

IN THE MATTER OF THE
APPLICATION OF PINAL COUNTY
ENERGY CENTER, LLC, IN
CONFORMANCE WITH THE
REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA
REVISED STATUTES 40-360 ET. SEQ.,
FOR A CERTIFICATE OF
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A 480 MW NATURAL GAS-FIRED,
SIMPLE CYCLE, PEAKING POWER
GENERATING FACILITY LOCATED
NEAR CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, IN
PINAL COUNTY.

Case No. 233

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application of Pinal County Energy Center LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (“CEC”) authorizing construction of a **480 MW natural gas-fired, simple cycle, peaking power generating facility (“Project Bella” or “Project”)** located in Sections 1 and 12, Township 7 South, Range 4 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Midway Road in unincorporated Pinal County, Arizona. A map of the location of Project Bella is attached here as “Exhibit A”.

The hearing will be held at the **Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort**, located at 12684 W Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85193, Telephone: 520-836-6444. The hearing will begin on **Monday, August 12, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. and continue as necessary on August 13, 14, 15, and 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. each day.** The hearing will adjourn at

1 approximately 5:00 p.m. each day or earlier at the discretion of the Committee Chairman.
2 If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project
3 website at: <https://projectbellaaz.com> and on the Arizona Corporation Commission
4 (“ACC”) website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>

5 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN AT A SPECIAL EVENING**
6 **SESSION ON AUGUST 12, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE OR IN**
7 **PERSON AT FRANCISCO GRANDE HOTEL AND GOLF RESORT, 12684 W**
8 **GILA BEND HIGHWAY, CASA GRANDE, AZ 85193. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY**
9 **ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING AT THE**
10 **DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

11 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**
12 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE**
13 **HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC**
14 **ACCESS, ADDITIONAL SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE**
15 **HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH**
16 **CONSIDERATIONS.**

17 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER**
18 **WATCHING THE HEARING ONLINE, LISTENING TO THE HEARING VIA**
19 **TELEPHONE, OR ATTENDING IN PERSON.** At least 24 hours in advance of the
20 hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
21 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will
22 be noticed on the Project website at <https://projectbellaaz.com>. The Chairman may, at his
23 discretion, recess the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to
24 be determined after the recess. The date, time and place at which the hearing will be
25 resumed will be posted on the above-noted Project website and the ACC website.

1 **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN;**
2 **HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH RESUMED HEARING IS NOT**
3 **REQUIRED.**

4 If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a map and itinerary
5 of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the Project and ACC
6 websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on the tour. During the tour,
7 the Committee may hear testimony at stops concerning elements of the Project. No other
8 discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour. A court
9 reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for transcription.
10 Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on the itinerary.

11 Copies of the Application, containing detailed maps of the Project site and detailed
12 information about the proposed facilities will be available for inspection at the following
13 locations:

- 14 • Docket Control Center of the ACC Phoenix Office at 1200 West Washington Street,
15 Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 16 • Casa Grande Public Library – 449 N Drylake St, Casa Grande, AZ 85122
- 17 • Arizona City Community Library – 13254 Sunland Gin Rd, Arizona City, AZ
18 85123
- 19 • Project Bella website: <https://projectbellaaz.com>

20 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, pre-
21 hearing conference, and evidentiary hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and
22 Project website.

23 Each county and municipal government and state agency interested in the Project
24 and desiring to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten days before the date set
25 for hearing, file with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200
26 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 a notice of intent to be a party.

1 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
2 promote conservation of natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health or
3 other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to
4 represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the
5 area in which the Project are to be located and desiring to become a party to the
6 proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before August 12, 2024, file with the Director
7 of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix,
8 Arizona 85007 a notice of intent to be a party.

9 The Committee or its Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
10 persons parties to the proceeding. Any person may make a limited appearance at a hearing
11 by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation
12 Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, not less than five
13 days before the date set for hearing. A person making a limited appearance shall not be a
14 party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

15 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13 and
16 Arizona Administrative Code R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive communication
17 not in the public record may be made to any member of the Committee. The written
18 decision of the Committee will be submitted to the Arizona Corporation Commission
19 pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to
20 the proceedings on these matters before the Arizona Corporation Commission must be a
21 party to the proceedings before the Committee.

22 ORDERED this 28th day of June, 2024.

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26 Adam Stafford, Chairman
27 ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION
LINE SITING COMMITTEE

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 25 copies were filed this 3rd day of July, 2024, with:

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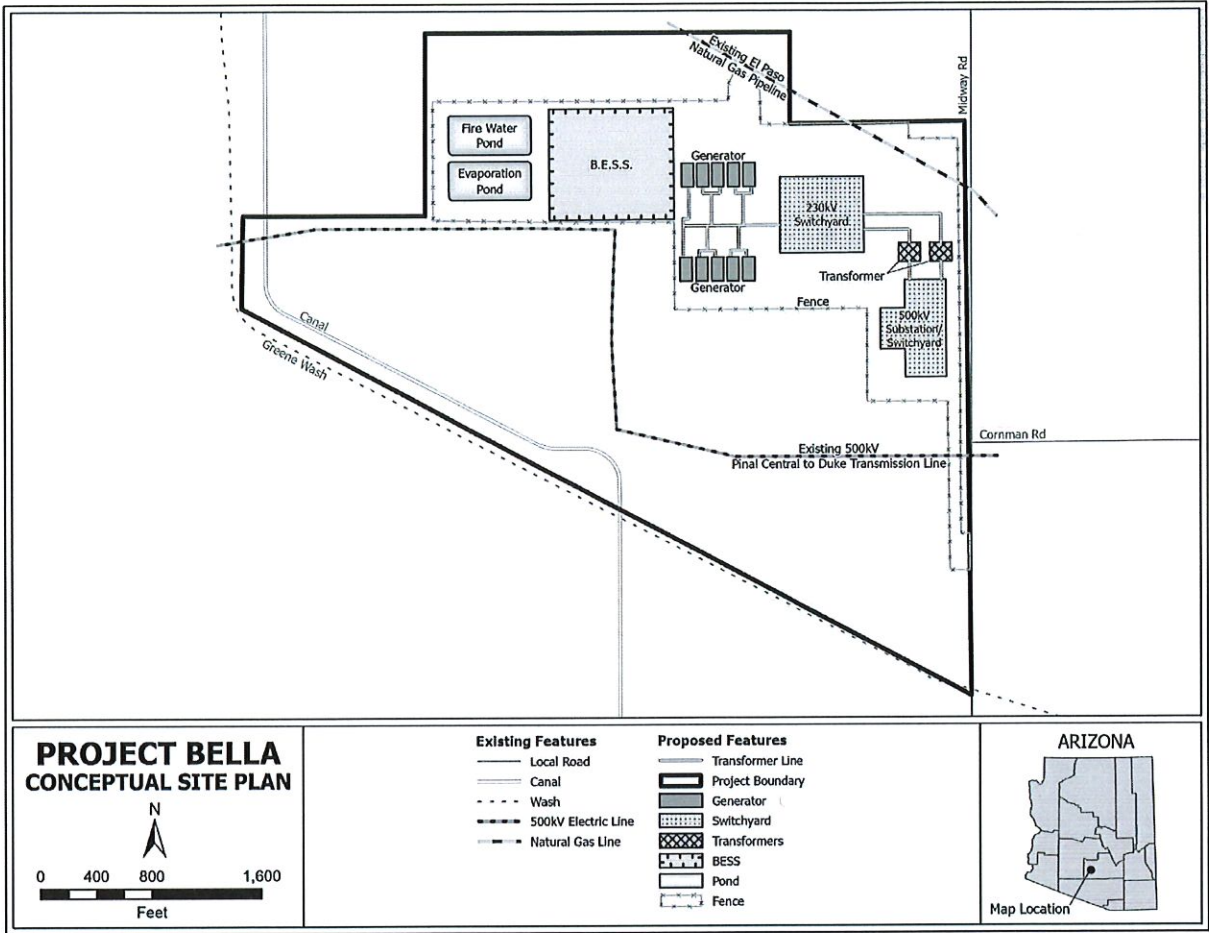
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EXHIBIT A



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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT
AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

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AGENDA

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the general public, the parties, and the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee ("Committee"), that the Committee will hold a public meeting/hearing on the above application that is open to the public at the Francisco Grande Hotel and Golf Resort located at 12684 West Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, Arizona 85193, commencing on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., and will continue each weekday on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, through Friday, August 16, 2024, as necessary, at the same location beginning at 9:00 a.m. on each day, unless a tour is taken.

If a tour is taken, it will begin on an alternative date and time set by the Chairman of the Committee ("Chairman"). Public comment will be taken in a special evening session on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. and may be taken at the beginning of each hearing day or at other times during the hearing at times designated by the Chairman. Unless later ordered by the Chairman, the hearing will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. each day, except on August 12, 2024, when it will continue after 5:30 p.m. for the public comment session.

1 If the Chairman or Committee later decides to conduct a tour, notice that includes a
2 map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted on the
3 Project website at <https://projectbellaaz.com> and the Arizona Corporation Commission's
4 ("ACC") website at: <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.

5 The hearing may conclude earlier or later than anticipated, depending upon the
6 number of parties that intervene, the amount of testimony presented, the amount of public
7 comment, and the time needed for deliberations by the Committee. As a part of the public
8 meeting/hearing, members of the Committee will discuss the potential value of a tour, and,
9 at the discretion of the Chairman, may tour the location of the proposed project area as set
10 forth above.

11 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO PARTICIPATE BY EITHER**
12 **WATCHING THE MEETING ONLINE OR LISTENING TO THE MEETING VIA**
13 **TELEPHONE.**

14 At least 24 hours in advance of the hearing, information regarding online and
15 telephone hearing access as well as any additional details regarding safety protocols or
16 other revisions to the hearing schedule, will be posted on the Applicant's Project website
17 at <https://projectbellaaz.com> and ACC's website at [https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule)
18 [plant/meeting-schedule](https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule). The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time
19 and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The
20 date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-
21 noted Project and ACC websites. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH RESUMED**
22 **HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A**
23 **RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

24 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
25 **SESSION ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2024, AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE,**
26 **ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE FRANCISCO GRANDE HOTEL AND GOLF**
27 **RESORT, 12684 WEST GILA BEND HIGHWAY, CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA**
28 **85193. PUBLIC COMMENT MAY ALSO BE TAKEN AT OTHER TIMES**

1 DURING THE HEARING AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMMITTEE
2 CHAIRMAN.

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5 PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON
6 PUBLIC ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE
7 HEARING SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH
8 CONSIDERATIONS.

9 At the public meeting/hearing, the Committee may consider, discuss, deliberate
10 and/or vote on the matters on the agenda. Items on the agenda may be taken in a different
11 order than listed as conditions require:

- 12 1. Call to order;
- 13 2. Roll call;
- 14 3. Consideration of and vote upon any requests to intervene;
- 15 4. Hearing on the application;
- 16 5. Public comment at the discretion of the Chairman;
- 17 6. Discussion of potential value of a tour of the proposed route;
- 18 7. If it is decided a tour would be valuable, the Committee will meet at the
19 hearing site. The members of the Committee will tour the project. Members
20 of the public may follow the Committee's tour. No testimony or discussion
21 with or between Committee members about the application or matters
22 relating to the application will take place, except on the record before a court
23 reporter at the designated stops. The Chairman will make any procedural
24 decisions concerning stops at different points of interest;
- 25 8. Discussion of proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, the certificate of
26 environmental compatibility and conditions to the certificate of
27 environmental compatibility;

9. Vote and decision concerning findings of fact, conclusions of law, the certificate of environmental compatibility and conditions to the certificate of environmental compatibility;

10. Adjournment.

Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Carolyn Buck, voice phone number: (602) 542-3931, e-mail: CDBuck@azcc.gov. Requests should be made as early as possible to arrange the accommodation. All materials relating to the hearing, including any tour, may be found at the Docket Control of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, First Floor and on the Arizona Corporation Commission website eDocket at <http://www.azcc.gov>.

DATED this 3rd day of July, 2024.



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