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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF MARICOPA ENERGY CENTER, LLC,
OR ITS ASSIGNEES, IN CONFORMANCE
WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF A.R.S. §
40-360 et. seq., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING THE MARICOPA
ENERGY CENTER 500KV
TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT.

Docket No. L-21206A-22-0243-
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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 Maricopa Energy Center, LLC (“Applicant”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of a 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line called the Maricopa Energy Center 500kV Transmission Line Project (“the Project”).

The Project will be a double circuit (“DC”) or single circuit (“SC”) 500 kV transmission line rated for up to 2,000 megawatts (“MW”) of capacity and a 500kV switchyard in Maricopa County, Arizona. When constructed, the Project will interconnect an up to 550 MW alternating current solar array and battery energy storage system (“BESS”), also to be constructed by Applicant, to the Arizona Public Service Company (“APS”) Delaney 500kV Substation (“Delaney Substation”). The Applicant is seeking a CEC application for two alternative routes as follows:

Alternative A (Approx. 5.7 to 7.5 miles) – S13 switchyard siting area or S17 switchyard to the Delaney Substation via the Flood Control District of Maricopa County (“FCDMC”) Saddleback Flood Retardant Structure (“FRS”). This alternative may be rated to up to 2,000 MWs of capacity and SC. A sub-alternative A-1 is an option to Alternative A and would be sited entirely north

1 of the Thomas Road alignment from the Saddleback FRS to the Delaney
2 Substation. A distance of approximately 1.75 miles. Alternative A is
3 approximately between 5.7 and 7.5 miles in length depending on where the
4 Project switchyard is located. This alternative parallels existing linear features
5 (e.g., roads, existing transmission lines, FRS) or land patterns (e.g., section or
6 ½ section lines) for 100% of its length.

7 **Alternative B (Approx. 8.5 miles)** – S13 switchyard siting area to the Delaney
8 Substation via the Harquahala Power Plant. This alternative may be rated to up
9 to 2,000 MWs of capacity with approximately up to 4 miles constructed as SC
10 and approximately 4.5 miles as DC. This alternative includes approximately
11 4.5 miles of rebuild of the existing Harquahala to Hassayampa SC 500kV
12 transmission line to DC 500kV. The balance of this alternative would be SC.
13 This alternative parallels existing linear features or land patterns for 100% of
14 its length.

15 The Applicant would construct one or the other of the alternatives depending on
16 which one is ultimately selected by the Applicant as best suited for the Project.
17 Depending on the alternative, the Project would traverse a mix of federal, state,
18 county, and private land within varying rights-of-way (“ROW”). A map of the
19 Project, and the proposed alternatives, is attached as **Exhibit A**.

20 The hearing will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites Phoenix-Goodyear, 2000
21 N. Litchfield Rd, Goodyear, AZ 85395. The hearing will begin on Monday, October
22 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m., and will continue as necessary on Tuesday, October 25, 2022,
23 and Wednesday, 26, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., respectively. If any revisions to the hearing
24 schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website
25 at <https://maricopasolarandstorageproject.com/>, and on the Arizona Corporation
26 Commission (“Commission”) website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.
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1 PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING
2 SESSION ON OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM
3 OR IN PERSON AT THE HAMPTON INN & SUITES PHOENIX-
4 GOODYEAR, 2000 N. LITCHFIELD RD, GOODYEAR, AZ 85395. PUBLIC
5 COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE
6 HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

7 PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC
8 HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19 WILL BE
9 FOLLOWED DURING THE HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION.
10 FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY
11 PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING SCHEDULE MAY
12 OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.

13 THE PUBLIC IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE BY
14 EITHER WATCHING THE HEARING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE
15 HEARING VIA TELEPHONE, RATHER THAN ATTENDING IN PERSON.

16 At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and
17 telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety
18 protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project
19 website at <https://maricopasolarandstorageproject.com/>. The Chairman may, at his
20 discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing,
21 or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing
22 will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project websites and the
23 Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL
24 BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED
25 HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

26 No tour of the Project area is planned by the Chairman at this time. If the
27 Chairman or Committee later decide to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and
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1 itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project
2 website at <https://maricopasolarandstorageproject.com/>, and on the Commission
3 website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.

4 Maps of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and
5 technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the
6 following locations:

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- 8 • Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office,
1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix AZ 85007
- 9 • Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, 301 West Jefferson Street,
Phoenix, Arizona 85003
- 10 • Buckeye Public Library, 310 6th St, Buckeye, AZ 85326
- 11 • The Project Website: <https://maricopasolarandstorageproject.com/>

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

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

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

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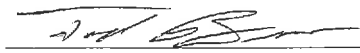
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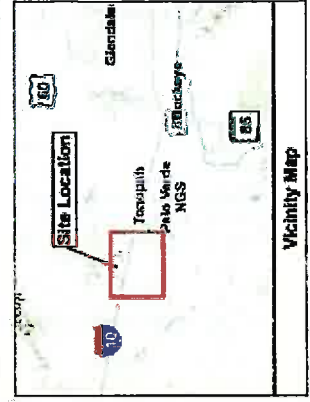
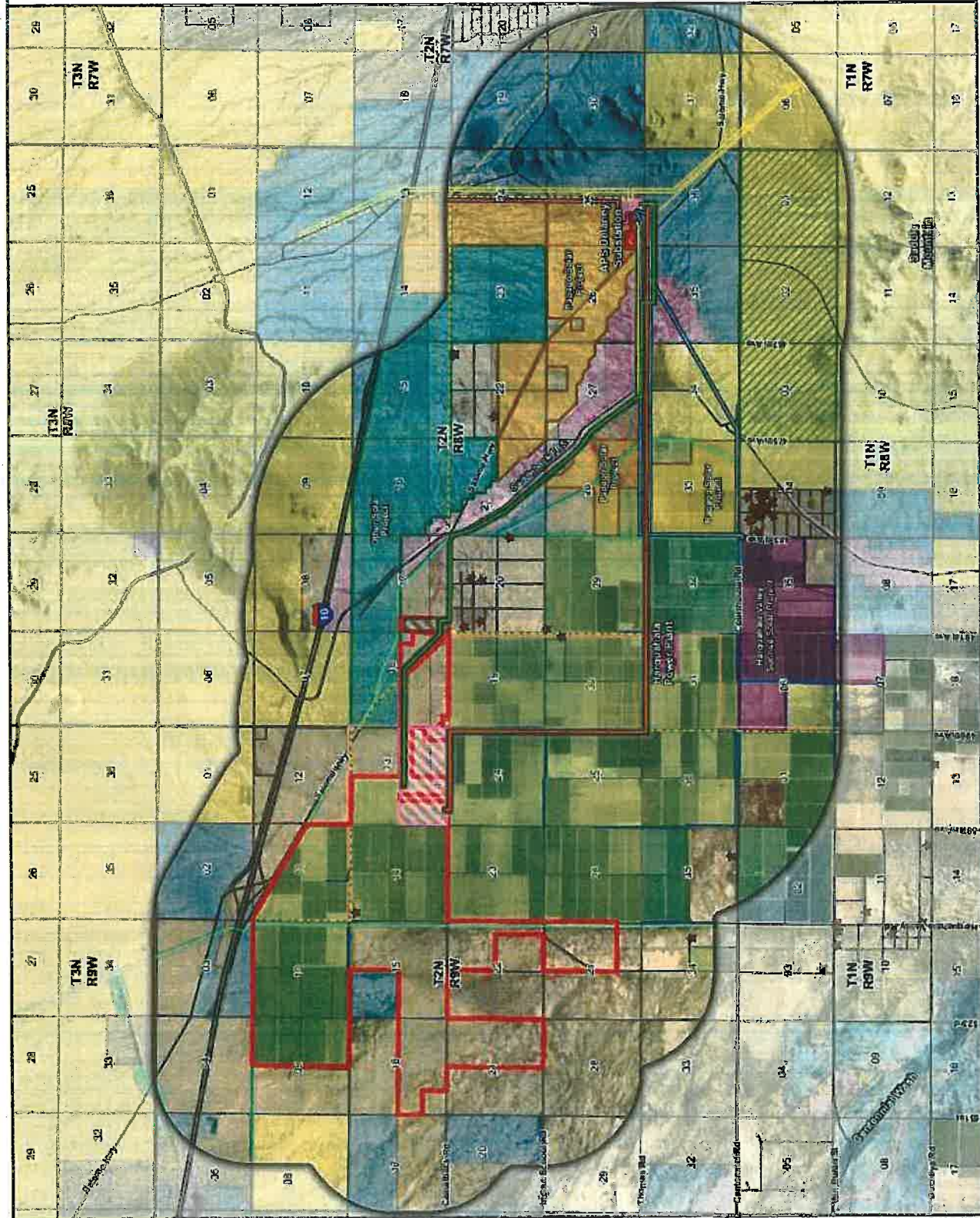
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Exhibit A



- Legend**
- Proposed Solar Array Footprint**
 - Proposed Routes**
 - Sub-Alternatives A1**
 - Sub-Alternative B**
 - Proposed S177 Switchyard**
 - S173 Switchyard Siting**
 - Also**
 - Starry Area**
 - Township/Range Lines**
 - Section Line**
 - Existing Land Use**
 - Residence**
 - Drainage Ditch**
 - Sanctuary FRES**
 - Transmission Line**
 - Sub-Transmission Line**
 - Natural Gas Pipeline**
 - Industrial**
 - Abandoned Structures**
 - Agriculture**
 - Native Desert (pre 2001)**
 - BLM Saddle Mountains**
 - Designated Containing Area**
 - Future Land Use**
 - Passage Solar Footprint**
 - Maricopa Valley Solar Footprint**
 - Sublime Solar Footprint**
 - Other Solar Project Footprint**
 - Future Transmission Line Routes**
 - HV Similes Gen-Tie**
 - Ten West Line Gen-Tie**
 - Recurrent S100K Substation**
 - Land Ownership**
 - Bureau of Land Management Land**
 - County Fee Land**
 - Maricopa Valley Irrigation District**
 - Plebe Land**
 - State Trust Land**
 - Jurisdiction**
 - Maricopa County, Arizona**

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Maricopa Energy Center
500KV Transmission Line Project
Maricopa County, Arizona

Figure: A-1

Land Use, Ownership, and Jurisdiction

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