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1 BE IT REMEMBERED that the above-entitled and
2 numbered matter came on regularly to be heard before the
3 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting
4 Committee, commencing at 2:00 p.m. on October 14, 2025,
5 with all participants appearing via videoconference.

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7 BEFORE: Adam Stafford, Chairman

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9 APPEARANCES:

10 For the Applicant:

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15 Also Present:

16 Mariana Ambrose, Applicant, Associate
17 Development Team
18 Sean Bodkin, AZCC, General Counsel's Office
19 Tod Brewer, Assistant to Chairman Stafford
20 Jeremy Casteel, SWCA, Lead Environmental Planner
21 Victoria Casteel, SWCA, Natural Resource Director
22 Gourjia Odisho, Snell & Wilmer, Paralegal
23 Trey Patton, Applicant
24 Donna Powers, Applicant, Senior Legal Counsel
25 Derek Rieman, Applicant, Chief Development Officer

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Now is the time set for the
2 prehearing conference for Docket Number
3 L-21364A-25-0198-00250, or Line Siting Case 250.

4 Let's start with appearances of the
5 applicant.

6 MR. DERSTINE: Afternoon, Chairman. Matt
7 Derstine, Snell & Wilmer, appearing on behalf of the
8 applicant and CG Apache County Wind and CG Apache County
9 Solar, LLC. Also appearing with me is Gourjia Odisho
10 from Snell & Wilmer. And I think we have laid out the
11 affiliations of all the other people who are appearing,
12 unless you want me to go through that list.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah, just go through it to
14 make sure it's clear.

15 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. On behalf of the
16 applicant, we have Trey Patton, we have Donna Powers,
17 senior legal counsel, Lance Olenius, manager of
18 environmental affairs for the applicant or its
19 affiliates, Mariana Ambrose, associate development, again
20 with the applicant or its affiliates, and Mr. Rieman,
21 chief development officer with the applicant or its
22 affiliates.

23 Then on behalf of our environmental
24 consultant we have Tom -- Tom, I'm going to butcher your
25 name, maybe, Koronkiewicz, senior project manager with

1 SWCA, Jeremy Casteel, lead environmental planner, SWCA,
2 Erica Fraley, associate project environmental planner,
3 SWCA, and Victoria Casteel, natural resource director
4 with SWCA.

5 That's my -- that's my roster.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

7 THE REPORTER: And who is "Sean B"?

8 MR. BODKIN: I'm with the Arizona
9 Corporation Commission.

10 THE REPORTER: Can you spell your last
11 name, please.

12 MR. BODKIN: It's B, as in boy, o-d-k-i-n,
13 Bodkin, with the general counsel's office.

14 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: And you're here just to
16 observe, Staff isn't planning on intervening?

17 MR. BODKIN: That's correct. Yeah, we're
18 not planning on intervening at this point.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Excellent. Thank
20 you.

21 All right. Mr. Derstine, just confirming
22 that you have the lodging arrangements made for the
23 committee members for the hearing?

24 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And that's --

1 they'll be able to check in on that Sunday? It's an over
2 three-hour drive, it appears, so --

3 MR. DERSTINE: Right. That's my
4 understanding is that we have the rooms that will be
5 available at whatever the normal check-in time is,
6 someone can correct me if I'm wrong, I think it's 3:00,
7 but for check-in on Sunday.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And then you have a
9 number of exhibits. I see 1 is your public outreach
10 summary. 2 is the route for the tour, the tour
11 itinerary. And then number 3 is the sign placements with
12 a map and the pictures of the signs themselves installed.
13 And then the fourth one is your witness summaries and
14 draft Certificate of Environmental Compatibility.

15 MR. DERSTINE: Yes. I think we included
16 the witness summaries simply for your information and so
17 that Mr. Brewer had it in his file, but those were filed
18 with -- with the Commission this morning. As it turns
19 out, yesterday was a holiday.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: Yes.

21 All right. So that was the -- and the
22 witness summaries are in the -- filed in the docket with
23 the CEC? Okay.

24 MR. DERSTINE: That's correct.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Well, I'm going

1 to admit those as Prehearing Exhibits 1 through 4.

2 (Exhibits PHC-1 through PHC-4 were
3 admitted into evidence.)

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Now, I haven't seen any
5 requests for intervention.

6 MR. DERSTINE: I have not either, although
7 we do have, I think at the latest count, five limited
8 appearances.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Yes, that's what I have.
10 All right. And so does the applicant agree
11 that March 4th, 2026, is the time limit for the committee
12 to act in compliance with the statute?

13 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And the applicant
15 has provided notice to the affected jurisdictions as part
16 of the statute? And I have Apache County, Arizona State
17 Land Department, Arizona Department of Transportation,
18 and the City or Towns of Springerville, Eagar, and
19 St. Johns as the affected jurisdictions?

20 MR. DERSTINE: That's right. We were, I
21 think, overly inclusive in our affected jurisdictions,
22 but that's who we've identified, correct.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: And they've all received
24 the notice by certified mail?

25 MR. DERSTINE: That's correct.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And I think your
2 Exhibit 3 shows proof of the posting requirements. And
3 then I think you mentioned in your Exhibit 1, the public
4 outreach summary. The Notice of Hearing was published on
5 September 9th in the Arizona Republic, and then
6 September 12th in the White Mountain Independent; is that
7 correct?

8 MR. DERSTINE: That is correct.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

10 MR. DERSTINE: We weren't able to fit
11 the -- meet the publication requirements by simply using
12 the White Mountain Independent, so we had to rely on a
13 combination of the Republic and the Independent to meet
14 the two publication requirements.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: The White Mountain's in,
16 what, Apache County and then Arizona Republic is
17 statewide, right?

18 MR. DERSTINE: Correct.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And then you've also
20 put the Notice of Hearing, the application at the two
21 public libraries, at the St. Johns Public Library, and
22 then the Round Valley Public Library as well?

23 MR. DERSTINE: Correct.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I'm assuming you
25 reviewed the agenda. Are there any objections or

1 additions to it?

2 MR. DERSTINE: No. No objections.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So we're
4 starting the hearing on Monday the 20th, at 1:00 p.m.,
5 and it's going to be at the Hon-Dah Resort Casino,
6 777 Highway 260, in Pinetop?

7 MR. DERSTINE: Correct.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Approximately how long do
9 you think this hearing's going to last, Mr. Derstine?

10 MR. DERSTINE: You know, I think, as always
11 it -- a big part of that calculation will depend on
12 whether the committee wants to take a route tour. I'm
13 told that we've submitted our route tour itinerary to you
14 as a prehearing exhibit. I'm told by Mr. Casteel that it
15 will take four to five hours for the route tour. Takes
16 about an hour just to get to the first stop from the
17 casino, the hearing. And then it will take us about an
18 hour to get back from our -- our last stop.

19 And the last stop is scheduled to be at the
20 Safeway in Springerville to give the committee members an
21 opportunity to take a bathroom break and buy something if
22 they were hungry or needed drinks, other than what we're
23 going to provide on the -- on the bus. So it's a chunk
24 of time. So that will certainly take up the first
25 morning and into the afternoon for us to then have our

1 scheduled lunch. So we probably only have, potentially,
2 four hours on day two, if the committee elects to take
3 the route tour.

4 So I am, I guess, cautiously optimistic in
5 terms of getting done potentially on Wednesday, but I
6 guess it also depends on, you know, I'm anticipating a
7 fair amount of public comment, certainly on day one. I
8 did see a couple comments where folks were asking for
9 opportunities to provide comment at different times, so
10 that also would chunk out some time, so -- my guess,
11 Wednesday, but depends on a couple of different factors
12 that we've just identified.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Well, I think we're
14 planning to take a tour on this one, given the amount of
15 public interest in the case so far.

16 MR. DERSTINE: Sure.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: And then who is going to be
18 in charge of the audio/video? Do you have Peaks Audio
19 for this or does the casino have their own staff?

20 MR. DERSTINE: No, we're using Peaks.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Excellent.

22 All right. And you'll have the sign-in
23 forms for the public comment?

24 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And the public

1 comment session we'll do at 5:30 on the first day. I
2 guess we'll see what the turnout is. I imagine on
3 the -- at the -- on Monday we'll start at 5:30 and we can
4 go until we've heard from everybody, about three to five
5 minutes each. I'm reluctant to put a hard stop on it,
6 but I'm not going to go until midnight, certainly.

7 So I think if we look to finish the public
8 comment initially, I think by 8:00 at the latest, I guess
9 we can gauge what the interest is and we can say, okay,
10 we're going to do it again that following day after the
11 tour, perhaps. But I guess we'll have to see what the --
12 the turnout is.

13 MR. DERSTINE: Right. And I guess I -- I'm
14 anticipating that much of the comment will be directed to
15 the wind project, as opposed to the project that's before
16 the committee, the gen-tie line.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: All right.

18 MR. DERSTINE: I don't know if there's a
19 way to, you know, to direct public commenters to direct
20 their comments to the project that the committee is
21 considering in terms of the gen-tie line, but my sense is
22 that a lot of the -- what folks have to say and their
23 concerns are directed to the broader wind project, as
24 opposed to specific issues with the -- the transmission
25 line.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Well, I think it's worth
2 pointing out to them that, hey, we're going to -- we
3 don't have jurisdiction over the wind project itself,
4 it's just the transmission line. But I think they'll
5 have their three minutes if they want to spend it talking
6 about something that's beyond their jurisdiction, I think
7 that's their prerogative, but it won't -- it's not going
8 to be very helpful for the committee to make its decision
9 if it's not about what we have jurisdiction over.

10 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, understood.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: Now, will there be a need
12 for security? I'm assuming the casino has its own
13 security.

14 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, we did ask for
15 additional security, just given the level of interest and
16 the nature of some of the comments that I've seen. The
17 casino will be providing one security officer. They
18 have -- we have to rely on the tribal security or the
19 casino's in-house security rather than looking for
20 outside security.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: I think this is probably
22 just to maintain order and decorum. I don't think
23 there's any real credible threats. It's just some people
24 like to be more disruptive, I guess, than others.

25 MR. DERSTINE: Yup. Yeah.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So we'll do our
2 breaks about every 90 minutes to give the court reporter
3 a chance to rest her hands.

4 And so I guess the WiFi is adequate at this
5 facility, then?

6 MR. DERSTINE: You know, I hope that's the
7 case. I don't know that Peaks has been up there yet to
8 test it or battle test the WiFi, but they do have their
9 own, I think they're on some sort of a satellite WiFi, in
10 the event that we have some sort of connectivity issues.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Yeah, my
12 understanding is they have Starlink, if the WiFi where
13 we're at is inadequate or goes out.

14 MR. CASTEEL: Matt, I spoke to Peaks this
15 afternoon and they were there yesterday scoping it out
16 and they said their WiFi works fine, but they have a
17 backup just in case.

18 MR. DERSTINE: Okay. Perfect.

19 MR. CASTEEL: Power is sufficient.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent.

21 The attire for the hearing is business
22 casual.

23 Is there anything else we need to cover
24 regarding the hearing itself?

25 MR. DERSTINE: No, nothing on my list.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: And I've gotten your
2 witness summaries, they're both a prehearing exhibit and
3 filed in the docket.

4 Now, for your exhibits, you're going to
5 label them GC-1, 2, 3, 4. It looks like you've
6 gotten -- or CG, excuse me, not GC. CG. And it looks
7 like you've already labeled -- looks like the tour
8 itinerary is CG-18, the public outreach looks like it's
9 CG-13, so you've gotten those all ready to go?

10 MR. DERSTINE: That's right. We currently
11 have approximately 21 exhibits marked CG-1 through 21.
12 That list may grow, but yeah, currently we have -- we're
13 marking our exhibits in that fashion. And if we add
14 some, then they'll continue on.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: And then so for the limited
16 appearance, the way that I usually do it is just to admit
17 them as a separate exhibit at the hearing. And if you
18 get them put on the tab- -- I'm assuming you'll be using
19 tablets for the exhibits for the members?

20 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

22 MR. DERSTINE: And we'll make sure that
23 those are included on their tablets. Do you want to mark
24 them as a Chairman's exhibit or just --

25 CHMN STAFFORD: No. I'm going to --

1 because from the Town of Eagar, Linda Weiland, Karen
2 Glennon, Michael Anable, and Monica Boehning, SO I guess
3 we'd mark them as exhibits TE-1, LW-1, KG-1, MA-1, and
4 MB-1.

5 MR. DERSTINE: All right.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: And some of those are
7 actually quite lengthy.

8 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah. Multiple documents,
9 yeah.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So I guess you
11 must have them all loaded onto the tablets for the
12 members and then I guess one hard copy for me and one
13 hard copy for the court reporter to put in the record.

14 MR. DERSTINE: All right. Will do.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Everything else
16 complied with the Procedural Order.

17 Is there any other legal issues we need to
18 address?

19 MR. DERSTINE: No.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And you've made
21 the financial arrangements with Staff?

22 MR. DERSTINE: Yes.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, I haven't seen
24 their response to my letter yet. That hasn't been filed
25 yet, has it?

1 MR. DERSTINE: I haven't seen it. I don't
2 know if Mr. Bodkin can comment on the timing for Staff's
3 letter?

4 MR. BODKIN: It has been drafted. It
5 should be filed any time now.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Yeah, it's about --
7 they usually show up right around the time of the
8 prehearing conference, so --

9 MR. BODKIN: There -- there is one concern
10 that is being raised in the letter, so just so you're
11 aware of this.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: And I trust Mr. Derstine
13 will ask the appropriate questions to cover that at the
14 hearing.

15 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, as soon as we
16 understand what the issue is, we'll be prepared to
17 address it.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: All right.

19 Now, we've got the draft CEC. I guess
20 that's the only one coming from the applicant. No one's
21 objected to anything yet.

22 Now, for the permit status, I understand
23 there's no federal permitting? I think most of the
24 project is on state land, but there's a couple road
25 crossings to deal with the Department of Transportation.

1 MR. DERSTINE: That's right.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: But there's no County
3 permit, correct?

4 MR. DERSTINE: There is no County
5 permitting for the gen-tie line, that's correct.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: And none for the solar and
7 wind projects?

8 MR. DERSTINE: I think that's being
9 evaluated, but I -- yeah, I'm not fully up to speed in
10 terms of where we are on the wind and solar permitting
11 process.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Does anybody else know?
13 There's not a -- there's not a concurrent process going
14 on for the -- for those projects in the county?

15 MR. DERSTINE: Yeah, so I don't -- they
16 have not filed an application for a CUP, and I think
17 there is -- the way the Apache County Zoning Ordinance is
18 drafted, it excepts renewable projects that are sited
19 exclusively on state or federal land. But I think
20 there's ongoing evaluation in terms of how to proceed
21 with the County as to the wind and solar project, based
22 on -- based on that exception.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So those are
24 entirely on state land?

25 MR. DERSTINE: I think that's correct.

1 Mr. Patton?

2 MR. PATTON: Yes, sir. The wind project is
3 sited entirely on state land. The solar project is
4 predominantly state land, but there is also a private
5 parcel for the solar project.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: And the transmission line
7 covers primarily state land, but some private land as
8 well?

9 MR. PATTON: Yes, sir.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: So all the exhibits will be
11 on the tablets for the members and hard copies for the
12 court reporter and myself.

13 Now, you've had robust social media
14 outreach on this as well?

15 MR. DERSTINE: We have. We've used social
16 media to publicize the hearing. Those social media posts
17 were run on September the 23rd, and they'll run again on
18 the 19th.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Is there
20 anything else we need to cover, Mr. Derstine?

21 MR. DERSTINE: No, I don't think so.
22 Unless there's anyone on the panel or with SWCA or with
23 the applicant who have any issues that we want to raise
24 with the Chairman?

25 (No response.)

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Hearing none.

2 Tod, anything else, or have we covered
3 everything?

4 MR. BREWER: I believe we have everything,
5 Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. Excellent. All
7 right. And if the court reporter gives me a thumbs up, I
8 think we are done.

9 THE REPORTER: I just need those spellings
10 of those names you mentioned earlier.

11 MR. DERSTINE: What -- what are those
12 names, Robin, I'm happy to give them for you.

13 THE REPORTER: The Chairman mentioned them,
14 that he would be marking exhibits from --

15 MR. DERSTINE: Oh, I see. The limited
16 appearance names?

17 THE REPORTER: Yes. Yes.

18 MR. DERSTINE: So it's Linda Weiland,
19 W-e-i-l-a-n-d. It's the Town of Eagar, filed through
20 their counsel, Brett, B-r-e-t-t, middle initial R.,
21 Riggs, R-i-g-g-s. The next one is Karen Glennon,
22 G-l-e-n-n-o-n. The next one is Michael Anable,
23 A-n-a-b-l-e. And the last limited appearance was filed
24 by Monica, M-o-n-i-c-a, "Boning," "Benning,"
25 B-o-e-n-i-n-g.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: I think there's a H in
2 there.

3 MR. DERSTINE: Oh, there's an H,
4 B-o-e-h-n-i-n-g. Sorry.

5 THE REPORTER: Thank you very much.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Thank you, all. I
7 guess I will see you all on Monday.

8 With that we are adjourned. Thank you.

9 MR. DERSTINE: Thank you.

10 (The hearing concluded at 2:24 p.m.)

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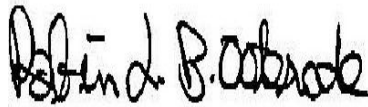
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