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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PINAL COUNTY ENERGY CENTER, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360 ET. SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 480 MW NATURAL GAS-FIRED, SIMPLE CYCLE, PEAKING POWER GENERATING FACILITY LOCATED NEAR CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, IN PINAL COUNTY.) Docket No. L-21314A-24-0144-00233)) Case No. 233)))))))
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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 Pinal County Energy Center LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of a **480 MW natural gas-fired, simple cycle, peaking power generating facility (“Project Bella” or “Project”)** located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Midway Road in unincorporated Pinal County, Arizona. A map of the location of Project Bella is attached here as “Exhibit A”.

The hearing will be held at the **Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort**, located at 12684 W Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85193, Telephone: 520-836-6444. The hearing will begin on **Monday, August 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and continue as necessary on August 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. each day.** The hearing will adjourn at

1 approximately 5:00 p.m. each day or earlier at the discretion of the Committee Chairman.
2 If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project
3 website at: <https://projectbellaaz.com> and on the Arizona Corporation Commission
4 (“ACC”) website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>

5 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN AT A SPECIAL EVENING**
6 **SESSION ON AUGUST 12, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE OR IN**
7 **PERSON AT FRANCISCO GRANDE HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT, 12684 W**
8 **GILA BEND HIGHWAY, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85193. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY**
9 **ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE**
10 **DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

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

17 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER**
18 **WATCHING THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTENING TO THE HEARING VIA**
19 **TELEPHONE, OR ATTENDING IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in advance of the
20 hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
21 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will
22 be noticed on the Project website at <https://projectbellaaz.com>. The Chairman may, at his
23 discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to
24 be determined after the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be
25 resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project website and the ACC website.

1 **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN;**
2 **HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT**
3 **REQUIRED.**

4 If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary
5 of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project and ACC
6 websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour,
7 the Committee may hear testimony at stops concerning elements of the Project. No other
8 discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court
9 reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.
10 Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

11 Copies of the Application, containing detailed maps of the Project site and detailed
12 information about the proposed facilities will be available for inspection at the following
13 locations:

- 14 • Docket Control Center of the ACC Phoenix Office at 1200 West Washington Street,
15 Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 16 • Casa Grande Public Library – 449 N Drylake St, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- 17 • Arizona City Community Library – 13254 Sunland Gin Rd, Arizona City, AZ
18 85123
- 19 • Project Bella website: <https://projectbellaaz.com>

20 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, pre-
21 hearing conference, and evidentiary hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and
22 Project website.

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

1 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
2 promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or
3 other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to
4 represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the
5 area in which the Project are to be located and desiring to become a party to the
6 proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before August 12, 2024, file with the Director
7 of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,
8 Arizona 85007 a notice of intent to be a party.

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

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

22 ORDERED this 28th day of June, 2024.

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26 Adam Stafford, Chairman
27 ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION
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Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 25 copies were filed this 3rd day of July, 2024, with:

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