

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF SOUTHWEST  
BEND SOLAR, LLC, IN  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA  
REVISED STATUTES § 40-360, ET  
SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING  
THE SOUTHWEST BEND GEN-TIE  
PROJECT, LOCATED IN MARICOPA  
COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No.: L-21382A-26-0017-00259

Case No. 259

## NOTICE OF HEARING

**A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD** before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of Southwest Bend Solar, LLC (“Applicant”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) to authorize the Southwest Bend Gen-Tie Project (“Project”).

The Project includes a new, approximately eight-mile, double circuit capable 500-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line that will deliver electricity generated at the Southwest Bend Solar Project to the regional grid in Maricopa County. A map of the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

The hearing will be held at the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”) located at 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007. **The hearing will begin on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and will continue on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and then will continue, as necessary, on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.** If any additions or revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at [www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/](http://www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/) and on the ACC website at <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/hearings-and-meetings>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**

1 SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA  
2 TELEPHONE, VIDEO CONFERENCING, OR IN PERSON AT THE ACC, 1200  
3 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, 85007. PUBLIC  
4 COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE  
5 HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
6 COMMITTEE.

13        The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be  
14        announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and  
15        place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project  
16        website and the ACC website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED**  
17        **HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A**  
18        **RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

If a tour is taken, it will begin on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at approximately 9:00 a.m. or an alternative date and time set by the Chairman. A map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website at: [www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/](http://www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/). Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour concerning what is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be

1 included on the itinerary. If the Committee decides not to take a tour, the hearing will  
2 continue as scheduled.

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

- 6 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200 West Washington Street,  
7 Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007;
- 8 • San Lucy District Library, 1125 W C St, Gila Bend, AZ 85337
- 9 • Buckeye Public Library – Downton Library, 310 6th St, Buckeye, AZ 85326
- 10 • Gila Bend Town Hall, 644 W Pima St BOX A, Gila Bend, AZ 85337
- 11 • The Project website: [www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/](http://www.longroadenergy.com/southwest-bend/).

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

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

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

26 The Committee, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties  
27 to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a

1 statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, ACC, 1200 West Washington Street,  
2 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central  
3 Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before the date set for the  
4 hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a party or have the right to  
5 present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

6 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (“A.R.S.”) §§ 40-360 to  
7 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive  
8 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.  
9 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S.  
10 § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceedings on the matter before  
11 the ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

12 ORDERED this 2nd day of February, 2026.

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16 Adam Stafford, Chairman  
17 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission  
18 Line Siting Committee  
19 Assistant Attorney General  
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