

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT LS-303

2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE) DOCKET NO.
 APPLICATION OF 311SV 8ME LLC,) L-21241A-23-0103-00221
 5 IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE)
 REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED)
 6 STATUTES 40-360 ET. SEQ., FOR A) LS CASE NO. 221
 CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL)
 7 COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE)
 CONSTRUCTION OF THE CATCLAW)
 8 SOLAR 230-KV GENERATION)
 INTERTIE PROJECT LOCATED IN)
 9 BUCKEYE, MARICOPA COUNTY,)
 ARIZONA.)
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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 3:00 p.m. on May 30, 2023, with
5 all participants appearing via videoconference.

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7 BEFORE: ADAM STAFFORD, Chairman

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17 Colin Agner, SWCA
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18 Julie Larsen, Paralegal to Mr. Moyes
19 Tod Brewer, Assistant to Chairman Stafford
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1 CHMN STAFFORD: Let's go on the record.

2 Now is the time set for the prehearing
3 conference for the Catclaw Intertie Project, line siting
4 case 221.

5 Let's take appearances, please.

6 MR. MOYES: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman. I'm
7 Jason Moyes with the law firm of Moyes Sellers &
8 Hendricks. With me today from our development team for
9 the applicant 311SV 8me LLC is Mr. Jason Moretz,
10 Ms. Tracy Hamilton, and we also have our environmental
11 consultants Mr. Dean Hazle, who will be testifying at the
12 hearing, as well as Colin Agner. And also my staff Julie
13 Larsen.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So lodging's been
15 arranged for the Committee for the hearing?

16 MR. MOYES: That's correct.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. This case has no
18 requests for intervention?

19 MR. MOYES: Also correct.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. You agree that
21 October 21, 2023, is the time limit for the Committee to
22 act under the statute?

23 MR. MOYES: Yes, Your Honor -- Mr. Chairman.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: And the applicant's complied
25 with the statute and the procedural order regarding

1 notice to affected jurisdictions; correct?

2 MR. MOYES: Correct.

3 CHMN STAFFORD: And it is the county -- Maricopa
4 County and the City of Buckeye are the two affected
5 jurisdictions?

6 MR. MOYES: That's correct.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And a notice of hearing
8 has been published and the signage posted as required by
9 the procedural order and the statute?

10 MR. MOYES: Yes.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: Any changes to the agenda?

12 MR. MOYES: No, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: We're set for the hearing to
14 start Wednesday the 7th at 9:00 a.m.; correct?

15 MR. MOYES: That's correct.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: And we'll have public comment at
17 5:30 that evening as well; correct?

18 MR. MOYES: Yes.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And it's -- so we expect
20 it to wrap up -- I guess, we'll -- because the public
21 comments that evening, you'd expect to wrap it up
22 Thursday morning, I expect, then?

23 MR. MOYES: We hope so.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Unless there's a tour taken,
25 but --

1 MR. MOYES: Correct.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Now, you have the
3 logistics arranged for a tour if the Committee does
4 decide one is necessary?

5 MR. MOYES: Yes, we submitted a tour itinerary
6 and map as well.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And, let's see, so
8 everything is set for the hearing. The room is booked,
9 the A/V team is assembled? They will have everything in
10 place?

11 MR. MOYES: Yes.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Now, there may not be any public
13 comment, but you will have the forms available --

14 MR. MOYES: Yes.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: -- in case anyone shows up?

16 MR. MOYES: Thank you for that reminder again.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: I'm going to -- have the forms
18 have a check box if they wish to speak.

19 MR. MOYES: We will.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: Sometimes they just want to sign
21 in in favor or opposition and don't actually want to
22 speak. You call them up, and they'll speak anyway and --
23 all right.

24 Business casual attire for the hearing.

25 And then for -- you'll have exhibits available

1 on tablets for the members and then two hard copies, one
2 for myself and one for the court reporter?

3 MR. MOYES: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Excellent. You
5 filed direct testimony in this?

6 MR. MOYES: Yes.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: Exhibits prepared. All right.
8 And we haven't heard back from Staff on this one yet
9 either, have we?

10 MR. MOYES: I did, Mr. Chairman, speak with
11 Steven Emedi at the Commission, Staff attorney, from the
12 time after our last conference this afternoon. And he
13 said that he's not sure why the letter was not docketed.
14 It already went back through legal department for
15 approval. So he's following up on that. But he did
16 confirm that Staff is not planning to intervene for this
17 matter or for case 220.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And you made financial
19 arrangements with the Commission already?

20 MR. MOYES: That's correct.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Filed a letter in both the
22 documents, so I've seen that.

23 MR. MOYES: Yes.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: You filed the proposed CEC with
25 us, and get a Word copy to Tod, sooner than later is

1 better.

2 MR. MOYES: He should have that in his inbox
3 now.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And this one has an
5 alternate route; correct?

6 MR. MOYES: That's correct.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And there's no --
8 this is all private land --

9 MR. MOYES: Yes.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: -- jurisdictions? There's no
11 federal or state land uses?

12 MR. MOYES: Correct. No NEPA process required
13 here.

14 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And then the permit
15 status, this is the one where you wouldn't need a special
16 use either because it's accepted use for the City of
17 Buckeye.

18 MR. MOYES: That's correct. We're in the
19 process of working with the City amending old development
20 agreements for the actual solar plant. But the gen-tie
21 itself doesn't require any special additional permits.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Are there any other
23 issues or -- that you have?

24 MR. MOYES: I believe that's it.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And Tod is there

1 anything else? I think we're all set.

2 MR. BREWER: I believe that's it, Mr. Chairman.
3 Thank you.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And standard turnaround
5 time with three days for the transcripts. So I think
6 that's --

7 MR. MOYES: Yes, the court reporters have been
8 very helpful in sending those out for us already.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. Excellent. All
10 right. Well, anything further?

11 MR. MOYES: Not from our end, Mr. Chairman.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Excellent. Then,
13 it's -- we're all set. We'll see you for this hearing on
14 the 7th.

15 MR. MOYES: Should be a fun week.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: Yeah. It'll be an interesting
17 week. All right. With that, we are adjourned. Go off
18 the record. Thank you.

19 MR. MOYES: Thank you.

20 (Proceedings concluded at 3:07 p.m.)

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