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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BELMONT ENERGY CENTER, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE BELMONT SOLAR PROJECT GENERATION TIE LINE, WHICH CONSISTS OF A NEW, APPROXIMATELY 8.6-MILE-LONG, 500KV TRANSMISSION LINE CONNECTING THE PLANNED BELMONT SOLAR PROJECT LOCATED SOUTH OF INTERSTATE-10 NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THOMAS ROAD AND 499TH AVENUE IN UNINCORPORATED MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA TO THE EXISTING ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY DELANEY SUBSTATION.

Docket No.: L-21234A-23-0076-00219

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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 Belmont Energy Center, LLC, (“Applicant”) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to authorize construction of the Belmont Solar Project, a proposed new up to 8.6-mile 500-kilovolt alternating current generation intertie transmission line and associated substation facilities (“the Project”). The Project is designed to deliver power from a 450-megawatt (“MW”) solar photovoltaic facility with a 450-MW storage system to the existing APS Delaney Substation. A map of the Project is attached as Exhibit A.

The hearing will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn - Avondale located at 11460 West Hilton Way, Avondale, Arizona 85323. The hearing will begin on *Monday*, May 15th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue as necessary on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023, Wednesday, May 17th, 2023, and Thursday, May 18th, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.m. on

1 each day through the completion of the hearing. If any revisions to the hearing schedule
2 are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at:
3 www.BelmontEnergyCenter.com and on the Arizona Corporation Commission (“ACC”)
4 website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.

5 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
6 **SESSION ON MONDAY, MAY 15th, 2023, BEGINNING AT 5:30 P.M., VIA**
7 **TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN, 11460 WEST**
8 **HILTON WAY, AVONDALE, AZ 85323. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN**
9 **AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT OTHER TIMES**
10 **DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF**
11 **THE COMMITTEE.**

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

20 At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and
21 telephone hearing access, as well as any additional details regarding safety protocols or
22 other revisions to the hearing schedule will be noticed on the Project website at
23 www.BelmontEnergyCenter.com. The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the
24 hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after
25 the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted
26 on the above-noted Project website and the ACC website.

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

1 The Committee may conduct a tour of the Project area. The map and itinerary of
2 any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project website at
3 www.BelmontEnergyCenter.com and the ACC website at:
4 <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>. Members of the public
5 may follow the Committee on the tour in their own private vehicles. During the tour, the
6 Committee may hear brief testimony at stops on the tour from one or more witnesses
7 concerning where the stops are located, what is visible at the stops, and the relevance of
8 the location and view to the facilities in the Application. No other discussion or
9 deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court reporter or
10 recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.

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

- 14 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, located at 1200 West
15 Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, Arizona 85007
- 16 • Buckeye City Hall, 2nd Floor – Permit Counter Desk, 530 East Monroe
17 Avenue, Buckeye, AZ 85326
- 18 • The Project website: www.BelmontEnergyCenter.com

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

21 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
22 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before May 15th,
23 2023, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona
24 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

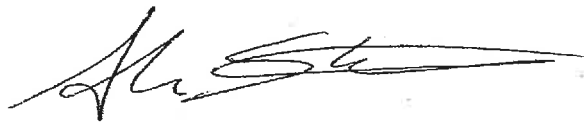
25 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
26 promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or
27 other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to
28 represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the
area in which the Project is to be located desiring to become a party to the proceedings

1 shall, not less than ten (10) days before May 15th, 2023, file a Notice of Intent to Become
2 a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
3 Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

4 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
5 persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at a
6 hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Docket Control of the Arizona
7 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, and
8 the Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85007,
9 not less than five days (5) before May 15th, 2023. A person making a limited appearance
10 shall not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

11 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") Sections 40-
12 360 to 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("AAC") R14-3-201 to R14-3-220.
13 No substantive communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of
14 the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC
15 pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceedings on
16 these matters before the ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

17 ORDERED this 31st day of March, 2023.
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22 Adam Stafford, Chairman
23 Arizona Power Plant and Transmission
24 Line Siting Committee
25 Assistant Attorney General
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CERTIFICATION OF MAILING

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 26 copies were filed this 5th day of April, 2023 with:

Utilities Division – Docket Control
ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION
1200 W. Washington St.
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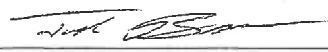
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Exhibit A

