

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

3 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
4 OF BP WIND ENERGY NORTH AMERICA) Docket No. L-00000WW-12-0335-00167
5 INC., IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE)
6 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED) Case No. 167
7 STATUTES § 40-360, *ET SEQ.*, FOR A)
8 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
9 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
10 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOHAVE)
11 COUNTY WIND FARM GEN-TIE PROJECT)
12 IN THE WHITE HILLS OF MOHAVE)
13 COUNTY, APPROXIMATELY 40 MILES)
14 NORTHWEST OF KINGMAN, ARIZONA;)
15 BEGINNING IN SECTION 25, TOWNSHIP)
16 29 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST AND ENDING)
17 IN SECTION 8 OR 9, TOWNSHIP 28)
18 NORTH, RANGE 20 WEST.)
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13 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

14 A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line
15 Siting Committee ("Committee") regarding the Application of BP Wind Energy North America
16 Inc. ("BP Wind Energy" or "Applicant") for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility
17 authorizing the Mohave County Wind Farm Generation Tie Line Project ("Project") in Mohave
18 County, Arizona ("Application"). The hearing will be held at the Hampton Inn and Suites
19 Kingman located at 1791 Sycamore Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86409; telephone: 928-692-0200.
20 The hearing shall begin on Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. and will continue on
21 Wednesday, September 19, 2012, beginning at 9:30 a.m., unless a tour is taken. If a tour is taken,
22 the tour will begin on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. or at a later time set by the
23 Chairman of the Committee. If necessary, the hearing will continue on Thursday, September 20,
24 2012, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The hearings will adjourn each day at approximately 5:00 p.m.
25 Additional hearing days, if necessary, will be noticed on the Committee's Hearing Calendar page
26 of the Arizona Corporation Commission's ("ACC") website, available at:
 www.azcc.gov/AZ_Power_Plant/LineSiting-Calendar.asp.

21 **PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING**
22 **DAY OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**
23 **CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE. PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A**
24 **SPECIAL EVENING SESSION ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012 BEGINNING AT**
25 **6:00 P.M, AT THE HAMPTON INN AND SUITES KINGMAN, LOCATED AT 1791**
26 **SYCAMORE AVENUE, KINGMAN, ARIZONA 86409.**

25 The Committee, at its discretion, may recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced
26 during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date, time, and place at which the
 hearing will resume will be posted on the Committee's Hearing Calendar page of the ACC's

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

4 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area and the proposed routes on Wednesday,
5 September 19, 2012, beginning at 8:00 a.m. or at an alternate date and time as determined by the
6 Chairman of the Committee. The map and itinerary for the tour will be available at the hearing
7 and posted on the Project website. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour
8 in their own private vehicles. During the tour, the Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on
9 the tour from one or more witnesses concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the
10 stops, and the relevance of the location and view to the facilities in the Application. No other
11 discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter
12 or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.

13 The Project involves the construction of approximately five or six miles of high voltage
14 transmission line (either 345 kV or 500 kV) and two substations in the White Hills of Mohave
15 County, approximately 40 miles northwest of Kingman, Arizona, to connect the Mohave Wind
16 Farm Project to the regional electrical transmission grid. Maps of the Project site and detailed
17 information about the Project facilities, including detailed descriptions of the corridor widths, are
18 contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 19 • Docket Control Center of the ACC's Phoenix Office at 1200 West Washington Street,
20 Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007;
- 21 • Mohave County Library, Kingman Branch. 3269 N. Burbank Street, Kingman, Arizona
22 86402;
- 23 • Mohave Community College, Kingman Campus Library. 1971 Jagerson Avenue,
24 Kingman, Arizona 86409; and
- 25 • On the internet using the ACC's *eDocket* function, available at: <http://edocket.azcc.gov>.

26 A general location map of the Project area, including corridor widths, is included with this notice,
and BP Wind Energy's proposed routes, including the two new substations associated with each
route, are described below.

27 **a. 500 kV Alternative**

28 The route for the 500 kV Alternative originates at a new substation to be built in the southeast
29 quarter of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 20 West. From there the transmission line will
30 take the following route:

- 31 • Southwesterly direction for approximately 9,204 ft. (1.74 miles), crossing Section 36,
32 Township 29 North, Range 20 West and entering Section 2, Township 28 North, Range 20
33 West;
- 34 • Northwesterly direction for approximately 569 ft. (0.1 miles);
- 35 • Southwesterly direction for approximately 2,227 ft. (0.42 miles);
- 36 • Slightly more west southwesterly direction for approximately 2,187 ft. (0.4 miles),
37 entering Section 3, Township 28 North, Range 20 West;
- 38 • Slightly more south southwesterly direction for approximately 2,030 ft. (0.38 miles),
39 entering Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 20 West;

- Slightly more west southwesterly direction for 442 ft. (0.08 miles);
- Northwesterly direction for approximately 4,512 ft. (0.85 miles), crossing the northeast corner of Section 9, Township 28 North, Range 20 West and entering Section 4, Township 28 North, Range 20 West; and
- Southwesterly direction for approximately 4,466 ft. (0.85 miles), entering Section 9, Township 28 North, Range 20 West, to a new substation to be built in the southwest quarter of Section 9, Township 28 North, Range 20 West; approximately 2,500 ft. north of the existing 500 kV Mead-Phoenix transmission line.

The 500 kV Alternative terminates at a new switchyard to be built by the Mead Phoenix Project immediately adjacent to the new substation described above.

The Applicant is requesting a 500 ft. wide corridor along the entire route of the Project, centered on the route described above.

b. 345 kV Alternative

The 345 kV Alternative originates at a new substation to be built in the same location as for the 500 kV Alternative (southeast quarter of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 20 West). From there, the transmission line follows the same route as the 500 kV Alternative; however, it will continue past the point of termination for the 500 kV Alternative and continue in a southwesterly direction for approximately 3,438 ft. (0.65 miles), entering Section 16, township 28 North, Range 20 East. After crossing the existing 500 kV Mead-Phoenix line and the existing 345 kV Liberty-Mead line, the line makes a 90 degree turn towards the north and continues in a northwesterly direction parallel to the existing transmission lines for approximately 3,867 ft. (0.73 miles), crossing the northeast corner of Section 17, Township 28 North, Range 20 West and entering Section 8, Township 28 North, Range 20 West, to a new substation to be built in the southwest quarter of Section 8, Township 28 North, Range 20 West; just south of the existing 345 kV Liberty-Mead line.

The 345 kV Alternative terminates at a new switchyard to be built by the Western Area Power Administration immediately adjacent to the new substation described above.

The Applicant is requesting a 500 ft. wide corridor along the entire route of the Project, centered on the route described above.

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


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

1 The Committee or its chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other persons parties
2 to the proceedings.

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

8 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona
9 Administrative Code Rules R14-3-201 to R14-3-220 and R14-3-113. No substantive
10 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee. The
11 written decision of the Committee shall be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07.
12 Any person intending to be a party before the ACC must be a party to the certification proceedings
13 before the Committee.

14 DATED this 26th day of July, 2012.

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Mohave County Wind Farm Gen-Tie Project Location Map

