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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF SONORAN SOLAR ENERGY, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A 500KV GEN-TIE LINE AND SWITCHYARD ORIGINATING AT THE PROPOSED SONORAN ENERGY SWITCHYARD AND TERMINATING AT THE JOJOBA SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED SWITCHARD LOCATED IN MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000UU-11-0337-00162

Case No. 162

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of Sonoran Solar Energy, LLC ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the construction of 500kV electric transmission line and a switchyard (the "Project").

A 500kV electric transmission line would be constructed between the proposed Sonoran Solar Energy Project's switchyard located in Section 21, Township 2 South, Range 3 West and terminate at the existing Jojoba Substation located in Section 25, Township 2 South, Range 4 West.

There are two proposed alignments for the electric transmission:

(1) Preferred Route - The Applicant's preferred alignment would begin at the proposed Sonoran Solar Energy Project's switchyard, travel 0.9 miles to the west and then turn to the southwest traveling 1 mile, where it would then turn west 1.3 miles to connect to the Jojoba Substation.

(2) Alternate Route - The alternate route would begin at the proposed Sonoran Solar Energy Project's switchyard, travel 0.7 miles to the south, and then turn to the west and travel approximately 2.8 miles to connect to the Jojoba Substation.

The Project switchyard will be an approximately 3-acre area on the western side of the Sonoran Solar Energy Project site. The switchyard will consist of several medium voltage breakers and switches, for collecting the power from the solar panels and inverters, a main step up transformer and 500kV breakers and switches for protection. Redundant line protection relays and associated metering and protection equipment will also be installed.

1 The hearing will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites Phoenix/Goodyear, 2000  
2 North Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85395. The hearing is scheduled to begin  
3 Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., and to continue as necessary on  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will adjourn at  
approximately 5:00 p.m. on all days. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be  
noticed on the Applicant and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

4 The Applicant's website with Project information is:  
5 <http://www.sonoransolarenergyproject.com/>

6 The ACC Website is: [http://www.cc.state.az.us/az\\_power\\_plant/linesiting-  
calendar.asp](http://www.cc.state.az.us/az_power_plant/linesiting-calendar.asp)

7 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS AND AS  
8 PERMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, A SEPARATE  
9 EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2011  
AT 6:00 P.M. ALSO AT THE SAME LOCATION THE HAMPTON INN AND SUITES  
PHOENIX/GOODYEAR.**

10 More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the proposed  
11 routes are available in the Application and on the Applicant's website.

12 The Application that includes detailed maps of the proposed Project is on file with the  
13 Docket Control Center of the ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix  
14 Arizona, 85007. Copies of the Application and Transcripts will also be available for  
inspection at the Buckeye Public Library, 310 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Buckeye, Arizona  
85326.

15 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes -  
16 most likely to occur on October 26, 2011 starting at 8:30 a.m. If a tour is  
17 conducted, a map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings.  
18 Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles.  
19 During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from  
one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the  
stops and the relevance of the location and view to the proposed routes of the  
transmission line in the Application. No other discussion or deliberation concerning  
the Application will occur. A court reporter will transcribe any testimony taken on  
the tour.

20 Depending on the issues raised and the number of intervenors appearing during the  
21 hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the  
22 hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be  
23 determined after the recess, at which time and place the hearing will be resumed.  
These dates and places will be posted on the Project and ACC websites. At the  
discretion of the Committee, such resumed hearings may be held at a date, time and  
place designated by the Committee or its Chairman.

24 **NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN. PUBLISHED  
25 NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

26 Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed  
27 Project and desiring to become a party in the proceeding must file with the Arizona  
Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a

1 notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10)  
2 days before the date set for hearing.

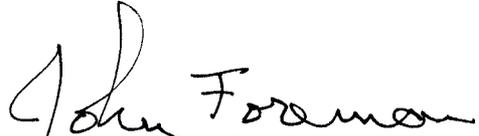
3 Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to  
4 promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health  
5 or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote customer interests,  
6 to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly  
7 development of the area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become  
8 a party to the certification proceedings must file with the ACC, 1200 West  
9 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice of its intent to be a party. That  
10 notice must be filed not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

11 The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other  
12 persons parties to the proceeding.

13 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in  
14 writing with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street,  
15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before a date set for hearing. A  
16 person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present  
17 testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

18 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-  
19 360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. No substantive  
20 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the  
21 Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC  
22 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the ACC  
23 must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

24 ORDERED this 8th day of September, 2011.

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John Foreman, Chairman  
Arizona Power Plant and  
Transmission Line Siting Committee  
Assistant Attorney General