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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 11:09 a.m. on October 24, 2025,
5 with all participants appearing via videoconference.

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7 BEFORE: Adam Stafford, Chairman

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9 APPEARANCES:

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ALSO PRESENT:

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17 Anna Shamey, Tetra Tech, Inc.
 Jennifer Skulstad, Tetra Tech, Inc.
18 Deborah Huntley, Tetra Tech, Inc.
 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 prefiling
3 conference for Chimney Canyon Project.

4 I'll start with appearances.

5 Mr. Crockett?

6 MR. CROCKETT: Yes, good morning, Chairman
7 Stafford. Jeff Crockett appearing on behalf of the
8 applicant, or the future applicant, Chimney Canyon Solar,
9 LLC, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clearway
10 Energy Group LLC.

11 And let me, if I can, introduce some of the
12 folks on the call.

13 Deandra Cass is the manager of
14 environmental permitting. We've got Anna Shamey who is a
15 senior project manager with Tetra Tech. Jennifer
16 Skulstad who's a project manager with Tetra Tech. Let's
17 see, Deborah Huntley also with Tetra Tech.

18 And is that everyone? I think that's our
19 team.

20 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Thank you. Has
21 there been much public interest in the project?

22 MR. CROCKETT: Chairman Stafford, no. This
23 is probably the fourth project in this area near the
24 Cholla Substation. There's been, obviously, quite a bit
25 of activity up there in the renewables space. And so I

1 think people, certainly the landowners, are very familiar
2 with the project.

3 And I'll just mention a little bit of the
4 public outreach. We've had two virtual open houses, one
5 on May 22, one on August 12. We advertised those in two
6 of the local newspapers, one in Holbrook, one in
7 Flagstaff. We've sent postcards out. We've sent e-mails
8 to stakeholders. We have a project website that is up
9 that we're posting information to. So there's been a
10 good bit of public outreach. And so far, no opposition
11 that we can tell.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Good. Then you have
13 two prefiling exhibits; correct? Two maps?

14 MR. CROCKETT: Yes. And if we could, I'd
15 like to put one of them up.

16 And, Jennifer, I'm going to put you on the
17 spot. I'm going to have you put up our Prefiling 1, if
18 you don't mind.

19 This one's a little bit, perhaps, unique,
20 Chairman. I'll show you on the map.

21 So we're proposing routes that go in two
22 directions to two substations. The one that's outlined
23 in red, kind of the orange or fuchsia color, that goes
24 north from our project, which is outlined in yellow. It
25 goes into the Cholla -- the APS Cholla Substation.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay.

2 MR. CROCKETT: We have a second route, and
3 there's two alternatives to that. 2A, which is shown in
4 green, and 2B. And those routes both go south into the
5 planned APS Sitgreaves -- and we're confirming whether
6 it's a switchyard or a substation. You may know the
7 answer to that because I know that's come up in the West
8 Camp case. But I'm waiting for Linda Benally to get back
9 to me and give me confirmation that's a -- we believe
10 it's a substation and not -- well, actually, we just need
11 to confirm that.

12 But in any event, depending upon the
13 preference of APS and/or Salt River Project, we will
14 build one, possibly both, of these routes, the northern
15 route or one of the two alternative southern routes.

16 And as you can see, the northern route is
17 entirely on private land. The route option 2A to the
18 south is entirely on private land. And route 2B is
19 mostly on private land. You can see there's one State
20 Land Department section down there that we would cross,
21 so there would be a right-of-way permit required on that
22 section. But everything else we've secured legal access
23 on private land.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. Those
25 two -- is the second a map as well?

1 MR. CROCKETT: Yes. And, Jennifer, if you
2 wouldn't mind putting that up.

3 That's the proposed sign locations. We're
4 proposing three signs. Two of them up near Cholla. One
5 of them to the west near the project substation site.
6 And then south of that, that land is pretty much
7 unaccessible to the public, at least by roads. You could
8 get there on horse or ATV probably, but there's no good
9 point in the southern route to put a sign. So that's
10 what we're proposing here. We believe that this will
11 provide reasonable and adequate notice to the public of
12 the project.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So there's not --
14 what's out there in the southern part? You said it's
15 inaccessible.

16 MR. CROCKETT: Well, there's other projects
17 in the area. Obed Meadow, West Camp. And it's -- I
18 think it's probably grazing land. I believe that's --
19 Deandra can correct me if I'm wrong here, but that's, I
20 think, Aztec land and cattle land down there.

21 MS. CASS: Yes, that's correct. Aztec owns
22 most of the land in this area. And where our proposed
23 gen-tie goes south to Sitgreaves, I think that's around
24 where West Camp Wind 1 and 2 are proposed, and it's
25 currently just used as grazing land.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: So it's not like, oh,
2 people are going to show up, "I live nearby and I didn't
3 hear about this until a week before the hearing." So,
4 okay.

5 MR. CROCKETT: Yeah. The only folks that
6 live nearby are associated with the ranching operation,
7 and they're providing the land for these projects.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Is that Babbitt Ranch, or
9 is that something else?

10 MR. CROCKETT: Deandra, do you know if
11 that's affiliated with Babbitt Ranch's --

12 MS. CASS: I don't think so. That name
13 isn't familiar. Aztec leases out their land to, I think,
14 three or four, five different ranchers. But I don't
15 recognize that name, so I don't think that that's here.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So, okay, those two
17 maps are admitted.

18 (Prefiling Exhibits 1 and 2 were admitted.)

19 CHMN STAFFORD: You'll get me the draft
20 notice of hearing in Word.

21 What do you and -- so publications?

22 MR. CROCKETT: Yeah, we're planning to
23 publish immediately after we file the application. The
24 filing date is Friday, November 6. We have a draft ready
25 of the notice sitting in my inbox for me to look at. But

1 we'll get that over to you for your review here probably
2 Monday of next week, Monday or Tuesday.

3 We're going to publish in the Arizona Daily
4 Sun which is published out of Flagstaff. And then the
5 Tribune News which is a Holbrook publication. And both
6 of those newspapers publish more than once a week. So we
7 can get the notice published twice within the 10-day
8 period following filing the application.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So you said AZ Daily
10 Sun which is in where?

11 MR. CROCKETT: The Arizona Daily Sun is in
12 Flagstaff.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: Flagstaff.

14 MR. CROCKETT: And the Tribune News is
15 Holbrook.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. You'll have no
17 problems getting those published in the time frame under
18 the statute.

19 What are the affected jurisdictions?

20 MR. CROCKETT: Navajo County and the
21 Arizona State Land Department.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. So get
23 the notice to them under the statute.

24 You said three signs; right?

25 MR. CROCKETT: Yes.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And where are we
2 going to hold the evidentiary hearing?

3 MR. CROCKETT: At the Little America in
4 Flagstaff. And we've already secured rooms for that.

5 I had reached out to Tod on this. We'd
6 like to -- if possible, we'd like to get confirmation
7 from the committee members who will need a room. We've
8 got a block of -- we've got sufficient number of rooms
9 reserved. But, apparently, if you have a room reserved
10 for Sunday night but don't check in until Monday, they
11 will cancel your room reservation for the week. So it
12 would be nice to know what members are coming and, more
13 importantly, whether they're going to check in Sunday or
14 Monday.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Well, anytime we do
16 these hearings, you can automatically assume that the
17 court reporter and I will need a room. There's zero
18 chance that we will attend virtually.

19 MR. CROCKETT: Right. Will you be coming
20 up Sunday night or Monday morning? Do you know yet?

21 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay, what's the hearing
22 dates we're looking at?

23 MR. CROCKETT: December 15. Monday,
24 December 15 through the 19th.

25 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I'll probably -- I

1 think I'll probably come up on the Sunday because it's
2 just easier. It's a three-hour drive, isn't it?

3 MR. CROCKETT: It is.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: I usually just come up on
5 the Monday, just leave early and get there around
6 noonish. But for this one in Pinetop, since that was
7 quite the trek, I went up the night before and it was a
8 lot better getting ready for the hearing in the morning.

9 So, yeah, I'll go up there on the Sunday.
10 So I'll check in some time Sunday evening.

11 MR. CROCKETT: And will Jennifer be our
12 court reporter for that hearing? I'm seeing a nodding
13 head. And will she be coming up Sunday night, I assume?

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Most likely I'll go on
15 Sunday.

16 MR. CROCKETT: Okay. We'll take a most
17 likely.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So have a plan for a
19 tour by the time we have the prehearing conference.

20 Which is set for when, Tod?

21 MR. CROCKETT: The prehearing is on --

22 MR. BREWER: It'll be December 10 at
23 two o'clock, Mr. Chairman.

24 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. Thank you. So
25 if we do a tour, it'll be that Tuesday morning,

1 standard --

2 MR. CROCKETT: Right. We've got
3 arrangements for a bus for that morning, and we have a
4 tour map and itinerary that we'll file as we get closer
5 to the prehearing conference.

6 CHMN STAFFORD: And there's no related
7 litigation to this case; correct?

8 MR. CROCKETT: Correct.

9 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. You said you're
10 filing the application on November 6?

11 MR. CROCKETT: Yes.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: You'll deliver a hard copy
13 for me at the -- at my office; correct?

14 MR. CROCKETT: Yes. We will do that.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: And you're sending it to
16 the Palm building, not the one on the -- not the cap
17 center; right?

18 MR. CROCKETT: The Palm, so not 15th
19 Avenue?

20 CHMN STAFFORD: No.

21 MR. CROCKETT: Okay. I'll need to get the
22 other -- I can get the other address from Tod.

23 CHMN STAFFORD: I think it's 2005 North
24 Central. It's the corner of Palm and Central.

25 MR. CROCKETT: All right.

1 MR. BREWER: That's correct, Mr. Chairman.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: All right. So then I'll
3 put together the procedural order. We'll have a draft
4 CEC by the prehearing conference.

5 It's just easier if you get the -- when you
6 send the -- typically they'll attach it as a PDF as an
7 exhibit for the hearing, but if you also include the Word
8 version, that makes things easier for Tod and I.

9 MR. CROCKETT: Okay.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: And we'll do public hearing
11 on that Monday at 5:30, the standard practice.

12 Do you anticipate not much public comment?

13 MR. CROCKETT: We don't anticipate any
14 public comment.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Do you anticipate
16 any public officials wanting to weigh in on the project?

17 MR. CROCKETT: I haven't heard anything.

18 Deandra, have you heard anything about
19 public officials?

20 MS. CASS: No. We haven't heard any
21 interest on Navajo County or the other agencies' side.

22 MR. CROCKETT: And, Chairman Stafford, as
23 you probably recall, the landowner has had a
24 representative there for a couple of these just to
25 support the application. That would be the only public

1 comment we're aware of at this point.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. And then so what's
3 the permit status for the project? I'm assuming that the
4 transmission line itself is a permitted use for the
5 County?

6 MR. CROCKETT: Yes, it is.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: What about is the solar
8 project, is it solar plus storage?

9 MR. CROCKETT: It is both solar and battery
10 storage, yes.

11 MS. CASS: Do you want me to take that?

12 MR. CROCKETT: Yeah, Deandra, if you would
13 give a little more detail on that.

14 MS. CASS: Yeah. So the Navajo County has
15 a special use permit process that we had started going
16 down the pathway. We submitted the application much
17 earlier this year. But during that process they were
18 working on a new renewable energy ordinance, and so they
19 have, therefore, requested that we withdraw our
20 application and, instead, pursue a development agreement
21 in lieu of the permit.

22 So we have drafted that agreement and
23 submitted it to the County for review, and that is in
24 process. And we expect that to be executed before our
25 hearing itself, but this is new for the County. And that

1 process will not require any public hearings.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. Make sure I got that
3 correct. So you had an application for a special use
4 permit pending, but the County had you withdraw that and
5 submit a development agreement --

6 MS. CASS: Correct.

7 CHMN STAFFORD: -- under their new process.
8 And that's ongoing?

9 MS. CASS: Yes, that's right.

10 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I guess we'll see
11 how that -- it's a whole new thing, so we'll see how that
12 goes, if it's better or worse than the old process.

13 MS. CASS: Yes, we'll see. And there -- I
14 believe there's a few other solar developers that are
15 going to be going through this with us, so they'll have a
16 collection of new development agreements that they'll be
17 reviewing at the same time.

18 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. I guess we'll find
19 out what's going on with West Camp 2 because we have
20 their hearing on Monday.

21 All right. So I'm assuming you'll have
22 Peaks Audio? This is their home territory. It should
23 be --

24 MR. CROCKETT: Yes, we've got them booked
25 for the -- to do the audio/video work for the hearing.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: And so you'll do the
2 standard, you'll have the tablets for the members --

3 MR. CROCKETT: Yes.

4 CHMN STAFFORD: -- okay.

5 MR. CROCKETT: It will be the standard
6 configuration in the hearing room with tablets for the
7 members.

8 CHMN STAFFORD: Excellent. Then just need
9 the hard copies of exhibits, one for me -- one copy set
10 for me, one set for the court reporter. But that's all
11 the hard copies you'll have to have.

12 MR. CROCKETT: Right.

13 CHMN STAFFORD: I'm assuming the filing fee
14 for this project is \$1,000?

15 MR. CROCKETT: Yes.

16 CHMN STAFFORD: The Commission is obligated
17 by statute to pay the cost of reporting and transcribing
18 any application hearing as well as the actual necessary
19 expenses incurred by the committee members in connection
20 with their participation in meetings from the filing fee.
21 Costs and fees exceeding the amount of the applicant's
22 fee may, with the applicant's consent, be incurred by the
23 committee and charged to the applicant. Does the
24 applicant consent to pay the commission those costs in
25 excess of the filing fee?

1 MR. CROCKETT: Yes.

2 CHMN STAFFORD: So we'll do the three-day
3 for the transcript from the end of the hearing.

4 Oh, and then for, let's see, public
5 libraries. You're going to have copies of the
6 application and transcripts available at some place near
7 the project?

8 MR. CROCKETT: We will. I think -- I don't
9 have that in front of me. I believe we'll probably use
10 the Winslow city hall or the -- not -- the Joseph City --
11 I can't remember. It's Holbrook and Joseph City. Is
12 that right, Deandra?

13 MS. CASS: Yes, Holbrook.

14 MR. CROCKETT: Holbrook. Okay.

15 CHMN STAFFORD: So Joseph City and Holbrook
16 or just Holbrook?

17 MS. CASS: I think -- I think our original
18 plan was Holbrook, but we can add Joseph City if you
19 would like.

20 MR. CROCKETT: Well, that's what I've done
21 in the past is done Holbrook and Joseph City. And I
22 think we maybe did the public library in Joseph City and
23 city hall in Holbrook. But we'll work that out. I think
24 Joseph City is closer, and so I think we'll make sure we
25 have a copy at the appropriate place in Joseph City.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. That'll work. And
2 then for social media outreach is that -- it's pretty
3 much one landowner, isn't it?

4 MR. CROCKETT: Yes. Or --

5 MS. CASS: We added on an additional
6 landowner as a result of our public outreach. They
7 actually -- well, sorry, for the -- for the gen-tie line,
8 it is just one landowner.

9 For the solar facilities, we added on an
10 additional landowner as a result of our public outreach
11 and they wanted to get involved.

12 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. So what kind of --
13 so you're doing any kind of social media ads for the open
14 houses or the hearing?

15 MR. CROCKETT: Yes. We've got a presence
16 on Facebook.

17 CHMN STAFFORD: Okay. All right. Well, I
18 think that's everything I have. Is there anything we
19 haven't covered?

20 MR. CROCKETT: Looks like everything on my
21 list, Chairman.

22 CHMN STAFFORD: Is that everything, Tod?
23 Do we need anything?

24 MR. BREWER: No, I believe that's it.
25 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

1 CHMN STAFFORD: Thank you very much,
2 Mr. Crockett and Ms. Cass. I guess we will see you at
3 the prehearing conference on December 10.

4 MR. CROCKETT: We will be there.

5 CHMN STAFFORD: Thanks. We're adjourned.

6 MR. CROCKETT: Thank you.

7 MS. CASS: Thank you so much.

8 (Proceedings concluded at 11:28 a.m.)

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