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December 31, 2021

Ms. Trisha Osborne
Assistant Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109

Re: Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC to Construct a Solar Photovoltaic, a Battery Energy Storage System, a 230 kV Generation Tie Line and Ancillary Facilities

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Enclosed for filing please find the Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC to Construct a Solar Photovoltaic, a Battery Energy Storage System, a 230 kV Generation Tie Line and Ancillary Facilities.

If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702) 279-4040.

Best Regards,
/s/ Linda M. Bullen
Linda M. Bullen
Attorney for Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC

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

2 IN THE MATTER OF:
3 Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental
4 Protection Act of an Application to a Federal
5 Agency by Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC to
6 Construct a Solar Photovoltaic, a Battery
7 Energy Storage System, a 230 kV Generation
8 Tie Line and Ancillary Facilities

Docket No. 21- _____

9 **NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF**
10 **AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY BONNIE CLARE SOLAR, LLC TO**
11 **CONSTRUCT A SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY, A BATTERY ENERGY**
12 **STORAGE SYSTEM, A 230KV GENERATION TIE LINE AND ANCILLARY**
13 **FACILITIES**

14 **I. INTRODUCTION**

15 Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), Nevada Revised
16 Statutes (“NRS”) Sections 704.820 to 704.900 and Sections 703.415 to 703.427 of the Nevada
17 Administrative Code (“NAC”), Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC (“Bonnie Clare Solar”) hereby files a
18 Notice with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) that Bonnie Clare
19 Solar is filing, contemporaneous with this Notice, an application with a federal agency to allow it
20 to construct a 1,500 megawatt alternating current (“MW/ac”) photovoltaic solar electric generating
21 facility, a 230 kilovolt (“kV”) generation tie (“gen tie”) line which will run from the project site to
22 the proposed Amargosa Substation, a battery energy storage system (“BESS”) and ancillary
23 facilities.

24 All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to the undersigned counsel:

25 Linda M. Bullen
26 Bullen Law, LLC
27 8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454
28 Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
linda@bullenlaw.com
702-279-4040

29 The Project falls within the definition of a "utility facility" pursuant to NRS 704.860.1
30 because it is a renewable energy electric generating facility of 70 MW or greater. Because the
31 Project is located on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”), the

1 BLM is required to conduct an environmental analysis of the Project pursuant to the National
2 Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), 42 U.S.C. §4321. Accordingly, this Notice is being filed
3 pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(a) and NAC 703.421. No later than 30 days after the issuance of the
4 final federal environmental document, Bonnie Clare Solar will file a UEPA Application with the
5 Commission pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) that contains the federal environmental document.
6 Upon submission of the Application and supporting documents, Bonnie Clare Solar will seek one
7 or more Permits to Construct (“PTCs”) the Project from the Commission.

8 II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

9 1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is filing the application 10 with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.1).

11 Adam Schumaker, Manager
12 Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC
13 303 Donegal Drive
14 Bozeman, MT 59715
adam@gallatinpower.com
385-315-0024

15 2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 16 703.421.2).

17 The SF 299 for the Project is being filed with the BLM contemporaneously with this
18 Notice, on December 31, 2021.

19 3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.3).

20 The Project is located on BLM-managed land approximately 10 miles northwest of Beatty
21 in Nye County, Nevada

22 4. A general description of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.4).

23 The Project is a solar photovoltaic (“PV”) and BESS project totaling 1,500MW/ac of
24 generating capacity. The solar PV arrays will be mounted on single-axis tracker racking. The
25 Project will include both DC-Coupled and AC-Coupled BESS, with up to 1,000MW of DC-
26 Coupled BESS and 500MW of AC-Coupled BESS. The duration of the BESS is expected to be
27 between 4-8 hours, resulting in a total BESS capacity (including DC-Coupled and AC-Coupled)
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1 of between 6,000MWh and 12,000MWh.

2 The Project will utilize a 34.5kV collection system and a 230kV step-up
3 transformer/substation at the project site. A 230kV gen-tie will run from the project site
4 approximately 30 miles south/southeast on BLM land to the proposed Amargosa Substation where
5 it will connect to the 230kV bus at the Amargosa Substation. Alternatively, the Project will
6 connect to an expanded GridLiance West 230kV or 500kV system, either at the Project site or at
7 the Amargosa substation.
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9 **5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse**
10 **within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NAC 703.421.5).**

11 A copy of this Notice has been submitted to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the
12 Commission, the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State
13 Clearinghouse, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of
14 Environmental Protection, the Nye County Clerk, and others. *See* Certificate of Service attached
15 hereto as Exhibit A.

16 **6. Draft Notice (NAC 703.1620).**

17 A copy of the draft notice pursuant to NAC 703.162 is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

18 **7. Proof of Compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery**
19 **Fund Program (NRS 701.600-640).**

20 Pursuant to NRS 701.610, a person who files an application with the Federal Government
21 for a lease or easement for a right-of-way for an energy development project or an application with
22 the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada or any county in this State relating to the construction
23 of an energy development project shall, concurrently with the filing of the application, file a notice
24 of the energy development project with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (“NDOW”). The
25 NDOW Application for Energy Projects Fund for the Recovery of Costs for the Project was filed
26 on December 31, 2021, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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III. CONCLUSION

Bonnie Clare Solar will submit its UEPA Application at the conclusion of the federal environmental review process. At that time, it will request that the Commission issue to it one or more UEPA Permits to Construct the Project pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) and NAC 703.423.

Respectfully submitted on December 31, 2021.

Linda M. Bullen

/s/ Linda M. Bullen

Bullen Law, LLC

Attorney for Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that on December 31, 2021 a true and correct copy of the attached Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Bonnie Clare Solar, LLC to Construct a Solar Photovoltaic, a Battery Energy Storage System, a 230 kV Generation Tie Line and Ancillary Facilities was served via electronic mail on the following:

Staff Counsel Support
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
pucn.sc@pucn.nv.gov

Office of the Attorney General
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Mr. Ernest Figueroa
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717
bcp@ag.nv.gov

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
Mr. Don Lomoljo, Staff Counsel
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
dlomoljo@puc.nv.gov

Nye County Clerk
Ms. Sandra Merlino
101 Radar Road
P.O. Box 1031
Tonopah, NV 89049
smerlino@co.nye.nv.us

State Clearinghouse
Division of State Lands
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003
Carson City, NV 89701-5246
nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Environmental
Protection
Mr. Greg Lovato, Administrator
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
glovato@ndep.nv.gov

Dated: December 31, 2021

/s/ Linda M. Bullen
An Employee of Bullen Law, LLC

Exhibit B

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA DRAFT NOTICE (Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints, and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page.)

A title that generally describes the relief requested (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(a)):

Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by Bonnie Clare Solar LLC to Construct a Solar Photovoltaic, a Battery Energy Storage System, a 230 kV Generation Tie Line and Ancillary Facilities

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner, or the name of the agent for the applicant, complainant or petitioner (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(b)):

**The applicant is Bonnie Clare Solar LLC (“Bonnie Clare”).
Linda M. Bullen of Bullen Law, LLC is legal counsel for the applicant.**

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(c)).

Bonnie Clare is filing a Notice of an Application to a Federal Agency with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) for an application with the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”) to construct a 1,500 megawatt photovoltaic solar facility with a battery energy storage system, a 230 kilovolt (“kV”) generation tie line and ancillary facilities on land under the management of the BLM approximately 10 miles northwest of Beatty in Nye County, Nevada

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

A consumer session is not required.

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.

The draft notice does not pertain to a tariff filing.

¹ 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.

Exhibit C



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

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

Project Name Bonnie Clare Solar Project
Applicant Bonnie Clare Solar LLC
Mailing Address 303 Donegal Drive
City Bozeman State MT Zip Code 59715
Name of Contact Adam Schumaker/Linda Bullen Phone (385) 315-9524 (702) 279-1010 Email adam@gallatinpower.com/linda@bullenlaw.com
Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. Adam Schumaker Title Manager

Applicant:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Project Type

Solar Wind Geothermal Fossil Fuel Biomass Fuel Pipeline Power Transmission Other
Net Maximum Generation Capacity 1,500 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) _____ kV
Proposed Project Size (acres) 8,274 Proposed Transmission Length (miles) _____
Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) _____

Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) _____
Battery energy storage system, generation tie line and associated solar facility infrastructure. _____

Proposed County Location (submit project map and shapefiles) Attached.

Project Description The Project is a 1,500 MW photovoltaic solar facility with a battery energy storage system, generation tie line and other ancillary facilities typically associated with utility scale photovoltaic solar facilities. The Project will be located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Nye County, Nevada.

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline Development start date: January 2022

Construction: 18-24 months to begin at the conclusion of the environmental review pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act

Applicant Signature Date 12/31/21

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: Jasmine Kleiber at 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