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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 SIERRA ESTRELLA
ENERGY STORAGE, LLC, IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-
360, et. seq., FOR TWO CERTIFICATES
OF ENVIRONMENTAL
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE
SIERRA ESTRELLA 230-kV
GENERATION INTERTIE PROJECT
AND ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION
WITHIN THE CITY OF AVONDALE,
ARIZONA, IN MARICOPA COUNTY,
ARIZONA

Docket No. L-21207A-22-0252-00208

Case No. 208

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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 Sierra Estrella Energy Storage, LLC (Sierra Estrella or Applicant) for two Certificates of Environmental Compatibility to authorize the construction of the Sierra Estrella 230 kilovolt (kV) Gen-Tie Project and associated substation (Project). The Project consists of a proposed 230-kV alternating current generation intertie transmission line (gen-tie) and associated substation facilities. The proposed Project is designed to deliver power from an adjacent 250-megawatt (MW), 1,000-MW-hour battery energy storage system.

A general location map of the Project is attached as Exhibit A.

The hearing will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn; 86 S. Rockford Drive; Tempe, AZ 85281, on November 7, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. and will continue on as necessary on November 8,

1 2022, commencing at 9:00 a.m. If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will
2 be noticed on the Project website at <https://www.sierraestrellaenergystorage.com/> and on the
3 Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) website at [https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-
4 plant/meeting-schedule](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule).

5 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION**
6 **ON NOVEMBER 7, 2022, AT 5:30 P.M. VIA TELEPHONE, ZOOM OR IN PERSON**
7 **AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT**
8 **OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**
9 **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

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

16 At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone
17 hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding COVID-19 safety protocols or other
18 revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project website
19 at <https://www.sierraestrellaenergystorage.com/>.

20 The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be
21 announced during the hearing or to be determined after the recess. The date time and place at
22 which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project websites and the
23 Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED HEARING WILL BE**
24 **GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS**

1 **NOT REQUIRED.**

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

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

- 9 • Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office
10 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108
Phoenix AZ 85007
- 11 • Avondale Civic Center Library
12 11350 Civic Center Drive
Avondale, Arizona 85323
- 13 • Sam Garcia Western Avenue Library
14 495 East Western Avenue
Avondale, Arizona 85323
- 15 • The Project Website: <https://www.sierraestrellaenergystorage.com/>

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

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

22 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
23 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or other
24 biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to represent


1 commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the area in which
2 the Project are located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten
3 (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the
4 Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix
5 AZ 85007.

6 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
7 persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by
8 filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission
9 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date
10 set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right
11 to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

12 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-
13 360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) R14-3-201 to R14-3-220.

14 No substantive communication not in the public record may be made to any member of
15 the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Commission
16 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceeding on the
17 matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before the Committee.

18 **DATED** this 23rd day of September, 2022.

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22 Paul A. Katz, Assistant Attorney General
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24 Line Siting Committee
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