

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT LS-509

2 AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

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4 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) DOCKET NO.
OF WILD STALLION ENERGY STORAGE) L-21411A-26-0260-00264
5 LLC IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE) LS CASE NO. 264
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED)
6 STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, ET)
SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
7 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY)
AUTHORIZING THE WILD STALLION)
8 ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM GEN-TIE)
PROJECT LOCATED IN MARICOPA)
9 COUNTY, ARIZONA)
10 _____)

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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 2:01 p.m. on August 4, 2026,
5 with all participants appearing via videoconference.

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7 BEFORE: Adam Stafford, Chairman

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9 APPEARANCES:

10 For the Applicant:

11 Court Rich
12 Eric Hill
13 ROSE LAW GROUP PC
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15 Also present:

16 Natalie Aiello
17 Jeremy Akin
18 Annaka Egan
19 Sara Danti
Victoria Casteel
Nate Shumway
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 on the application of Wild Stallion Energy
4 Storage, LLC for a certificate of environmental
5 compatibility, Docket No. L-21411A-26-0260-00264, line
6 siting case 264.

7 Let's start with appearances of the
8 parties, the applicant. Mr. Hill, Mr. Rich?

9 MR. RICH: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman.
10 Court Rich and Eric Hill with the Rose Law Group on
11 behalf of the applicant.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: And with you you have?

13 MR. HILL: With us, we have Natalie Aiello,
14 Jeremy Akin, Annaka Egan, and Sara Danti from BayWa for
15 the applicant.

16 And then I'll let Vicki Casteel introduce
17 herself.

18 MS. CASTEEL: Vicki Casteel with SWCA
19 Environmental Consultants and I'm here with Nate Shumway
20 who's also with SWCA.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. All right. So
22 confirm with the applicant you've got arrangements for
23 the committee members to stay at the Windmill Suites in
24 Surprise. You've got enough rooms for the members, the
25 court reporter, and myself?

1 MR. HILL: Yes, we do.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I have not seen any
3 requests to intervene in this matter.

4 MR. HILL: We're not aware of any.

5 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. You have three
6 prehearing exhibits. Do you want to talk us through
7 those, please?

8 MR. HILL: Sure. They're just our tour
9 itinerary, and then the public outreach exhibit, and our
10 proposed CEC.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Those three
12 exhibits are admitted.

13 (Prehearing Exhibits 1 through 3 were
14 admitted.)

15 CHMN STAFFORD: So the applicant agrees
16 that December 23, 2026, is the time limit for the
17 committee to act in compliance with the statute?

18 MR. HILL: We do.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And you've complied
20 with the notice to the affected jurisdictions as required
21 by the procedural order?

22 MR. HILL: That's correct.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: And those jurisdictions are
24 Maricopa County, Arizona State Land Department, and the
25 City of Surprise; correct?

1 MR. HILL: That's right.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And, now, has
3 the applicant complied with the posting and publishing
4 requirements for the notice of hearing?

5 MR. HILL: Yes.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. What dates did you
7 publish? What publications -- what papers?

8 MR. HILL: It was the Arizona Republic on
9 July 8th and 9th. And the sign postings occurred on
10 July 14.

11 CHMN STAFFORD: We have a new arrival. Is
12 that Annaka Egan who just joined us?

13 MS. EGAN: It is. I just had to switch my
14 computer to my camera, but same person.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And then I'm
16 assuming you've had a chance to review the agenda?

17 MR. HILL: Yeah. And we're fine with the
18 agenda.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So starting the
20 hearing Monday the 10th at one p.m.; correct?

21 MR. HILL: One p.m., that's right.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. And you've made
23 all the arrangements for the hearing. I'm sure you'll
24 have Peaks Audio there for us?

25 MR. HILL: They will be there.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. You'll have the
2 sign-in form for us for public comment?

3 MR. HILL: Yes.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: Just in case.

5 MR. HILL: Just in case.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. I'm assuming
7 there'll be no need for security?

8 MR. HILL: I don't think so.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. We'll do the
10 public comment session at 5:30 p.m. Monday the 10th, and
11 we'll be there till at least six o'clock to allow the
12 public the opportunity to comment.

13 All right. One of your exhibits is your
14 tour itinerary.

15 MR. HILL: Right. So for the tour, we were
16 thinking if the tour were to take place that this would
17 be Tuesday morning at nine, and it would be -- probably
18 take about three hours if we were to do that.

19 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Attire for the
20 hearing is business casual.

21 Since you're having Peaks for the hearing,
22 you'll have the tablets?

23 MR. HILL: Right. Yeah, we'll do our
24 exhibits on the tablets, too, instead of the binders.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. There's no other

1 parties to exchange witness summaries and exhibits with.

2 And you've got the application and the
3 notice at the -- on the website and at the Surprise
4 Regional Library?

5 MR. HILL: We do.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. You've already said
7 the signs were posted.

8 MR. HILL: Right. Yep.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Are there any issues
10 around the hearing itself that we need to cover?

11 MR. HILL: No, not that we're aware of.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I think we have
13 scheduled it to go through Friday the 14th, but I
14 seriously doubt it will take that long.

15 MR. HILL: Yeah, I think as per usual,
16 we're always thinking it really hinges on whether the
17 tour happens or not.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Indeed. You've made the
19 financial arrangements with the Commission Staff?

20 MR. HILL: Yes, we have.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: And I believe Staff just
22 filed its letter and position statement in the docket
23 today.

24 MR. HILL: Yeah, I saw that they had filed
25 it just as I was getting on here so I haven't reviewed it

1 yet. But, yes, they did.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: That's -- I'm in exactly
3 the same boat as you are. Saw it was there, glanced at
4 it.

5 But, okay, there's no related litigation
6 for this matter; correct?

7 MR. HILL: Right.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: You've got the proposed
9 CEC. I think you filed -- did you send me a Word copy of
10 that?

11 MR. HILL: I haven't sent the Word copy,
12 but I'll get one over to Tod for you.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. You've got the
14 link to Tod for the members to appear virtually should
15 any decide to do so?

16 MR. HILL: We'll get that over to him, too.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Refresh my memory,
18 what are the status of any other pending permits for the
19 project?

20 MR. HILL: I'm going to let Mr. Rich
21 address that.

22 MR. RICH: Yeah, Mr. Chairman, right now
23 there's nothing else pending. I think typically what we
24 would talk about would be local government approvals. We
25 may have talked about this previously, but the City of

1 Surprise is currently updating their zoning ordinance to
2 deal with battery energy storage, which is the genesis of
3 the project. The draft ordinances -- this project
4 complies with all of the various versions of the drafts
5 that have promulgated so far, and we expect it will be
6 adopted some time in the next couple of months is what it
7 looks like.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Hopefully in time
9 before the Commission Decision, huh?

10 MR. RICH: Yeah, that would certainly be
11 great. Either way, we're very pretty comfortable with
12 the existing language and where it's headed.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. I think
14 we already covered we'll have the tablets for the
15 committee members for the exhibits.

16 Any other issues we need to cover?

17 MR. HILL: I think that should do that.

18 So for any members who aren't attending in
19 person on the exhibits, I guess we'll just send those to
20 Tod so he can circulate those to those folks who won't
21 have tablets in hand.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: Right. The best way to do
23 that is get the e-mail to Tod. If you could do it by
24 Friday afternoon, late Friday afternoon, that would be
25 great. Otherwise, Monday morning would work and give him

1 time to send it out. That way we'll know who's showing
2 up in person, who's attending remotely. We can get the
3 e-mail sent out to the members that will be attending
4 remotely.

5 MR. HILL: That works.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. I think that's
7 everything I have.

8 Is there anything else we need to cover,
9 Mr. Hill or Mr. Rich?

10 MR. HILL: I don't think so.

11 MR. RICH: Nothing else from me,
12 Mr. Chairman. We look forward to seeing you next week.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Me as well.

14 Tod, is that everything?

15 MR. BREWER: I believe so, Mr. Chairman.

16 Thank you.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. Well, thank you
18 all very much. I look forward to seeing you on Monday at
19 one o'clock.

20 MR. HILL: All right.

21 CHMN STAFFORD: We are adjourned.

22 (Proceedings concluded at 2:10 p.m.)

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2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA)

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