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July 12, 2023

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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC to Construct an up to 1000 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility with a Battery Energy Storage System, 345 kV and 525 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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC to Construct an up to 1000 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility with a Battery Energy Storage System, 345 kV and 525 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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF:
Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental
Protection Act of an Application to a Federal
Agency by CG Northwestern Solar I LLC to
Construct an up to 1000 MW Solar
Photovoltaic Facility with a Battery Energy
Storage System, 345 kV and 525 kV
Generation Tie Line, and Ancillary Facilities

Docket No. 23- _____

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY CG NORTHWESTERN SOLAR I LLC TO CONSTRUCT AN UP TO 1000 MW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC FACILITY WITH A BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM, A 345 kV and 525 kV GENERATION TIE LINE, AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) Sections 704.820 to 704.900 and Sections 703.415 to 703.427 of the Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”), CG Northwestern Solar I LLC (“CG Northwestern Solar I”) hereby submits this Notice to the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) that it is filing, contemporaneous with this Notice, an application with a federal agency to allow it to construct an up to 1000 megawatt (“MW”) solar photovoltaic (“PV”) electric generating facility, which will include a battery energy storage system (“BESS”), a 345 kilovolt (“kV”) and 525 kV generation tie (“gen-tie”) line, and ancillary facilities (the “Project”).

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

Linda M. Bullen
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8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454
Las Vegas, NV 89117
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702-279-4040

The Project falls within the definition of a “utility facility” pursuant to NRS 704.860.1 because it is a renewable energy electric generating facility of 70 MW or greater. Because the 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, CG Northwestern Solar I will file a UEPA Application with
5 the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) that contains the federal environmental document.
6 Upon submission of the Application and supporting documents, CG Northwestern Solar I will seek
7 one 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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC
12 1001 McKinney St., Suite 700
13 Houston, TX 77002
14 Caton Fenz, CEO
15 346-998-2023

16 **2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency (NAC**
17 **703.421.2).**

18 The SF-299 for the Project is being filed contemporaneously with this Notice on July 12,
19 2023.

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

21 The Project is located on approximately 15,683 acres of BLM-managed land located
22 approximately 20 miles west of Ely in White Pine County, Nevada.

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

24 The Project is an up to 1000 MW generating capacity solar photovoltaic facility which will
25 consist of solar arrays, a battery energy storage system, a 345kV and 525kV gen-tie line and
26 ancillary facilities.

27 **5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse**
28 **within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NAC 703.421.5).**

A copy of this Notice has been submitted to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the

1 Commission, the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State
2 Clearinghouse, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of
3 Environmental Protection, the White Pine County Clerk and others. *See* Certificate of Service
4 attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.

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

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

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

9 Pursuant to NRS 701.610, a person who files an application with the Federal Government
10 for a lease or easement for a right-of-way for an energy development project or an application with
11 the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada or any county in this State relating to the construction
12 of an energy development project shall, concurrently with the filing of the application, file a notice
13 of the energy development project with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (“NDOW”). The
14 NDOW Application for Energy Projects Fund for the Recovery of Costs for the Project was filed
15 in March 2023, and a copy is attached to this Notice as Exhibit C.

16 **III. CONCLUSION**

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

20 Respectfully submitted on July 12, 2023.

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22 Linda M. Bullen

23 /s/ Linda M. Bullen

24 Bullen Law, LLC

25 Attorney for CG Northwestern Solar I LLC
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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that on July 12, 2023, a true and correct copy of the attached Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by CG Northwestern Solar I LLC, to Construct a 1000 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility with a Battery Energy Storage System, a 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
pucn.sc@pucn.nv.gov

Office of the Attorney General
Bureau of Consumer Protection
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
dlomoljo@puc.nv.gov

White Pine Clerk-Treasurer
Ms. Nicole Stephey
1786 Great Basin Blvd., Suite 3
Ely, NV 89301
wpclerk@whitepinecountynv.gov

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

Nevada Division of Environmental
Protection
Ms. Jennifer Carr, Deputy Administrator
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701
jcarr@ndep.nv.gov

Nevada Dept. of Conservation
& Natural Resources
Mr. James Settlemeyer, Director
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 1003
Carson City, NV 89701
jsettlemeyer@dcnr.nv.gov

Dated: July 12, 2023

/s/ Linda M. Bullen
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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC to Construct an up to 1000 MW Solar Photovoltaic Facility with a Battery Energy Storage System, 345 kV and 525 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 CG Northwestern Solar I LLC (“CG Northwestern Solar I”).
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)).

CG Northwestern Solar I 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 1000 megawatt (“MW”) solar photovoltaic energy generation facility with a battery energy storage system, a 345 kilovolt (“kV”) and 525 kV generation tie line, and ancillary facilities on approximately 15,683 acres of BLM-managed land located approximately 20 miles west of Ely in White Pine 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

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

Project Name Robinson Solar
 Applicant CG Northwestern Solar I LLC
 Mailing Address 1001 McKinney St., Ste 700
 City Houston State TX Zip Code 77002
 Name of Contact Henry Woltag Phone 281.520.6995 Email hwoltag@connectgenllc.com
 Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. Caton Fenz Title CEO

Project Type

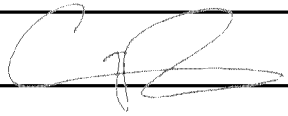
Solar Wind Geothermal Fossil Fuel Biomass Fuel Pipeline Power Transmission Other
 Net Maximum Generation Capacity 1,000 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) 525 or 345 kV
 Proposed Project Size (acres) 16,000 Proposed Transmission Length (miles) up to 7
 Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) N/A

Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) _____
 Transmission lines, inverters, battery storage, and other ancillary equipment _____

Proposed County Location (submit project map and shapefiles) White Pine County; see map Attachment A

Project Description The project consists of solar and energy storage that will be up to approximately 1,000 MW alternating current ("AC") photo-voltaic ("PV") solar energy / storage facility with associated on-site project substation, inverters, fencing, and associated controls equipment. The project would include either a 345 or 525 kV overhead gen-tie line to connect to the existing NV Energy Robinson Substation.

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline Construction will commence upon completion of the National Environmental Policy Act review process and construction is estimated to take between 18 and 24 months.

Applicant Signature  Date 7/7/2023

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