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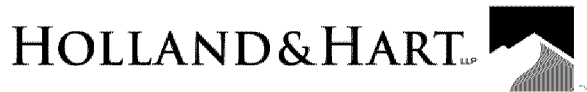
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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Trisha Osborne
Assistant Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Docket No. 21: _____ - Notice of Boulevard Associates, LLC, of an application for approval to construct a 1,000-MW solar energy generating facility, an up to 1,000-MW energy storage facility, a 230-kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities in Nye County, Nevada under the Utility Environmental Protection Act

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Accompanying this letter for filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) is Boulevard Associates, LLC’s (“the Applicant”) notice under NAC 703.421 that it intends to file an SF-299 Application for Transportation and Utility Facilities on Federal Lands with the United States Bureau of Land Management for a right-of-way for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the Sawtooth Energy Center Project, which will consist of a 1,000-MW solar energy generating facility, an up to 1,000-MW energy storage system, an optional 230-kV generation-tie line, and associated facilities to be located in Nye County, Nevada.

Exhibit 3 of the notice attached hereto contains confidential commercial information of the Applicant – specifically, bank account identification, bank key, and bank account numbers – and has been redacted accordingly. Pursuant to NRS 703.190 and NAC 703.5274, the Applicant requests that the confidential portion of the filing be maintained under seal, and the Applicant will be hand-delivering a confidential, unredacted version of the corresponding document to the Commission under separate cover. The confidential information will be enclosed in a sealed envelope and appropriately marked, on pink paper, and will contain the unredacted confidential commercial information that has been redacted from the attached filing. The Applicant requests that the Commission maintain the confidentiality of this information for a period of ten years.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bryce C. Alstead

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Attorney for Boulevard Associates, LLC

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Enclosures

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1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

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3 Notice of Boulevard Associates, LLC, of an application)
4 for approval to construct a 1,000-MW solar energy)
5 generating facility, an up to 1,000-MW energy storage)
6 facility, a 230-kV generation-tie line, and associated)
7 facilities in Nye County, Nevada under the Utility)
8 Environmental Protection Act)
9)

Docket No. 21-_____

10 **NOTICE OF BOULEVARD ASSOCIATES, LLC, OF AN APPLICATION FOR**
11 **APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT A 1,000-MW SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING**
12 **FACILITY, AN UP TO 1,000-MW ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY, A 230-KV**
13 **GENERATION-TIE LINE, AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES LOCATED IN NYE**
14 **COUNTY, NEVADA, UNDER THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
15 **ACT**

16 **I. Introduction**

17 Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), Sections
18 704.820 to 704.900 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”), and Sections 703.415 to 703.427 of
19 the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), Boulevard Associates, LLC (the “Applicant”),
20 hereby provides the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) with this notice
21 under NAC 703.421 (“Notice”) that it will be filing a SF-299 Application for Transportation and
22 Utility Facilities on Federal Lands (“SF-299”) with the United States Bureau of Land
23 Management (“BLM”) for a right-of-way for the construction, operation, and decommissioning
24 of the Sawtooth Energy Center Project, which will consist of a 1,000-megawatt (“MW”) solar
25 energy generating facility (“Generating Facility”), an up to 1,000-MW energy storage system, an
26 optional approximately 17-mile-long 230-kilovolt (“kV”) generation-tie line (“Gen-Tie Line”),
27 and associated facilities located on approximately 10,000 acres of BLM-administered land
28 located in Nye County, Nevada (the “Project”).

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1 All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to the below:

2 Kathleen Campanella
3 Boulevard Associates, LLC
4 c/o NextEra Energy Resources LLC
5 700 Universe Boulevard
6 Juno Beach, Florida 33408
7 Kathleen.Campanella@nexteraenergy.com

8 and

9 Bryce C. Alstead
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16 The Project includes the development, construction, operation, maintenance, and
17 decommissioning of the Generating Facility, the optional Gen-Tie Line, and other associated
18 facilities to be located on federal land administered by the BLM. The nameplate of the
19 Generating Facility is 1,000 MW, and the voltage of the optional Gen-Tie Line is 230 kV, which
20 are each above the respective thresholds for UEPA regulation, thus each of these Project
21 components qualifies as a “utility facility” as defined by NRS 704.860(1) and (2), respectively.
22 Accordingly, the Applicant is providing this Notice of the Project pursuant to NRS
23 704.870(2)(a).

24 The Applicant requests that the Commission accept this Notice under UEPA as
25 complying with NRS 704.870(2)(a) and NAC 703.421. Within thirty (30) days of the issuance
26 of a final Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement for the Project,¹ the
27 Applicant will submit a detailed UEPA application for approval of a Permit to Construct
28 pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b).

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¹ Note that it is currently unknown whether the BLM will require an Environmental Assessment or an Environmental Impact Statement for the Project.

1 **II. Information Required Pursuant to NAC 703.421**

2 **1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who filed the application**
3 **with the appropriate federal agency.**

4 The name, address, and telephone number of the person who will be filing the SF-299 for
5 the Project is:

6 Kathleen Campanella
7 Boulevard Associates, LLC
8 c/o NextEra Energy Resources LLC
9 700 Universe Boulevard
 Juno Beach, Florida 33408
 Telephone: (561) 691-7171

10 **2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency.**

11 The SF-299 for the Project will be submitted to the BLM on or about April 28, 2021.

12 **3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility.**

13 The Project area is comprised of approximately 10,000 acres of public lands administered
14 by the BLM in Nye County, Nevada. The Project is located on variance lands as identified in the
15 2012 Final Solar Energy Development Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, and
16 BLM exclusion lands would not be utilized. More specifically, the Project is located on the
17 Springdale SW, Nevada, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-topographic quadrangle, on a site situated
18 approximately 12.3 miles north of the Town of Beatty, Nevada, and approximately 4 miles
19 southwest of U.S. Route 95. *See* Project Map, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**. A more detailed
20 description of the location of the Project will be provided in the application which the Applicant
21 will submit following the issuance of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact
22 Statement for the Project, as applicable.

23 **4. A general description of the proposed utility facility.**

24 The Project will consist of a 1,000-MW alternating current (“AC”) solar photovoltaic
25 Generating Facility and an energy storage system with a capacity no larger than that of the
26 Generating Facility (approximately 1,000 MW), which will be connected using an AC- or direct
27 current-coupled system, depending on off-taker preference.

1 Currently, the Applicant is exploring several transmission options for the Project, the first
2 of which requires construction of the Gen-Tie Line described in this Application. Under the first
3 option, an approximately 17-mile-long 230-kV Gen-Tie Line will extend from an on-site
4 substation through BLM land to the existing Valley Electric Association Beatty substation.
5 Under the second option, the Project may interconnect to Sierra Pacific Power Company d/b/a
6 NV Energy's newly approved 525-kV Greenlink West transmission line through a new tie-in
7 facility. Under the third option, the Project may interconnect to GridLiance West's proposed
8 230-kV Silverado Renewables' Connection Phase 2 transmission line that would run parallel to
9 the Greenlink West transmission line. Because the first option would require construction of a
10 Gen-Tie Line which exceeds the threshold for UEPA regulation as described above, the
11 Applicant has included that option for purposes of this Notice. The Project will also include
12 construction of associated facilities typical of utility-scale solar energy generating facilities and
13 high-voltage energy transmission lines, including inverters, perimeter fencing, roads, and a
14 supervisory control and data acquisition system. The Applicant will pursue issuance of a Title V
15 Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 right-of-way from the BLM for a 30-year
16 term.

17 The Applicant expects that the Project will be constructed in a single phase which would
18 last approximately 48 months. However, the construction schedule may require multiple phases
19 and an extended timeframe depending on the terms and circumstances surrounding final power
20 purchase agreements.

21 **5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State**
22 **Clearinghouse within the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.**

23 A copy of this notice has been submitted to, among others, the Regulatory Operations
24 Staff of the Commission, the Bureau of Consumer Protection, the Nevada State Clearinghouse
25 within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Nye County Clerk. *See*
26 Certificate of Service to this Notice.

27 **III. Other Required Filings.**

28 **1. Draft Public Notice**

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A copy of the draft notice required pursuant to NAC 703.162 is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2.**

2. Proof of compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program (NRS 701.600 - .640).

The required notice to the Nevada Department of Wildlife (“NDOW”) pursuant to NRS 701.610 was filed on or about April 26, 2021. *See* Application for Energy Projects “Fund for the Recovery of Costs,” attached hereto as **Exhibit 3.**

IV. Conclusion

The Applicant requests that the Commission accept this Notice as complying with NRS 704.870(2)(a) and NAC 703.421. The Applicant will submit its UEPA Application within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the federal environmental review process pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b). At that time, Applicant will apply for, and request that the Commission issue, a UEPA Permit to Construct the Project.

DATED and respectfully submitted this 27th day of April, 2021.

HOLLAND & HART LLP

/s/ Bryce C. Alstead

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Exhibit “1”
Project Map
[see attached]

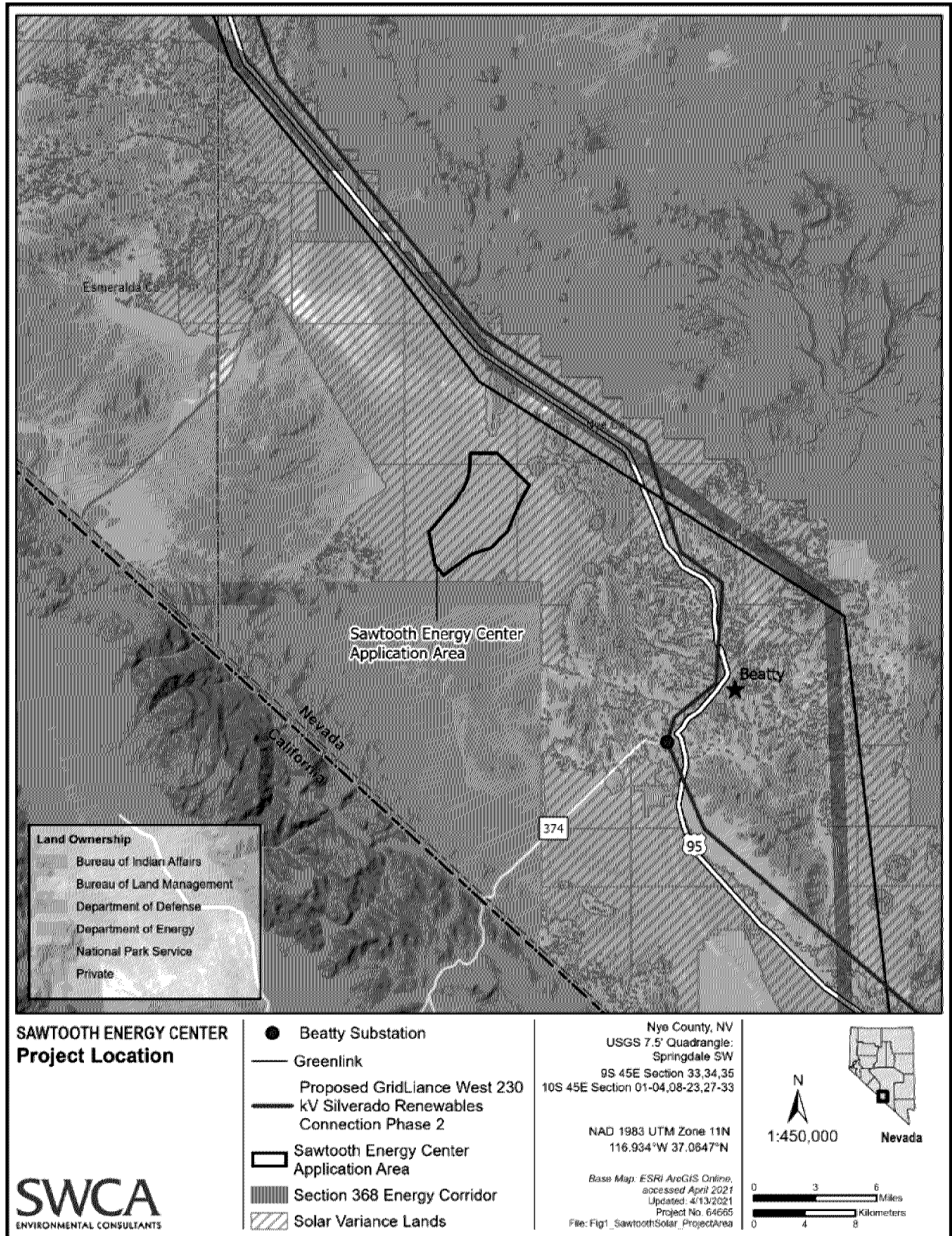


Figure 1. Sawtooth Energy Center application area.

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Exhibit “2”
Draft Public Notice
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The Project will not have any adverse effects on the health, safety, or welfare of Nevada residents, but will instead provide economic benefits, including jobs and revenue, to the State of Nevada and Nevada’s residents. Because the Project will be owned by the Applicant, which is not a public utility in Nevada and whose costs of the Project will not be passed down to Nevada’s ratepayers, this proceeding will have no effect on Nevada consumers.

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069(1)²:

A consumer session is not required by NRS 704.069.

If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **AND** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

This application does not pertain to a tariff filing.

² NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110 inclusive, in which:
 - (a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and
 - (b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant’s annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.

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Exhibit “3”

**Proof of compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife’s Energy Cost Recovery Fund
Program (NRS 701.600 - .640)**

[see attached]

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Application for Energy Projects "Fund for the Recovery of Costs"

Nevada Revised Statutes 701.600-640
Nevada Administrative Code 701.800-820

Project Name Sawtooth Solar
Applicant Boulevard Associates, LLC
Mailing Address 700 Universe Boulevard
City Juno Beach State Florida Zip Code 33408
Name of Contact Kathleen Campanella Phone (561) 694-3854 Email Kathleen.Campanella@nee.com
Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. Anthony Pedroni Title Vice President

Applicant:
 Self
 Private Company
 Government Agency
 Other _____


Project Type

Solar Wind Geothermal Fossil Fuel Biomass Fuel Pipeline Power Transmission
Net Maximum Generation Capacity 1,000 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) 525 kV
Proposed Project Size (acres) ~10,000 acres Proposed Transmission Length (miles) 17
Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) _____
Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) _____
up to 1,000 MW battery system, ~60 ac

Proposed County Location (submit project map and shapefiles) ~26 miles north of Beatty, NV; Nye County, NV

Project Description Project consists of solar and energy storage that will be an up to approximately 1,000 MW alternating current PV solar energy and storage facility with associated on-site substation, inverters, fencing, and supervisory control and data acquisition system. The Project includes either a short 525 kv overhead gen-tie line to tie into the newly proposed NV Energy Greenlink Transmission line or a 17-mile 230 kV gen-tie to the Beatty switchyard; depending on final interconnection.

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline Construction Start ~Q4 2023; COD ~Q4 2025

Applicant Signature  Date 4/21/2021

Enclose initial payment made out to **Nevada Department of Wildlife.**

- Remit **\$5,000** for fuel pipelines less than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and less than 50 miles in length, or geothermal production projects.
- Remit **\$10,000** for fuel pipelines more than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and more than 50 miles in length, or solar, wind, fossil fuel or other energy production projects.

Submit project shapefiles (ArcGIS or GoogleEarth are acceptable) to: jkleiber@ndow.org

Submit application, payment, and maps to: Nevada Department of Wildlife
Habitat Division – AB307
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120
Reno, NV 89511 USA

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 City RENO

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