

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

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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
5 OF SONORAN SOLAR ENERGY, LLC, IN  
6 CONFORMANCE WITH THE  
7 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED  
8 STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, et seq.,  
9 FOR A CERTIFICATE OF  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY  
11 AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF A  
12 500KV GEN-TIE LINE AND SWITCHYARD  
13 ORIGINATING AT THE PROPOSED  
14 SONORAN ENERGY SWITCHYARD AND  
15 TERMINATING AT THE JOJOBA  
16 SUBSTATION AND ASSOCIATED  
17 SWITCHARD LOCATED IN MARICOPA  
18 COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No. L-00000UU-11-0337-00162

Case No. 162

12 **AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING**

13 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission  
14 Line Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the application of Sonoran Solar  
15 Energy, LLC ("Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing  
16 the construction of 500kV electric transmission line and a switchyard (the "Project").

17 A 500kV electric transmission line would be constructed between the proposed  
18 Sonoran Solar Energy Project's switchyard located in Section 21, Township 2 South,  
19 Range 3 West and terminate at the existing Jojoba Substation located in Section 25,  
20 Township 2 South, Range 4 West.

21 There are two proposed alignments for the electric transmission:

22 (1) Preferred Route - The Applicant's preferred alignment would begin at the  
23 proposed Sonoran Solar Energy Project's switchyard, travel 0.9 miles to the west  
24 and then turn to the southwest traveling 1 mile, where it would then turn west 1.3  
25 miles to connect to the Jojoba Substation.

26 (2) Alternate Route - The alternate route would begin at the proposed Sonoran  
27 Solar Energy Project's switchyard, travel 0.7 miles to the south, and then turn to the  
west and travel approximately 2.8 miles to connect to the Jojoba Substation.

The Project switchyard will be an approximately 3-acre area on the western side of  
the Sonoran Solar Energy Project site. The switchyard will consist of several  
medium voltage breakers and switches, for collecting the power from the solar  
panels and inverters, a main step up transformer and 500kV breakers and switches  
for protection. Redundant line protection relays and associated metering and  
protection equipment will also be installed.

1 The hearing will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites Phoenix/Goodyear, 2000  
2 North Litchfield Road, Goodyear, Arizona 85395. The hearing is scheduled to begin  
3 Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., and to continue as necessary on  
4 Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. The hearing will adjourn at  
5 approximately 5:00 p.m. on all days. Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be  
6 noticed on the Applicant and Arizona Corporation Commission ("ACC") websites.

7 The Applicant's website with Project information is:  
8 <http://www.sonoransolarenergyproject.com/>

9 The ACC Website is: [http://www.cc.state.az.us/az\\_power\\_plant/linesiting-  
10 calendar.asp](http://www.cc.state.az.us/az_power_plant/linesiting-calendar.asp)

11 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN AFTER OPENING STATEMENTS AND AS  
12 PERMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN. IN ADDITION, A SEPARATE  
13 EVENING PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 25, 2011  
14 AT 6:00 P.M. ALSO AT THE SAME LOCATION THE HAMPTON INN AND SUITES  
15 PHOENIX/GOODYEAR.**

16 More complete maps, along with more detailed textual descriptions of the proposed  
17 routes are available in the Application and on the Applicant's website.

18 The Application that includes detailed maps of the proposed Project is on file with the  
19 Docket Control Center of the ACC, 1200 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix  
20 Arizona, 85007. Copies of the Application and Transcripts will also be available for  
21 inspection at the Buckeye Public Library, 310 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Buckeye, Arizona  
22 85326 and the Gila Bend Public Library, 202 North Euclid Avenue, Gila Bend, Arizona  
23 85337.

24 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes –  
25 most likely to occur on October 26, 2011 starting at 8:30 a.m. If a tour is  
26 conducted, a map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearings.  
27 Members of the public may follow the Committee in their own private vehicles.  
During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from  
one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the  
stops and the relevance of the location and view to the proposed routes of the  
transmission line in the Application. No other discussion or deliberation concerning  
the Application will occur. A court reporter will transcribe any testimony taken on  
the tour.

Depending on the issues raised and the number of intervenors appearing during the  
hearing, the Committee may deem it appropriate at some point to recess the  
hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be  
determined after the recess, at which time and place the hearing will be resumed.  
These dates and places will be posted on the Project and ACC websites. At the  
discretion of the Committee, such resumed hearings may be held at a date, time and  
place designated by the Committee or its Chairman.

**NOTE: NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN. PUBLISHED  
NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the proposed  
Project and desiring to become a party in the proceeding must file with the Arizona  
Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, a

1 notice of its intent to be a party. That notice must be filed not less than ten (10)  
2 days before the date set for hearing.

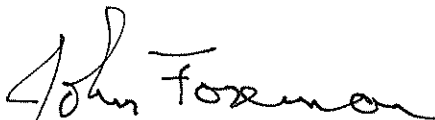
3 Any domestic, non-profit corporation or association, formed in whole or in part to  
4 promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health  
5 or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote customer interests,  
6 to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly  
7 development of the area in which the Project is to be located and desiring to become  
8 a party to the certification proceedings must file with the ACC, 1200 West  
9 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, notice of its intent to be a party. That  
10 notice must be filed not less than ten (10) days before the date set for hearing.

11 The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other  
12 persons parties to the proceeding.

13 Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing by filing a statement in  
14 writing with the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street,  
15 Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five (5) days before a date set for hearing. A  
16 person making a limited appearance shall not be a party or have the right to present  
17 testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

18 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-  
19 360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-219. No substantive  
20 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the  
21 Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC  
22 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party before the ACC  
23 must be a party to the certification proceedings before the Committee.

24 ORDERED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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