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November 17, 2015

Mr. Steve Olea
Director, Utilities Division
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Sonoran Solar Energy Project – 2015 Annual Self-Certification – Case Number 162 – Docket Number L-00000UU-11-0337-00162 – Decision Number 72720

Mr. Olea,

Sonoran Solar Energy, LLC (“Sonoran Solar” or “Applicant”) received approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC” or “Commission”) for the construction and operation of a 500 kilovolt transmission line and switchyard originating at the proposed Sonoran Solar Energy Project (“Project”) and terminating at the Jojoba Substation. The Commission issued a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC” or “Certificate”) on December 9, 2011, which outlined certain stipulations that the Applicant must comply with during the final development, construction, and operation of the Project.

Stipulation #18 requires that the Applicant submit an annual report to the ACC Docket Control beginning on December 1, 2013 and continuing annually thereafter until the Project is operational. This letter will serve as the completed report for Calendar Year 2015.

As of November 17, 2015, the Sonoran Solar Project remains in the development phase. Sonoran Solar has not yet completed the final design of the Sonoran Solar Project or the transmission line, nor has it started the process to secure contracts with equipment suppliers, labor forces, or construction contractors. Many of the Stipulations and compliance updates outlined in the enclosed report account for this fact.

Sonoran Solar Energy, LLC would like to thank the Commission for its continuing support of this Project. Please contact Mr. Brandon Stankiewicz at (561-304-5775) for any questions regarding the contents of this report.

Sincerely,

Gregory Schneck
Vice President
Sonoran Solar Energy, LLC

Arizona Corporation Commission

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Attachments:

- 1. Annual Report - 2015

Cc: Docket Control (Original, plus 14 copies)

a NextEra Energy Resources, LLC Company

700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408

Sonoran Solar Energy Project Transmission Line and Substation – Case 162
Decision Number 72720 - Dated December 9, 2011
Docket Number L-00000UU-11-0337-00162

Annual Compliance Filing – November 17, 2015

This Certificate is granted upon the following conditions:

2. **During construction and Operation, comply with applicable statutes, ordinances, master plans, and regulations**
 - a. Project has not yet commenced construction or operations – Applicant will consider and comply with all applicable statutes, ordinances, master plans, and regulations when continued project development resumes.
3. **Report discovery of archaeological, paleontological, historical sites to Director of Arizona State Museum**
 - a. Project has not yet commenced construction or operations – any discovery of designated sites will be reporting in compliance with Stipulation #3 as appropriate.
4. **Report discovery of human remains or funerary objects to Director of Arizona State Museum**
 - a. Project has not yet commenced construction or operations – any discovery of designated sites will be reporting in compliance with Stipulation #4 as appropriate.
5. **Comply with notice and salvage requirements of Arizona Native Plant Law**
 - a. Project has not yet commenced construction or operations – project design and construction will include consideration of Arizona Native Plant Law and applicant will comply with notice and salvage requirements
6. **No assignment of Certificate unless proper documentation is filed**
 - a. No assignment of this Certificate is contemplated.
7. **Certificate is valid for 10-years from approval date**
 - a. 10-year validity of this Certificate is hereby acknowledged
8. **Notify landowners and residents, public commenters, and all parties if Certificate requires extension**
 - a. Currently, no extension of this Certificate is needed or contemplated. Applicant will comply with Stipulation #8 as required.
9. **Identify and correct complaints of interference with radio, television, navigational, communication signals resulting from Project operation. Maintain records of complaints**
 - a. Since Project has not yet commenced construction or operation, Applicant has not received any interference complaints.

- 10. Post signs in public rights-of way giving notice of Project within 120-days of Certificate approval**
 - a. Applicant posted signage in compliance with Stipulation #10 on March 17, 2012. Documentation demonstrating compliance with this Stipulation was provided to the Commission as part of the 2013 Annual Compliance Report docketed on November 26, 2013.

- 11. Design transmission lines to minimize impacts to raptors**
 - a. Project remains in the design phase and the project design will incorporate the applicable Avian Power-line Interaction Committee ("APLIC") guidelines to minimize impacts to raptors.

- 12. Utilize non-specular conductor and dulled surfaces for line structures**
 - a. Project remains in the design phase and the Project design will incorporate the requirements outlined in Stipulation #12.

- 13. File Plan of Development with Commission Docket Control before beginning construction – incorporate informational requirements in Stipulation #13**
 - a. Project has not yet commenced construction. Applicant will file required plans and documents with Docket Control before beginning construction.

- 14. Participate in good faith in state and regional transmission study forums to coordinate transmission expansion plans related to Project.**
 - a. The Applicant's project is a radial generation tie-line and the interconnection of the associated solar project has been studied and evaluated by members of the Arizona Nuclear Power Project's ("ANPP") Valley Transmission System. The studies conducted to date by ANPP indicate that adequate capacity exists at the point of interconnection to accommodate the Sonoran Solar Energy Project, so no transmission constraints are anticipated. Notwithstanding, the Applicant maintains regular contact with ANPP and Salt River Project – the Jojoba Substation operating agent - and Applicant's consulting team participates in Arizona Corporation Commission hearings regarding future transmission planning and the Southwest Area Transmission ("SWAT") planning process.

- 15. Provide copies of Certificate to appropriate city, town, county, and state planning agencies as specified in Stipulation #15**
 - a. A copy of the approved Certificate is posted on the Applicant's website and available to the public at <http://www.sonoransolarenergyproject.com/>

- 16. Prior to starting construction, provide homebuilders and developers with project information**
 - a. Project has not yet started construction or initiated the process of identifying potential equipment/material suppliers or construction contractors. Applicant will comply with the requirements of Stipulation #16 during its planning for construction start.

17. Follow National Electrical Safety Code construction standards

- a. Project remains in the design phase and the Project design will incorporate the requirements outlined in Stipulation #17 during design and construction of the transmission line and substation.

18. Submit annual self-certification letter describing compliance with Certificate Stipulations

- a. This letter satisfies Stipulation #18 for calendar year 2015.

19. Make good faith efforts to commence discussions with appropriate trade organizations to utilize qualified local labor and suppliers. Submit required information regarding local labor and suppliers utilized.

- a. Project has not yet started construction or initiated the process of identifying potential equipment/material suppliers, labor pools, or construction contractors. Applicant will comply with the requirements of Stipulation #19 during its planning for construction start.

20. Before commencing construction within 100-feet of existing natural gas or hazardous liquid pipeline, Applicant shall perform various studies to demonstrate no impacts or mitigate any impacts

- a. Project remains in the design phase and has not yet started construction. The Applicant will perform the applicable studies prior to construction and deliver necessary reports to Docket Control as required.

21. Stipulation #19 requires Applicant to report the following figures for Calendar Year 2015 as part of this annual self-certification:

- a. **Total number of persons hired for construction / total number identified as Arizona residents:**
 - i. Since Project has not yet started the planning for construction or construction itself, reportable numbers for 2015 are zero.

- b. **Names of businesses in Arizona with executed contracts to provide goods and services for construction / total dollar payments to Arizona businesses / total dollar payments to non-Arizona businesses**
 - i. Since Project has not yet started the planning for construction or construction itself, reportable numbers for 2015 are zero.