitting and environmental review that are built in Nevada. First, if a federal agency is
24 required to conduct an environmental analysis of a proposed utility facility, the project proponent
25 is required to file a Notice of the federal filing with the Commission. See NRS 704.870(2)(a)(1)
26 and (2). Subsequently, the project proponent must file an Application with the Commission for a
27 permit to construct the Project. See NRS 704.870(2)(b). Aiya filed its Notice with the
28 Commission on November 19, 2014.

Aiya now files this Application pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) for a Permit to Construct
the Project. Aiya requests that the Commission accept this Application as complying with the

1 statutory and regulatory requirements set forth above and approve its request for a Permit to
2 Construct the Project pursuant to NRS 704.8905(1)(b).

3 **D. ALLEGATIONS OF MATERIAL FACT**

4 The Project will be located on federal land managed by the BLM and private land owned
5 by Nevada Power Company in Clark County, Nevada. *See Exhibit A, Site Location Map.*

6 **E. RESPONSES TO REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

7 The information required by NAC 703.423 is provided below.

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

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

11 The Project will be located approximately 40 miles north of Las Vegas in Clark County
12 and the portion of the transmission line subject to UEPA will extend from the border of the
13 Moapa River Indian Reservation to the Reid Gardner Substation. *See Exhibit A, Site Location*
14 *Map.* A regional map showing the location of the Project is attached as Exhibit B.

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

18 A detailed description of the Project is attached as Exhibit C.

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

21 A Facility Plan is attached as Exhibit D, and scaled diagrams are attached as Exhibit E.

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

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

24 The transmission line portion of the Project is approximately one and a half (1.5) miles in
25 length, 0.9 miles on federal land administered by the BLM and 0.5 miles on privately-owned
26 land.

27 The Project will include:

- 28 • single and double-circuit transmission structures, conductors, fiber optic communication cables, insulators and associated hardware;

- temporary construction use areas, such as staging areas, material storage areas, pulling, tensioning and splicing sites, and concrete batch plants;
- a bay addition at Reid Gardner Substation, including one 230 kV A-frame structure, two new 230 kV circuit breakers and all additional busswork, switches, protective relays, communication facilities, and related equipment appurtenant associated with this expansion;
- a demarcation structure and switch; and
- access roads to transmission structures, temporary construction use areas and terminal.

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

Aiya anticipates minimal uses of natural resources during construction and operation of the Project. Water will be utilized for dust control, and it is anticipated that approximately ten (10) acre feet of water will be used for the construction of the transmission line and ancillary facilities. Crushed rock aggregate will be used to produce concrete. The only other natural resources the Company anticipates using are those incorporated in construction materials (e.g. steel and aluminum).

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

Layout diagrams of the Project are attached as Exhibit D.

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

Scaled diagrams of the Project are attached as Exhibit E.

(e) A statement concerning whether the proposed utility facility is an electric generating plant or the associated facilities of an electric generating plant that uses renewable energy as its primary source of energy to generate electricity.

The Project is not an electric generating plant but is being designed and constructed to transmit renewable energy generated by the Aiya Solar Project.

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

The BIA has prepared an EIS for the Project, which is provided as Exhibit I.

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

5 The selected location is best suited for the Project as disclosed and analyzed in the EIS.

- 6 **5. A copy of the public notice of the application or amended application and proof of**
7 **publication of the public notice, as required by subsection 4 of NRS 704.870. (NAC**
8 **703.423(5))**

9 A summary of this Application has appeared in a newspaper published and distributed in
10 the area where the Project is planned pursuant to NRS 704.870(4)(b) and NAC 703.423(5). *See*
11 Exhibit F. A copy of the Application has been filed with the clerk of each local government in
12 the area in which the Project is to be located pursuant to NRS 704.870(4)(a). *See* Exhibit G.

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

16 A copy of the Application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within
17 the Nevada Department of Administration. *See* Exhibit F.

- 18 **7. An explanation of the nature of the probable effect on the environment. (NAC**
19 **703.423(7))**

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

21 Detailed environmental analysis of the Project is contained in the EIS. *See* Exhibit I.
22 The EIS analyzes the direct, indirect and cumulative environmental impacts from constructing
23 and operating the Project in Nevada.

- 24 (b) An environmental statement that includes:

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

28 A list of preparers and reviewers is included at Section 6.4 of the EIS. *See* Exhibit I.

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

 A list of commenters and agencies that participated and coordinated is included at
Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the EIS. *See* Exhibit I.

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

A bibliography of reference materials used in preparing the EIS is contained in Section R1 of the EIS. See Exhibit I.

(4) A description of:

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

See Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences"), Exhibit I.

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

See Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences"), Exhibit I.

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

See Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment and Environmental Consequences"), Exhibit I.

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

Pursuant to NRS 704.890(1)(b), the Project is exempt from NAC 703.423(8) because it is associated with a facility which uses renewable energy to generate electricity.

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

As explained in Section 3 of the EIS, the Project will not have significant unmitigated adverse impacts on the environment.

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

(a) The state of available technology.

1 The Project has been analyzed extensively in the EIS and Aiya has completed a
 2 comprehensive Plan of Development (“POD”), which incorporates and addresses all identified
 3 environmental constraints, to support the construction of the facilities needed for the Project.
 4 The POD has evolved so as to capture new information and environmental data gathered over the
 5 course of the EIS process. The Project has been designed to incorporate the best available
 6 technology and will be operated and constructed to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental
 7 impacts to the extent practicable.
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9 (b) The nature of various alternatives.

10 The Project represents the minimum adverse effect on the environment that is
 11 economically viable.

12 (c) The economics of various alternatives.

13 The Project represents the minimum adverse effect on the environment that is
 14 economically viable.

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

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

19 The NOA of the Final EIS for the Project was issued by the BIA on March 10, 2016. The
 20 remaining permits detailed below are anticipated to be obtained on or before the date indicated.

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

Permit/Authorization	Authorizing Agency	Date Obtained or Anticipated Date To Obtain
Environmental Impact Statement	U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	March 2016
Right of Way Grant and Notice to Proceed	U.S. Bureau of Land Management	Q 3 2016
Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation and Incidental Take Permit	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	December 2015

1	Clean Water Act Section 404 Determination	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	June 2015
2	Hazardous Materials Storage Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	Q 3 2016
3	Dust Control Permit	Clark County Department of Air Quality	Q 3 2016
4	Special Use Permit	Clark County Board of County Commissioners	Q 3 2016
5	National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation and Approval	State Historic Preservation Office	Q 2 2016
6	Groundwater Discharge Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	Q 3 2016
7	Occupancy Permit	Nevada Department of Transportation	Q 3 2016
8	Working in Waters Permit	Nevada Division of Environmental Protection	Q 3 2016
9	Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada	Q 3 2016
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15 **12. Explanation of how the proposed utility facility will serve the public interest. (NAC**
 16 **703.423(12))**

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

19 It is estimated that construction of the transmission lines will occur over a period of four
 20 months and the expansion to the Reid Gardner Substation will take approximately four months.
 21 Transmission line construction will create approximately 24 construction jobs in Nevada.

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

24 Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment") addresses the potential impacts on
 25 environmental resources from the construction and operation of the Project. Resources examined
 26 include potential impacts to climate and air quality; geological, paleontological and mineral; soil;
 27 water; vegetation and special status plant species; wildlife and special status wildlife species;
 28 aquatic and special status aquatic species; cultural resources and Native American concerns;
 visual; recreation; land use and special designation areas; transportation and access; social and

1 economic; public health and safety; wild horse management areas; and land with wilderness
2 characteristics.

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

5 Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment") includes sub-section 3.14, "Public Health
6 and Safety." This sub-section analyzes potential impacts from potential hazardous
7 waste/contaminated soil and groundwater, hazardous materials such as fuels, oils, lubricants and
8 solvents, fire hazards and worker safety. The EIS concludes that "the potential for encountering
9 hazards and hazardous material ... during construction and operation would be low because of
10 the undeveloped nature of the Project site and surrounding areas and the proposed plans for
11 handling such materials during the construction and operation of the Project." Exhibit I, EIS, p.
12 3-73. As for worker safety, during construction, "standard health and safety procedures would
13 be implemented in accordance with OSHA standards to minimize the risk of accidents or
14 injuries" and the "Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) contractor will be
15 responsible for submitting an adequate Health & Safety Plan prior to construction." Exhibit I,
16 EIS, p. 3-74. As noted above, the solar facility associated with the Project also will result in
17 improved air quality by displacement of electricity produced from fossil fuels, resulting in an
18 improvement to human health.

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

21 Construction of the Project and the solar project associated with it will deliver economic
22 benefits including increased property tax revenues, sales/use tax revenues, lease payments and
23 job creation. Section 3 of the EIS ("Affected Environment") includes sub-section 3.10,
24 "Socioeconomic Conditions" which states that the Aiya Solar Project will "be located on
25 undeveloped lands on the Reservation, near Moapa Town, Nevada." Exhibit I, EIS, p 3-51. The
26 Moapa Indian Reservation has 1,391 residents, 198 of whom (14.2%) have income below the
27 poverty level, and Moapa Town population of 1,015 has 98 residents (9.6%) living below the
28 poverty level. EIS, p. 3-53. In addition, "[t]he unemployment rate for the Reservation and
Moapa Town is approximately 7 percent higher than that for Clark County and the State of

1 Nevada." It is anticipated that direct and indirect benefits to the residents of the Reservation and
2 Moapa Town will result from the development and construction of the Aiya Solar Project,
3 including the transmission infrastructure.

4 Beyond the Reservation and Moapa Town, the "Clark County economy is heavily
5 dependent on the leisure and hospitality sector, as well as closely linked supporting sectors in
6 arts, entertainment, and retail trade establishments." The Aiya Solar Project and associated
7 infrastructure are anticipated to help diversify and thereby strengthen the Clark County economy.

8 Beyond Clark County and Nevada, this transmission project as interstate benefits by
9 upgrading the overall transmission infrastructure and helping to bring clean, renewable energy to
10 market.

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

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

- 14 1. Grants a Permit to Construct the Project, as described in this Application;
- 15 2. Grants such conditions and modifications that may allow for the issuance of the
16 UEPA Permit to Construct or a compliance order with the condition that the Company may file
17 any outstanding required permits, licenses or approvals with the Commission prior to
18 commencing construction of the Project pursuant to NRS 704.890;
- 19 3. Grants such variances from the Commission's regulations as may be in the public
20 interest; and
- 21 4. Grants Aiya such other and further relief as the Commission may find reasonable
22 and appropriate under the circumstances.

23 Respectfully submitted on April 8, 2016.

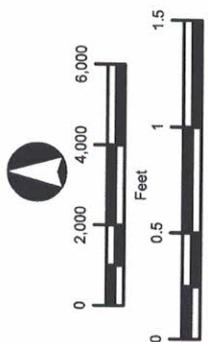
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25 Aiya Solar Project, LLC

26 By: 
27 Linda M. Bullen
28 Bullen Law, LLC

EXHIBIT A

Legend

- Potential Collector Station Location
- Gen-Tie Routes
- Double-Circuit Line
- Interstate
- State Highway
- Road
- Railroad
- Solar Project Area
- Existing Substation
- Jurisdictional Land Ownership
- Bureau of Land Management Land
- Indian Reservation
- Bureau of Reclamation



State Plane Coordinate System
Nevada East, NAD 83
Lambert Conformal Conic Projection
1983 North American Datum
Linear Unit: Foot US

Aiya Gen-Tie Project	
Project Area	
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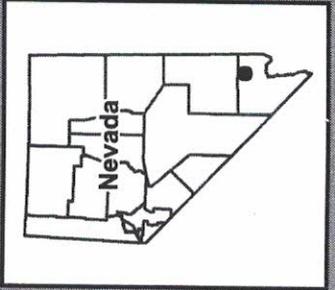
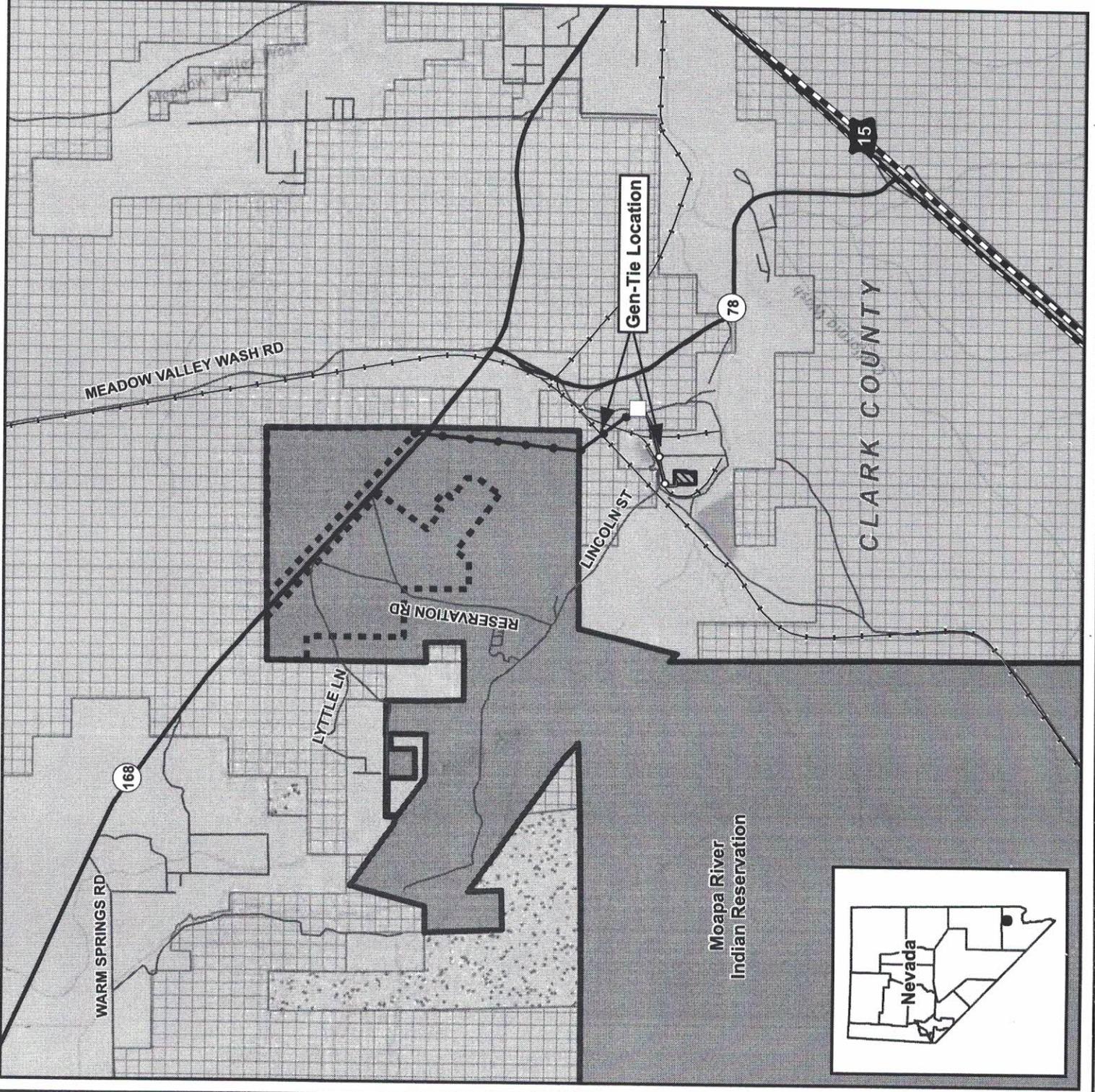
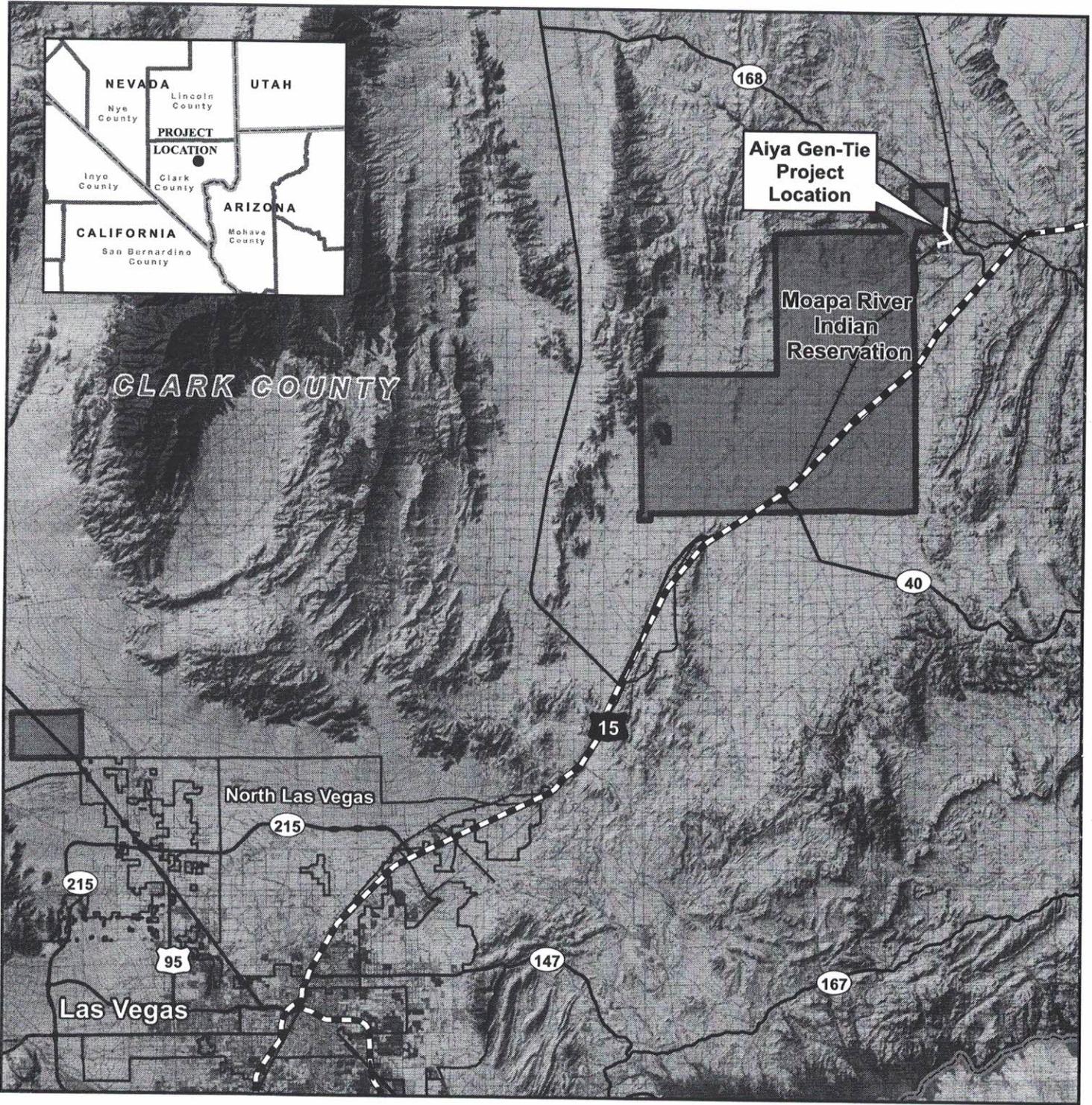


EXHIBIT B



CLARK COUNTY

Aiya Gen-Tie Project Location

Moapa River Indian Reservation

North Las Vegas

Las Vegas

Legend

- Interstate
- US/ State Highway
- Railroad
- Gen-Tie Routes
- Municipal Boundary
- Jurisdictional Land Ownership
- Indian Reservation



Universal Transverse Mercator
North American Datum 1983
Zone 11 North, Meters

AYIA GEN-TIE PROJECT

Regional Location

Map Extent: Clark County, Nevada

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EXHIBIT C

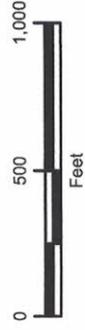
Detailed Description of 230 kV Transmission Line

The single-circuit 230kV transmission line will proceed south from the project substation for the Aiya Solar facility located on Moapa River Indian Reservation, approximately 40 miles northeast of Las Vegas, in Clark County, Nevada, on the north side of Highway 168 and cross about 1.1 miles of Tribal land where it will enter Federal lands managed by the BLM, where it becomes subject to UEPA permitting requirements. The single-circuit route on BLM lands will be approximately 0.6 miles long and will continue southeasterly to one of two new switch structures to be located northeast of the existing Reid-Gardner Substation in the southern half of the NE1/4 of Section 5 in Township 15 South Range 66 East where a new NV Energy switchyard may be built in the future by NV Energy, if needed. Initially, the gen-tie line will connect to a this new switch structure north of the future switchyard location and be built directly to the existing Reid-Gardner Substation which will require the addition of a 230kV bay addition, including two 230kV breakers. From the switch structure, the line will be built along Wally Kay Way on double-circuit structures across approximately 0.3 miles of BLM and 0.5 miles of private land owned by NV Energy to the Reid-Gardner Substation located in the NW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 5 in Township 15 South Range 66 East.

EXHIBIT D

Legend

- Potential Collector Station Location
- Gen-Tie Routes
- Double-Circuit Line
- State Highway
- Railroad
- Existing Substation
- Township/Range Boundary
- PLSS Section Line
- Jurisdictional Land Ownership
- Bureau of Land Management Land
- Indian Reservation



Universal Transverse Mercator
 North American Datum 1983
 Zone 11 North, Meters

Aiya Gen-Tie Project

Proposed Gen-Tie Route

Map Extent: Clark County, Nevada

Date: 04-04-16 Author: rmc

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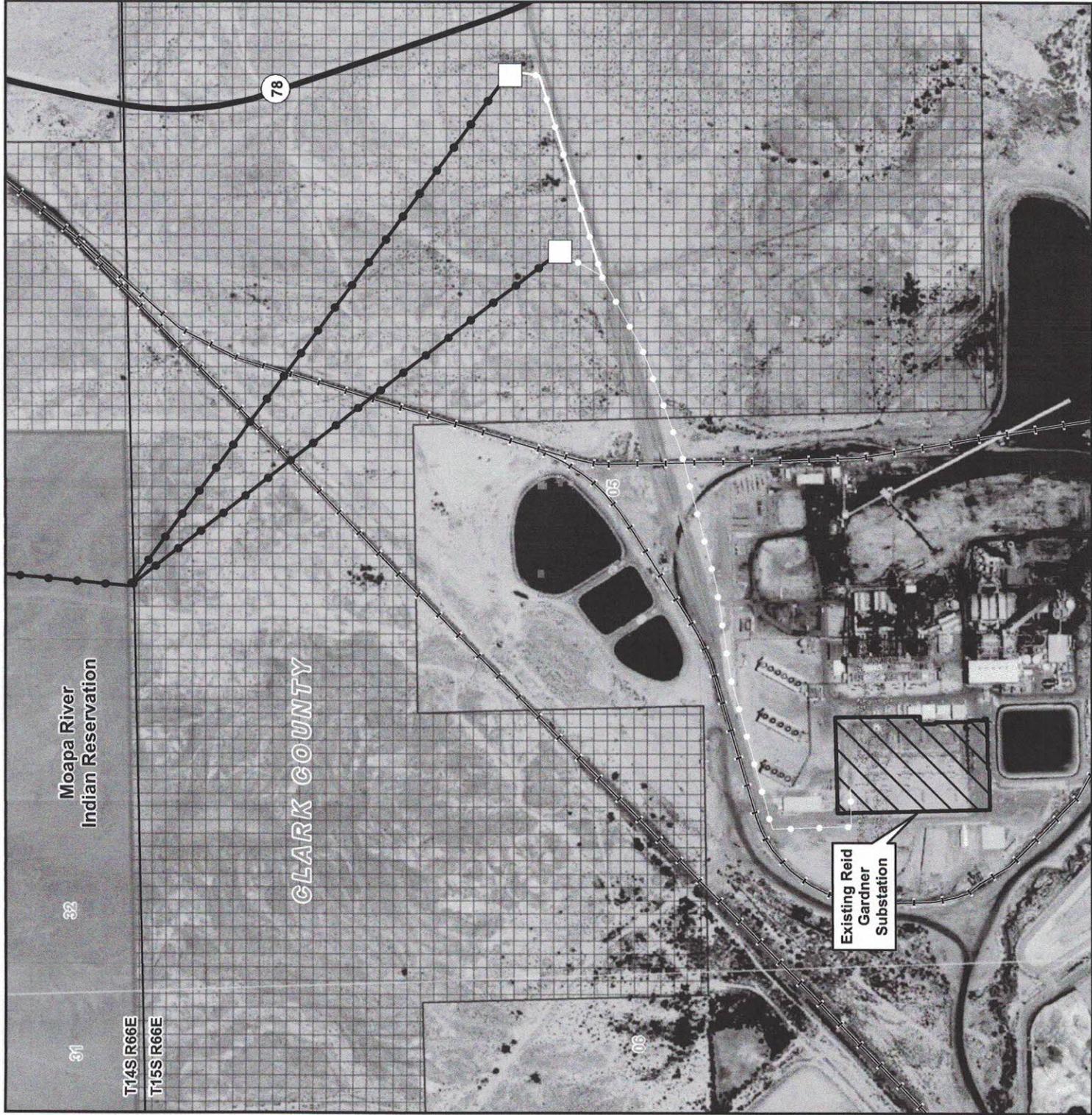
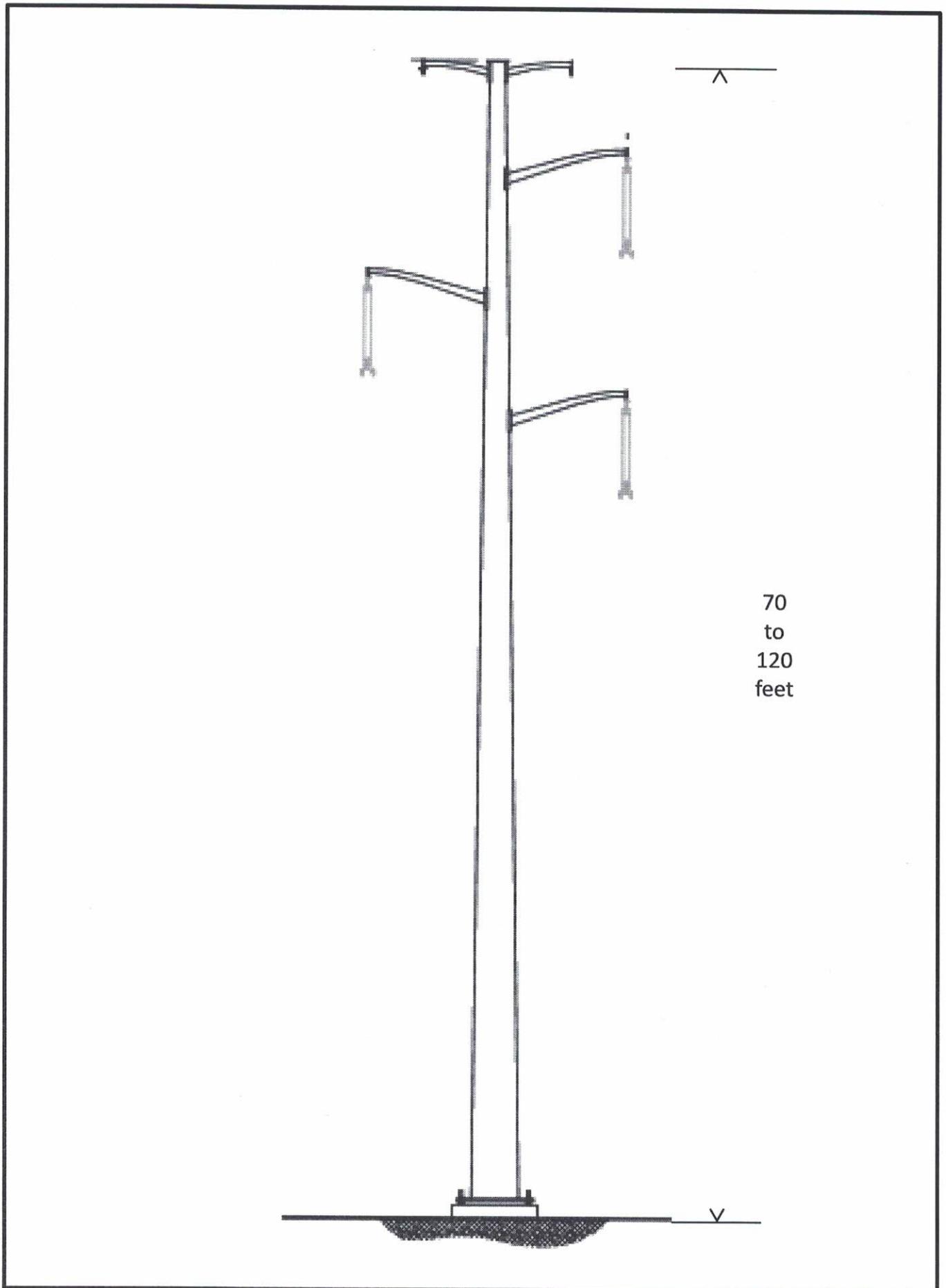


EXHIBIT E



70
to
120
feet

Typical 230 kV Single-Circuit Steel Pole Structure

EXHIBIT F

**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 Aiya Solar Project, LLC For A Permit To Construct A Utility Facility Pursuant To 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 Aiya Solar Project, LLC ("Aiya").
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, Aiya respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada grant to Aiya a permit to construct an 1.5 mile 230 kilovolt transmission line, upgrades to the Reid Gardner Substation and ancillary facilities approximately 40 miles northwest of Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada (the "Proposed Facility").

An environmental review of the Proposed Facility was conducted and an Environmental Impact Statement was prepared following that review. The Proposed Facility will have no effect on consumers.

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

A consumer session is not required.

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.

¹ NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110 inclusive, in which:

(a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and

(b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant's annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT REPRESENTATIVE

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 22nd day of March, 2016

Notary *Mary Lee*

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No. 09-8941-1
My Appt. Exp. Nov. 13, 2016

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A UTILITY FACILITY PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT

Aiya Solar Project, LLC ("Aiya Solar") is submitting to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the "Commission"), pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), an Application (the "Application") for a permit to construct a utility facility under Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Sections 704.820 to 704.900 and Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") Sections 703.415 to 703.427. Aiya Solar proposes to construct an approximately two (2) mile overhead 230 kilovolt transmission line and ancillary facilities on tribal, private and publicly-owned land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to connect a 100 megawatt photovoltaic solar facility on the Moapa River Indian Reservation to the NV Energy's Reid Gardner substation (the "Proposed Facility"). The Proposed Facility is approximately 40 miles northeast of Las Vegas in Clark County, Nevada.

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

1. A description of the location and of the utility facility to be built thereon;
2. A summary of any studies which have been made of the environmental impact of the facility;
3. A general description of the utility facility;
4. A description of any reasonable alternate location or locations for the proposed facility, a description of the comparative merits or detriments of each location submitted, and a statement of the reasons why the primary proposed location is best suited for the facility.
5. A description of any reasonable alternate location(s) for the proposed facility, a description of the comparative merits or detriments of each location submitted, and a statement of the reasons why the primary proposed location is best suited for the facility.
6. Proof that a copy of the Application has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
7. Proof that a public notice of the Application was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the application in newspapers published and distributed in the area in which the utility facility is proposed to be located.
8. Proof of compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program.

A copy of the Application will be available on the Commission's website following the filing of the Application by Aiya Solar. Additional information about the UEPA process and a person's right to participate in the process can be found in NRS and NAC Chapters 703 and 704.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 8, 2016, a true and correct copy of the Application of Aiya Solar Project, LLC for a Permit to Construct a Utility Facility Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act; Docket No. 14-11016 was served via electronic mail to the following parties:

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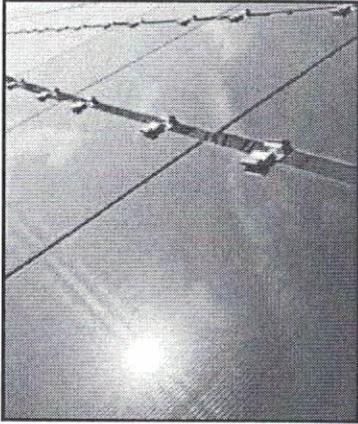
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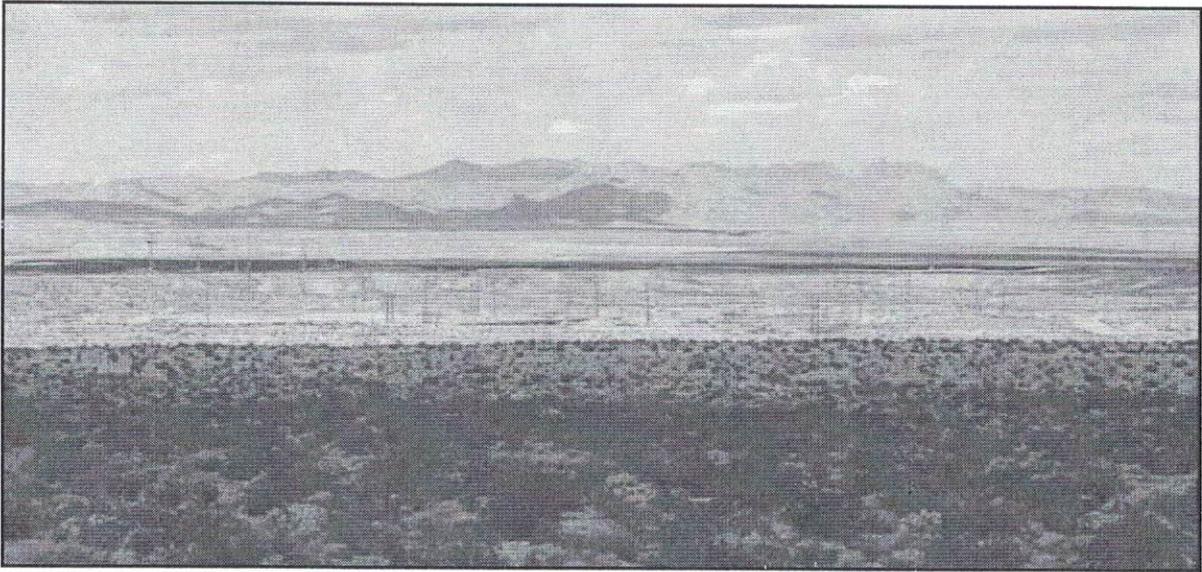
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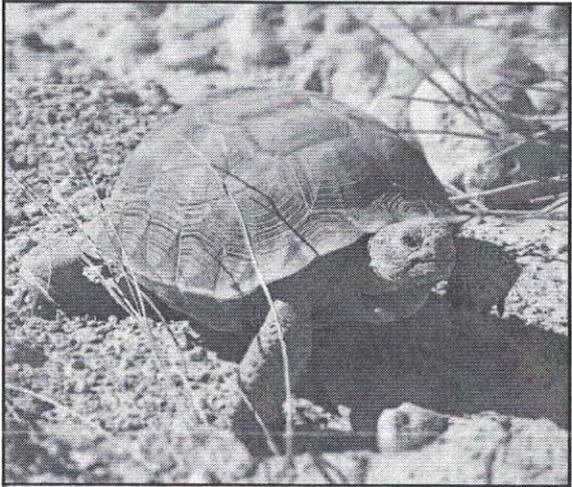
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On Behalf of:
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