

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

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
4 SOLARRESERVE, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE)
5 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA)
6 REVISED STATUTES §§40-360, *et seq.*, FOR A)
7 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSROADS)
SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT IN MARICOPA)
COUNTY, ARIZONA.)

Docket No.
L-00000RR-10-0429-00156
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16 CONSTRUCTION OF THE CROSSROADS)
17 GEN-TIE ORIGINATING AT THE CROSSROADS)
18 SOLAR ENERGY PROJECT AND)
19 TERMINATING AT EITHER THE PANDA-GILA)
20 RIVER SUBSTATION OR THE GILA BEND)
21 SUBSTATION, BOTH IN GILA BEND,)
ARIZONA.)

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17 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

18 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and
19 Transmission Line Siting Committee (the "Committee") regarding the Applications of
20 SolarReserve, LLC ("Applicant") for Certificates of Environmental Compatibility
21 authorizing construction of: (1) the Crossroads Solar Energy Project just west of Gila
Bend, Arizona; and (2) the Crossroads Gen-Tie transmission line (collectively, the
"Project").

22 The hearing will be held at the Goodyear Hampton Inn & Suites, located at 2000 North
23 Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85395; telephone: 623-536-1313. The hearing shall
24 begin on Monday, December 6, 2010, and continue on Tuesday, December 7, 2010, and, if
25 necessary, on Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. each
26 day and will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day unless a tour is taken. If a tour
is taken, it will begin at 8:00 a.m. on either Tuesday, December 7, 2010, or Wednesday
December 8, 2010. Additional hearings, if necessary, will be noticed on the Project and
Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

1 The website for the Crossroads Solar Energy Project is: www.CrossroadsSolar.com

2 The page of the ACC website at which notice will be given is the Committee's Hearing
Calendar page, available at: www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp.

3 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH**
4 **HEARING DAY OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE**
5 **DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC**
6 **COMMENT ALSO WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON**
7 **MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2010, BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., AT THE**
8 **GOODYEAR HAMPTON INN & SUITES, LOCATED AT 2000 NORTH**
9 **LITCHFIELD ROAD, GOODYEAR, ARIZONA 85395.**

10 The Committee, at its discretion, may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed
11 routes. If so, the tour will depart from the parking lot of the Goodyear Hampton Inn &
12 Suites at 8:00 am on either Tuesday, December 7, 2010 or Wednesday, December 8, 2010.
13 A map and itinerary for the proposed tour will be available at the hearing and at the
14 parking lot of the Goodyear Hampton Inn & Suites at the time of commencement of the
15 tour, if conducted. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour in their
16 own private vehicles. During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on
17 the tour from one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is
18 visible at the stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the facilities in the
19 Applications. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Applications will occur
20 during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on
21 the tour for transcription.

22 The Committee, at its discretion, may recess the hearing to a time and place to be
23 announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and
24 place at which the hearing will resume will be posted on the Project website and the
25 Committee's Hearing Calendar page of the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH**
26 **RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF**
SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.

1 The Project consists of a utility scale (up to 150 MW Net Output) solar thermal electrical
2 generating station and approximately 8-13 miles of 230kV transmission line and required
3 substation modifications. A general description of the Project's facilities is provided
4 below. A general location map of the Project area showing Applicant's proposed power
5 plant location, transmission line routes, and requested corridor widths is attached.

6 The generating station would be located adjacent to the Town of Gila Bend limits,
7 approximately nine miles west of the Town center in western Maricopa County, Arizona;
8 specifically, Sections 28, 29, 32, and 33 of Township 5 South, Range 6 West, of the Gila
9 and Salt River Base and Meridian (excluding properties within this area that are
10 outclaimed or granted to the Paloma Irrigation and Drainage District).

11 The Applicant seeks approval of two transmission line interconnections, one terminating at
12 Panda-Gila River Substation and the other terminating at the Gila Bend Substation. Both
13 of these existing substations are located within the Town of Gila Bend, Arizona.

14 Panda-Gila River Substation Alternative - This route would originate on the Crossroads
15 Solar Energy Project site and proceed east along the Watermelon Road alignment for

1 approximately 10.6 miles to the point where the existing APS 230kV Gila Bend
2 transmission line turns north to approach the existing Panda-Gila River Substation
(approximately 0.6 miles east of Stout Road). The route then would proceed north for
3 approximately 1,000 feet into the existing substation. The Panda-Gila River Substation is
located in Section 20, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, of the Gila and Salt River Base
and Meridian. The Applicant is requesting the following corridor along this route:

- 4 • From the Crossroads Solar Energy Project site to 355th Avenue, a corridor of 3,000
5 feet centered on the Watermelon Road alignment;
- 6 • From 355th Avenue to the point where the existing APS 230kV Gila Bend
transmission line turns north, a corridor of 1,500 feet on the south side of the
7 Watermelon Road alignment; and
- 8 • From that point north to the Panda-Gila River Substation, a corridor of 1,500 feet
centered on the existing APS 230kV Gila Bend transmission line.

9 Gila Bend Substation Alternative - This route would originate on the Crossroads Solar
Energy Project site and proceed east along the Watermelon Road alignment for
10 approximately 6.6 miles to a point directly north of the existing Gila Bend Substation
(approximately 1.4 miles west of Indian Road). The route then would proceed generally
11 south for approximately 2 miles, paralleling, to the extent practicable, the existing APS
230kV Gila Bend transmission line, and into the existing Gila Bend Substation. The Gila
12 Bend Substation is located in Section 3, Township 6 South, Range 5 West, of the Gila and
Salt River Base and Meridian. The Applicant is requesting the following corridor along
this route:

- 13 • From the Crossroads Solar Energy Project site to 355th Avenue, a corridor of 3,000
14 feet centered on the Watermelon Road alignment;
- 15 • From 355th Avenue to a point directly north of the existing Gila Bend Substation, a
corridor of 1,500 feet on the south side of the Watermelon Road alignment; and
- 16 • From that point south to the Gila Bend Substation, a corridor of 1,500 feet centered
on the existing APS 230kV Gila Bend transmission line.

17 Maps of the Project site and detailed information about the Project facilities and
18 technology are contained in the Applications, which are available for inspection at the
following locations:

- 19 • Docket Control Center of the ACC's Phoenix Office at 1200 West Washington
Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007;
- 20 • Maricopa County District Library, Gila Bend Branch Library, located at 202 North
Euclid Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona 85337; telephone: 928-683-2061 or 602-652-
21 3000; and
- 22 • On the Internet using the ACC's e-Docket function, available at: edocket.azcc.gov/.

23 Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed Project
and desiring to become a party to the proceedings, not less than ten (10) days before the
24 date set for hearing, shall file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation
Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent
25 to be a party.

26 Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to promote
conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other

1 biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to represent
2 commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in
3 which the Project is to be located and desiring to become a party to the proceedings, not
4 less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing, shall file with the Director of
5 Utilities Division, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street,
6 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a notice of its intent to be a party.

7 The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons
8 parties to the proceedings.

9 Any person may make a limited appearance at the hearing by filing a written statement
10 with Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington
11 Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 1275 West
12 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set
13 for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a party and shall not have
14 the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

15 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes Sections 40-360 and 40-360.13
16 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive
17 communication that is not in the public record may be made to any member of the
18 Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Arizona
19 Corporation Commission pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Section 40-360.07. Any
20 person intending to be a party to the proceedings on these matters before the Arizona
21 Corporation Commission must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

22 DATED this 21st day of October, 2010.

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

