

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before the
3 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting
4 Committee, commencing at 10:02 a.m. on June 28, 2023, with
5 all participants appearing via videoconference.

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1 CHMN STAFFORD: All right, let's go on the
2 record.

3 Now is the time set for the prefiling
4 conference for Winchester Transmission project. Let's
5 take appearances, please.

6 MR. ACKEN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman.
7 Bert Acken of Acken Law on behalf of the applicant
8 Winchester Transmission, LLC. You see a full cast here.
9 You know, if you'd like them to introduce themselves for
10 the record and who they are we can do that.

11 And maybe -- maybe I'll start off with the
12 Torch team, which is the parent of the applicant. And,
13 Ms. Born, if you could introduce yourself.

14 MS. BORN: Yeah. Hi, Mr. Chairman. I'm
15 Sara Born. I'm the director of development of Torch Clean
16 Energy. Been working on this project for quite some time.
17 I will unfortunately not be part of the hearing, but have
18 worked super closely with Bert and the rest of the team
19 who will be participating in the hearing as we move
20 forward. It's a pleasure to meet you.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Thank you.

22 MR. ACKEN: And Rachael?

23 MS. TAYLOR: Hi, you all. Yeah, my name's
24 Rachael and I am kind of trying to lead the process on the
25 Torch side of assisting Dean developing the application.

1 And I will be at the hearing but I will not be giving
2 testimony; our colleague Scott Leach will be.

3 MR. ACKEN: And Adam Davis is also from
4 Torch.

5 MR. DAVIS: Hey, everybody. Thanks for --
6 Yeah, Adam here with Torch as well. More on the technical
7 side with Torch just assisting in all ways technical that
8 I can. I should be at the hearing as well but, like
9 Rachael, probably not testifying.

10 MR. ACKEN: And then the additional Torch
11 representative who will be joining us is Scott Leach, who
12 I believe will be testifying. So -- But he will be
13 joining us in a sec.

14 And then we have two individuals from SWCA
15 who have been developing the application, the resource
16 studies for that, and assisting the Torch team with the
17 public outreach. So Dean Hazle?

18 MR. HAZLE: Hi. Dean Hazle. I plan to
19 attend and testify at the hearing on behalf of the
20 applicant.

21 MR. ACKEN: And Tom, I'm not going to try
22 and butcher your last name.

23 MR. KORONKIEWICZ: That's okay.

24 Good morning, Mr. Chairman and Bert and all.
25 I'm Tom Koronkiewicz, SWCA, environmental consultants.

1 Environmental specialist and project manager working on
2 behalf of Torch Clean Energy.

3 MR. ACKEN: And joining us now is Scott
4 Leach. And Scott, if you could just give a brief
5 introduction.

6 MS. BORN: Scott, we can't hear you.

7 MR. ACKEN: Well, we'll let him -- Maybe
8 he's having some issues that could be taking a second.
9 But once he's -- once he's all logged in and ready to go
10 I'll have him --

11 MS. BORN: He's coming in here.

12 MR. LEACH: I'm going to do this the
13 old-fashioned way. Good afternoon, everyone. I'm Scott
14 Leach. I'm the chief commercial officer here at Torch.
15 And I will try to get my computer going, but I figured I'd
16 say hello here.

17 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

18 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Do we have some
20 exhibits for the prefiling conference?

21 MR. ACKEN: Yes. I provided a draft notice
22 of hearing and we can mark that as PFC Number 1. It's
23 very similar to the standard draft notice of hearing that
24 you -- we would do for committee hearing, just with a
25 handful of modifications to address the fact that -- you

1 know, that we're going to do this in front of you as the
2 presiding officer. So I tried to add language to that
3 effect to make it clear that, again, this is going to be a
4 hearing before a hearing officer. At Mr. Hazle's catch I
5 added something at the end that said -- noted that this
6 will go to the full committee, you know, at a subsequent
7 open meeting that we would provide notice of on our
8 project website.

9 The -- I have proposed to eliminate the
10 entire discussion of a tour because I don't think you
11 envision a tour as a hearing officer. So that's been
12 removed.

13 And then the other -- I mean, the -- I guess
14 the other key components that I wanted to touch on with
15 you is really the timing. When do you want to start this
16 hearing? When did you want to take public comment? What
17 does that public comment look like? You know, are we
18 going to have the ability to have the public in the
19 building? Is it all going to be virtual? So I just want
20 to tee up those questions for you.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So we're looking
22 to do the hearing at the Commission in the upstairs
23 conference room.

24 MR. ACKEN: Oh, great. So we have that now.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: Yes. I heard back -- I got

1 confirmation this morning.

2 MR. ACKEN: Terrific. So in the small -- in
3 like the commissioner's conference room?

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Yes, on the second floor
5 where they have the staff meetings a lot of times.

6 MR. ACKEN: Okay.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: So that will be there.

8 Yeah, I'm going to -- I'm going to tweak the
9 notice of hearing. I worked something up to -- for this
10 scenario since this will be the first case before the
11 hearing officer.

12 So I think we can start at 9:00 and then go
13 until you finish and then take public comment from 5:30 to
14 6:00. But we're not going to do a tour. There will be no
15 tour.

16 MS. BORN: You don't want to -- you don't
17 want to drive 15 miles across the desert in the middle of
18 the summer?

19 CHMN STAFFORD: No, I think not.

20 MR. ACKEN: And drive three, four hours to
21 get there and drive three, four hours to get back.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. Yeah.

23 MR. HAZLE: Well, SWCA has prepared a
24 virtual tour similar to what you are accustomed to seeing
25 at a regular hearing. So we will have that for your

1 benefit.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. So Jill,
3 do you have the exhibits that they sent out?

4 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, I do.

5 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Well, let's admit
6 those.

7 MR. ACKEN: The others, just -- just for the
8 record, Mr. Chairman, is a map which is the project
9 corridor. You know, this is an approximately 15-mile
10 transmission line from the Winchester energy facilities in
11 the east near Win -- excuse me, Willcox, interconnecting
12 with the Winchester substation and switchyard to the west
13 there. So, again, about 15 miles. Primarily the corridor
14 is a thousand feet. At both ends it widens to provide for
15 some flexibility as we enter into Winchester and also
16 where the project substation will go.

17 That map includes our proposed sign
18 locations. And if you look at that map you will see we
19 only have two and they are in the western area. But
20 that's where -- that's the only public access. That's
21 where we have roads that cross the transmission line.
22 This is remote. And so that is our proposal for the
23 signs.

24 And then the third exhibit is the proposed
25 sign language itself. So, again, if -- You know, given

1 this is new, if you want us to modify the sign language
2 just let us know and we will do so accordingly.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Yeah, once -- How
4 soon do you need the sign put up?

5 MR. ACKEN: Well, you know, that's not a
6 statutory or regulatory requirement. I think usually
7 what -- the procedural order likes to have everything
8 up -- is it 20 days before the hearing? You know, so we
9 do like to try and get it up relatively quickly. And they
10 need a bit of a heads-up for the sign company. But
11 obviously we want to get it right, and so I think that's
12 more important than a timing standpoint here.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So when I --
14 when we get the -- finalize the notice of hearing that
15 will be sufficient time for you to get the signs up?

16 MR. ACKEN: Absolutely.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And what are the
18 affected jurisdictions?

19 MR. ACKEN: State land in Cochise County.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: You will get the certified
21 mail out to them. And which newspaper will the
22 publication be in?

23 MR. ACKEN: So we are going to publish in --
24 it's the Harold Review. It's the newspaper of record for
25 Cochise. We are actually going to publish three dates

1 because only one of those dates does it actually publish
2 in Willcox proper. So we are going to publish on the 7th
3 and 9th and the 12th. That's going to be -- So I did want
4 to raise this with you. It's going to be a little tight
5 with -- You know, we're aiming to file Friday. That's the
6 plan. But we would need that notice of hearing docketed
7 by the -- early on the 5th. So I don't know what your
8 holiday schedule is, but in order to make that publication
9 time frame with that local newspaper that's what we will
10 need.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: So you need the notice of
12 hearing by July 5th?

13 MR. ACKEN: Correct. Early on --
14 10:00 o'clock.

15 MR. HAZLE: 10:00 a.m. to meet the
16 newspaper's copy deadline.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Just check here. That
18 should not be a problem.

19 And your plan is to file this Friday, the
20 30th?

21 MR. ACKEN: Correct. Friday afternoon.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Okay. What's
23 the -- Tod, what's the date we're putting for the
24 prehearing conference then?

25 MR. BREWER: We don't have that scheduled

1 yet, Mr. Chairman. That was something we needed to review
2 today.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

4 MR. BREWER: Depending on when CEC 222 is
5 finished we could schedule for August the 11th.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah, I expect it will be
7 done by the 11th.

8 MR. BREWER: And we can do that at
9 2:00 o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. How does that sound,
11 Bert? August 11th, 2:00 p.m.

12 MR. ACKEN: That works for me. Thank you.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, you've had --
14 have you had any interested members of the public or
15 potential intervenors?

16 MR. ACKEN: No. The short answer is no.
17 The applicant's team even -- They sent out mailers to
18 nearby landowners, lazing -- lazing -- grazing lessees, if
19 I can speak today, informing them of the project, inviting
20 them to an open house. That open house was held I believe
21 on the 19th. There were no attendees. And that's pretty
22 consistent with the public interest of this project.
23 Again, it's remote; it's on primarily state land that is
24 held on just a handful of grazing lessees. And the
25 project obviously won't interfere with those grazing

1 rights, so -- We have not had any feedback from the public
2 of note or at all and I'm not anticipating any at this
3 time.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

5 MS. BORN: And Mr. Chairman, I'll add when
6 we permitted our solar portion of this project some of the
7 people in the vicinity -- I should say, many of them have
8 been notified through that process two times, because
9 we're also going through an amendment, and we have had no
10 comments in that regard either.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. So
12 there's no litigation or disputes.

13 And you will send me the hard copy of the
14 application when you file?

15 MR. ACKEN: Correct.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. I'll get
17 the procedural order out as soon as I -- once I get that.

18 You know to provide the draft CEC by the
19 prehearing conference referencing the previous CEC?

20 MR. ACKEN: Will do.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So you said -- Now,
22 what was the permitting you had to go through? You had
23 to -- Do you need a permit from the county, like a special
24 use permit or is it accepted use for this section and the
25 rest of it's on state land?

1 MS. BORN: It's a special use permit for the
2 solar facility.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: But not for the transmission
4 line? It's allowed --

5 MS. BORN: Not for the transmission, nope.
6 (Indecipherable due to simultaneous
7 crosstalk.)

8 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, what did you
9 say? Not for the transmission, it's allowed?

10 MS. BORN: Allowed by rate in Cochise
11 County.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: And then on state land you
13 have the leases in place then; right?

14 MS. BORN: Right-of-ways, yes.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

16 MS. BORN: We're working on that with the
17 state land department.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, for technology
19 for the hearing that -- everything should be ready to go
20 in the Commission conference room. I'll need to talk to
21 Mike here next week and make sure they are all set up for
22 everything. If there's any issues -- which I don't
23 anticipate there should be -- I'll have Tod let you know.
24 But my -- my plan is -- I think that room is pretty much
25 already set up to have call-in, broadcasts, record

1 everything.

2 We will have the court reporter there for
3 the hearing.

4 MR. ACKEN: Mr. Chairman, does that room
5 have video?

6 CHMN STAFFORD: I believe there's a screen
7 in there. It won't be -- it won't be two screens, it
8 might just be -- I think it's just one screen. But I will
9 double-check.

10 MR. ACKEN: But as far as like, you know,
11 external participants, I would -- It's been a while since
12 I listened to a staff meeting, but I thought that was
13 audio only when they are upstairs, for the public.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah, I'll talk -- I'll
15 confirm with Mike. But I think -- I think they have the
16 ability to do it, they just -- for staffing, they
17 typically don't take any comment. Typically even the
18 (indecipherable) don't speak in those, but I don't --

19 THE COURT REPORTER: The who doesn't speak
20 in those? I'm sorry.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Advisors. Commissioners,
22 advisors typically don't even speak at the staff meetings.

23 What was the -- What's the size of this
24 line?

25 MR. ACKEN: It's about 15 miles depending on

1 the interconnection. And I should -- You know, most of
2 the -- the vast majority of that the line is on state
3 land. That eastern interconnection is going to be on land
4 controlled by the applicant or where it interconnects with
5 the project substation, that -- but there's private land
6 options there and so, you know, there may be a small
7 portion of private land.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: What kV is the line?

9 MR. ACKEN: I'm sorry?

10 CHMN STAFFORD: What kV is the line?

11 MR. ACKEN: 345.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: 345.

13 MR. ACKEN: One other thing while we talking
14 about the details of the project before I forget, we are
15 not going to seek approval for the project substation.
16 And that's a little different than what I've done in some
17 of mine in the past. I know some others don't seek
18 authority for the -- for the substation. I think that's
19 where the Commission is today. So I -- You know, we're
20 going to have a footnote in the application that says
21 we're not, but if the Commission disagrees to approve it,
22 I'm going to propose for your consideration and the
23 Committees' consideration even a finding of fact and
24 conclusion of law that it doesn't require it, and then you
25 guys can talk about it. And if you guys say we need it,

1 you know, we'll ask for it. But it -- I just would like
2 that to be clear.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. Because the statute
4 says switchyards but not substations.

5 MR. ACKEN: Exactly.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: So -- All right. And then
7 what was the filing fee for this?

8 MR. ACKEN: Filing fee?

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. Was it a thousand
10 dollars?

11 MR. ACKEN: A thousand.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, you know, the
13 Commission is obligated by the statute to pay the cost of
14 reporting and transcribing any hearings, as well as the
15 actual necessary expenses incurred by the committee
16 members in connection with their participation in the
17 meeting from the filing fee. And the costs and fees
18 exceeding the amount of the applicant's fee may, with the
19 applicant's consent, be incurred by the Committee and
20 charged to the applicant.

21 Does the applicant consent to pay the
22 Commission those costs in excess of the filing fee?

23 MR. ACKEN: Yes.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Now, so the
25 court reporter is going to post the hearing -- the

1 transcripts to the applicant's website. And the
2 transcripts will be available three days after the
3 hearing; correct?

4 MR. ACKEN: That's correct.

5 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Now, so since
6 this is going to be a hearing before the hearing officer,
7 not the full committee, we are going to need briefs from
8 the applicant at the conclusion of the hearing for the
9 members before the members will meet at a subsequent
10 meeting to vote.

11 MR. ACKEN: Understood.

12 Do you have a sense yet of how and when that
13 subsequent committee meeting will be done? Is that going
14 to be virtual or can we do it on the back end of another
15 hearing? You know, I've got a couple in early
16 September where the committee, in theory, will be together
17 already. What are your thoughts?

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Well, how long -- how long
19 do you think it will take you to do the brief? Two weeks?
20 Three weeks?

21 MR. ACKEN: Well, we'll need the transcript,
22 so that's three days. But, you know, I can make a
23 commitment to turn it quickly. This is important for
24 the -- for this applicant. That's why we're asking -- We
25 thank you greatly for going through this process. So I

1 won't be the holdup. So I can turn it in a couple weeks.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. All right. Now,
3 you have -- You know, Tod, we have two -- we have a couple
4 hearings in September; correct?

5 MR. BREWER: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: And they are -- those are in
7 Yavapai -- they are up in Flagstaff?

8 MR. BREWER: I believe so, yes.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And when do those
10 hearings wrap up?

11 MR. BREWER: We have them scheduled from
12 September 5th and 6th for the first project and then the
13 7th and the 8th for the second project.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Well, we could -- No,
15 I believe that's for -- Stellar Renewable's the one from
16 the 7th and the 8th. Mr. Acken, is that -- is that your
17 case as well?

18 MR. ACKEN: It is. Both of those are.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, we could set the
20 committee meeting to commence that afternoon of the 8th.
21 We could hold it there. Because you'd have the facilities
22 for the Stellar Renewable gen-tie still set up at the
23 location; correct?

24 MR. ACKEN: That's correct. I'm going to
25 turn to Dean to confirm, but I believe so.

1 MR. HAZLE: Yes.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

3 MR. ACKEN: Would you want the applicant's
4 team to be there in person? Obviously myself and
5 Mr. Hazle will be in person, but, you know, do you -- is
6 it important, do you think, to have a representative of
7 the applicant there in person as well or could they
8 participate virtually? That's my only -- My only
9 reticence of doing it concurrently with others is, you
10 know, travel to Flagstaff is not so easy as it used to be
11 because they have reduced flights.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Well, we don't have to do it
13 then. We could do it that Monday or Tuesday -- the
14 following Monday or Tuesday. But then we do it -- the
15 location would be probably either -- and I assume for that
16 most of the members -- we would have -- the location for
17 that meeting would be either at the Commission or the AG's
18 office, and then we'd have -- most of the members I assume
19 would attend virtually.

20 MR. ACKEN: Maybe -- maybe I'll take that as
21 an action item for my team to see how -- Because I like
22 the idea of having the committee there in person, and I
23 really don't like the idea of asking the committee to meet
24 again. So, you know, maybe I'll take this offline and let
25 Tod know about our availability to have a rep there in

1 person and have others available remote.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. Because we have
3 flexibility on when to hold that, so -- I just -- Make
4 sure we have enough time. You need to get the briefs out
5 for the members to read them before they meet to vote.

6 MR. ACKEN: Does the committee have other
7 hearings in September that are in Maricopa?

8 MR. BREWER: We do not.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: We have other hearings from
10 the 18th through the 22nd potentially, but that's in
11 Yavapai County. And that's the other one for September.

12 MR. ACKEN: Okay.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: So my thought is we could
14 pretty much do the committee meeting virtually anytime
15 during the week of the 11th, except for Monday afternoon
16 from 3:00 to 4:00 when I have a --

17 MR. ACKEN: That certainly will work for our
18 team as well, the virtual, you know, as long as that works
19 for the committee. We do want to be, you know, respectful
20 of your time and their time.

21 MS. BORN: I second that. We will make
22 whatever works --

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

24 MS. BORN: -- for you all, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: So we don't have to set that

1 today, but thank you for your cooperation and flexibility.

2 All right. Well, Tod, do we have anything
3 else?

4 MR. BREWER: I don't believe so,
5 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Anything further from the
7 applicant, Mr. Acken?

8 MR. ACKEN: So just to confirm, on AV, we're
9 going to -- if we are doing it at the Commission we don't
10 need external AV. We can rely on the Commission's
11 internal expertise; correct?

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Yes. That is my
13 understanding. And I will confirm that this week or next
14 and I'll have -- if there's a -- That's my understanding,
15 but if that changes I will have Tod let you know --

16 MR. ACKEN: Okay.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: -- and we can make other
18 arrangements. But my understanding is that that room is
19 fully -- has the full capacity of what we need to do. I
20 think you only have one screen and not two, so -- I think
21 you can -- you can work with that, though. Right?

22 MR. ACKEN: We'll make it work.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

24 MR. HAZLE: May I ask a quick follow-up
25 question? Does the -- is it the -- Is it your expectation

1 that we'll still have a Zoom -- a Zoom link or some --
2 like a Zoom webinar or anything like that for the hearing?

3 CHMN STAFFORD: It wouldn't be Zoom. I
4 think the Commission uses Teams or Webex.

5 MR. HAZLE: Okay.

6 MR. BREWER: Webex.

7 MR. ACKEN: Webex. Okay.

8 MR. HAZLE: Gotcha.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: My thought would be that we
10 would hold the -- we will have the hearing and it would
11 proceed as a normal hearing, but it would be broadcast on
12 the Commission website and be recorded, and the court
13 reporter will be there, and then -- So people, they can
14 either Webex in to watch it or -- I mean, that's -- What
15 we would do is we would do the standard public comment
16 from 5:30 to 6:00 and then adjourn.

17 MR. ACKEN: Okay.

18 MR. HAZLE: Okay. And -- and of course we
19 would need the Webex link and dial-in number for the
20 notice --

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Exactly.

22 MR. HAZLE: -- and website on our end.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: We will get that to you.
24 All right. Well, anything further?

25 MR. ACKEN: At this time I'll just ask the

1 team, did I miss anything? Or if you feel we need to
2 cover it, now is the time.

3 MS. BORN: Bert, you had one question on if
4 the casual business attire or more formal attire was --

5 MR. ACKEN: Thank you.

6 Yes, Chairman, that was on my list and I
7 forgot. What do you think for attire? We're going to be
8 back at the Commission. Maybe we do have to suit back up.
9 What's your thoughts?

10 CHMN STAFFORD: No, I think we can still do
11 business casual. No ties necessary.

12 MR. ACKEN: Thank you, Sara.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Well, thank you
14 very much. With that, the prefiling conference is
15 adjourned. Let's go off the record.

16 (Whereupon, at 10:29 a.m. the proceedings
17 ended.)

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1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT**
2 **AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

<p>3 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION 4 OF WINCHESTER TRANSMISSION, LLC 5 IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE 6 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED 7 STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, ET. SEQ., 8 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF 9 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY 10 AUTHORIZING THE WINCHESTER 11 TRANSMISSION PROJECT LOCATED IN 12 COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA</p>	<p>Case No.</p> <p>NOTICE OF HEARING</p>
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9 **A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Chairman and Presiding
10 Officer for the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee)
11 regarding the Application of Winchester Transmission, LLC (Applicant) for a Certificate
12 of Environmental Compatibility to authorize the Winchester Transmission Project
13 (Project). The Project includes an approximately fifteen-mile transmission line and
14 associated interconnection facilities from the Winchester energy facilities to the existing
15 TEP Winchester Substation. All Project components are located in Cochise County,
16 Arizona. A general location map of the Project is attached as Exhibit A.

17 The hearing will be held at the Arizona Attorney General’s Office, Capital Center,
18 15 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. **The hearing will be held on Wednesday,**
19 **August 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they
20 will be noticed on the Project website at <https://www.cecwinchestertransmission.com> and
21 on the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) website at [https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule)
22 [power-plant/meeting-schedule](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule).

23 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON**
24 **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023, BEGINNING AT ____, VIA TELEPHONE,**
25 **ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE,**
26 **CAPITAL CENTER, 15 SOUTH 15TH AVENUE, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, 85007.**

1 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE**
2 **HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE**
3 **COMMITTEE.**

4 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**
5 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE**
6 **HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC**
7 **ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING**
8 **SCEHDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.**

9 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE**
10 **OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE.** At least 24 hours in advance of
11 the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
12 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will
13 be noticed on the Project website at <https://www.cecwinchestertransmission.com>. The
14 Chairman, may at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced
15 during the hearing, or to be determined after recess. The date, time, and place at which the
16 hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project and ACC websites.
17 **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN;**
18 **HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT**
19 **REQUIRED.**

20 A map of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and
21 technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the
22 following locations:

- 23 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, located at 1200 West
24 Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 25 • The Project website: <https://www.cecwinchestertransmission.com>

- The Elsie S. Hogan Community Library: 100 N. Curtis Avenue, Willcox, Arizona 85643

The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, pre-hearing conference and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the Project is located desiring to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at the hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

This proceeding governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.

1 After the public hearing before the Presiding Officer, the Committee will review the record
2 and make a decision in a subsequent open meeting that will be noticed on the Project
3 website. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to
4 A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceedings on the matter
5 before the ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

6 ORDERED this __ day of July, 2023.

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Adam Stafford, Chairman and Presiding
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 25 copies were filed this day of July, 2023 with:

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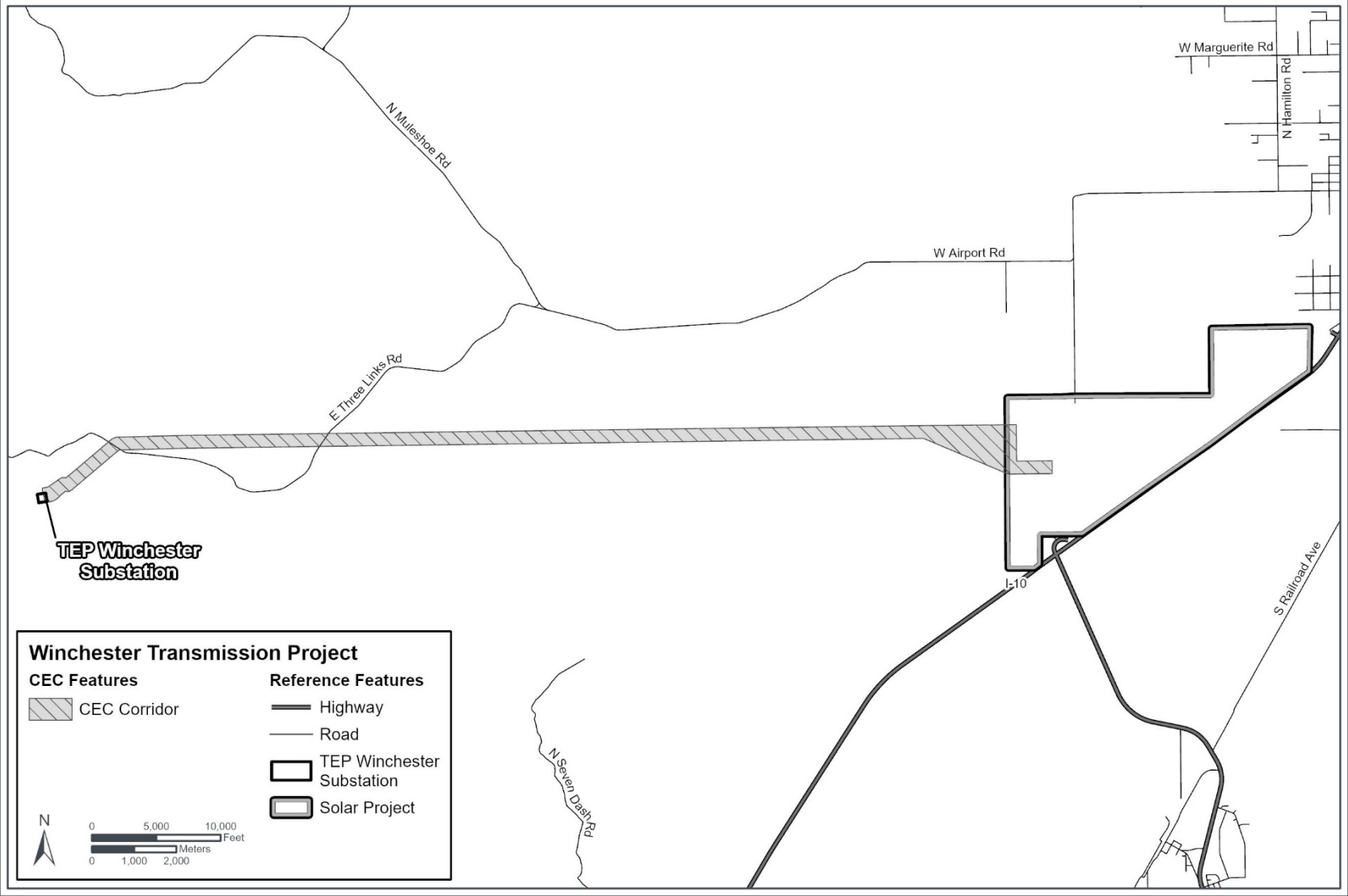
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EXHIBIT A

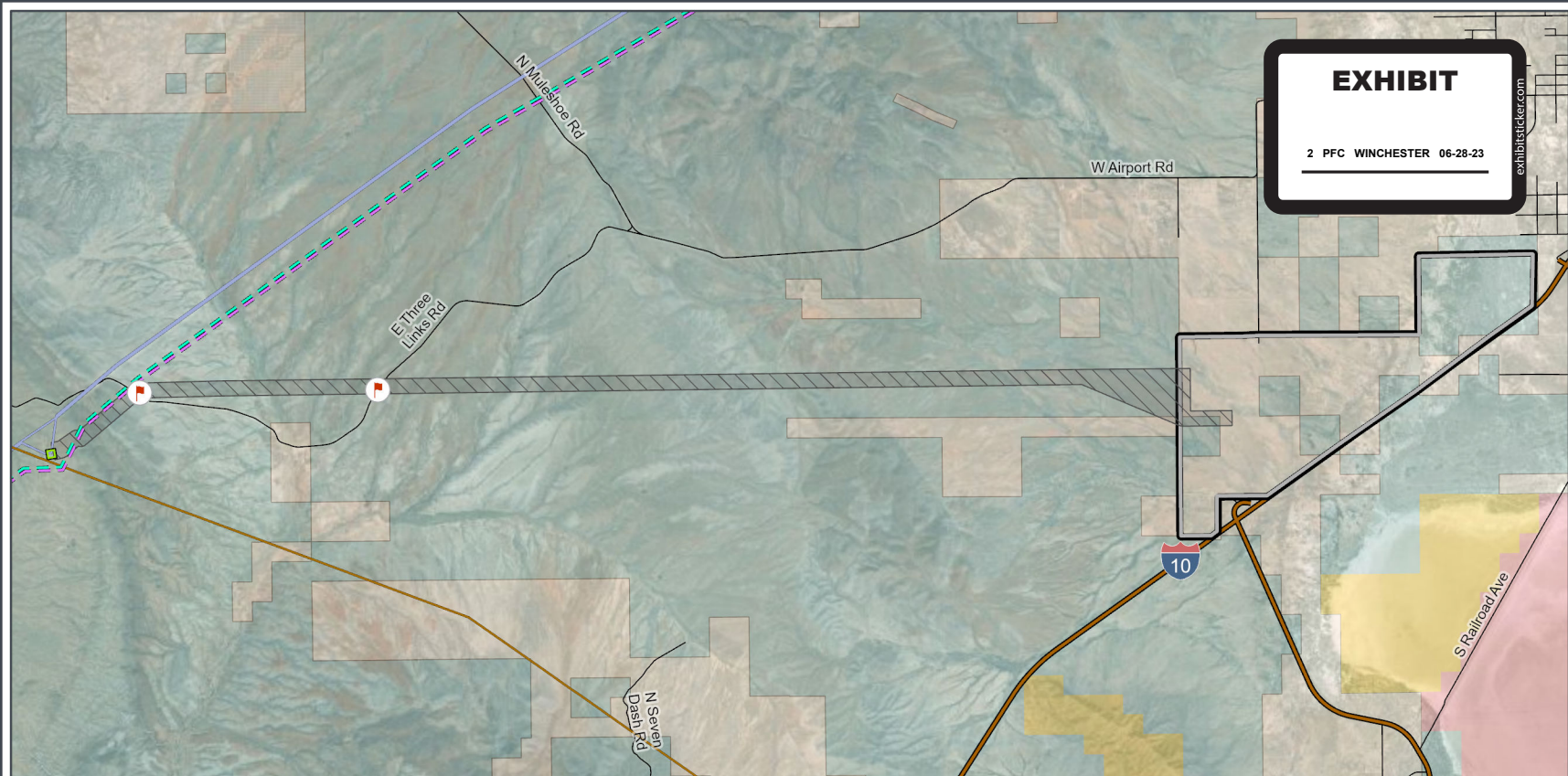
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EXHIBIT

2 PFC WINCHESTER 06-28-23

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Winchester Transmission Project

- Proposed Sign Location
- CEC Corridor

Reference Features

- Highway
- Road
- Planned SunZia Transmission Line - 500kV
- Planned El Rio Sol Transmission Line - 500kV
- TEP Winchester Substation
- Solar Project

Existing Transmission Line

- 115kV
- 345kV

Land Ownership

- Bureau of Land Management
- Military
- Private / Municipal
- State Trust

Cochise County, AZ
USGS 7.5' Quadrangle:
Deepwell Ranch, AZ, 32110-B2
Steele Hills, AZ, 32110-B1
Red Bird Hills, AZ, 32109-B8
T14S, R21E, Sec 22-24, 27, 28
T14S, R22E, Sec 19-24
T14S, R23E, Sec 19-26
NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N
32.2°N 110.0451°W

Base Map: Esri ArcGIS Online
accessed June 2023
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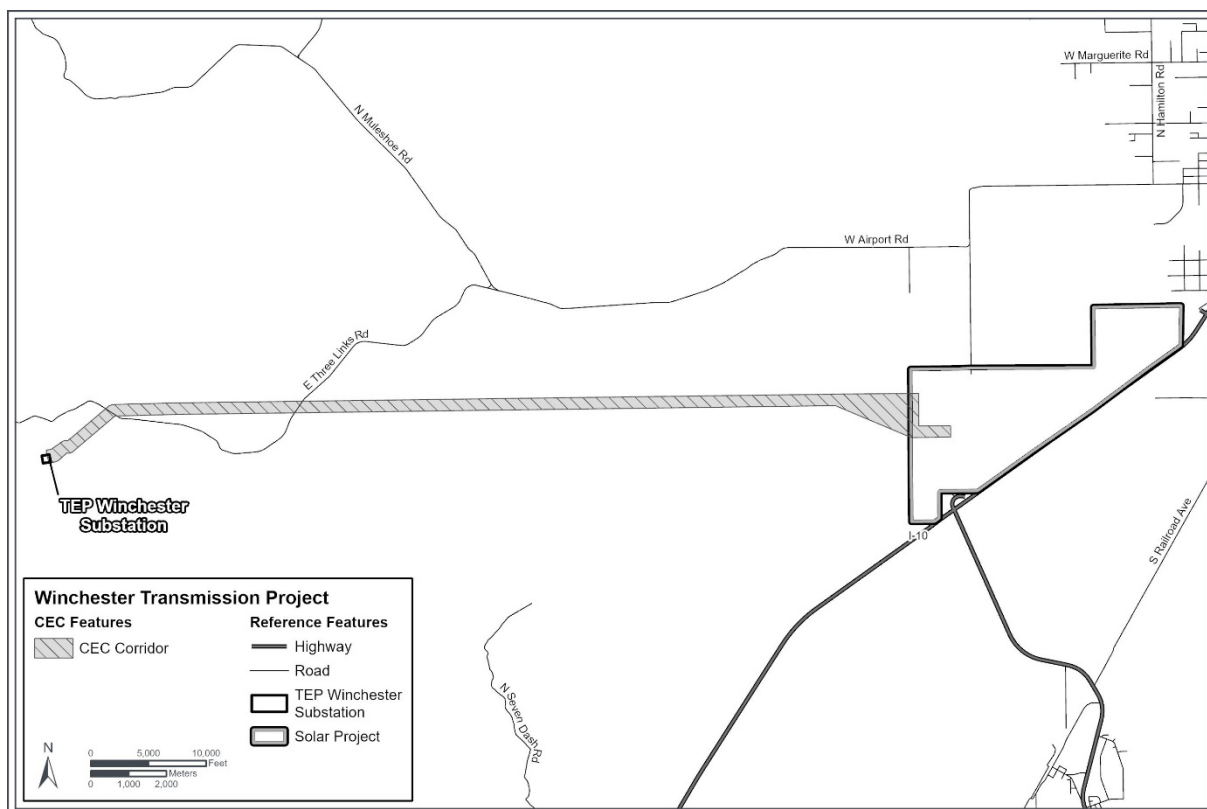
Winchester Transmission LLC Winchester Transmission Project

Winchester Transmission LLC invites the public to participate at a public hearing before the Chairman of the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee

August 16, 2023	Starting at 9:00 AM	Arizona Attorney General's Office, Capital Center, 15 South 15th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007
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The Transmission Line Siting Committee will hear public comments on August 16, 2023, beginning at **TIME**. Comments may be presented in-person at the Arizona Attorney General's Office or virtually. To present virtually, please visit <http://cecwinchestertransmission.com/> and click on the meeting link provided.



For more information, call the project information line at (480) 680-2173, or visit the project website at <https://www.catclawsolar.com>.

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