

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF WILMOT ENERGY CENTER II, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES §§ 40-360, ET SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING CONSTRUCTION OF THE WILMOT ENERGY CENTER II INTERCONNECTION PROJECT CONNECTING THE PLANNED WILMOT ENERGY CENTER II SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING STATION AND BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM TO THE REGIONAL ELECTRID GRID THROUGH THE EXISTING, TUCSON ELECTRIC POWER, 138 KV CISNE SWITCH-YARD, ALL LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF TUCSON AND PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No.
L-21282A-23-0326-00228

Case No. 228

NOTICE OF HEARING

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A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (“Committee”) regarding the Application (“Application”) of Wilmot Energy Center II, LLC, for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility authorizing the construction of the Wilmot Energy Center II Interconnection Project (“Project”).

The Project will consist of building a new 138 kV generation tie transmission line approximately 6.6 miles in length connecting the Wilmot Energy Center II solar energy generating station and battery energy storage system to the regional electric grid through the existing Tucson Electric Power 138 kV Cisne Switchyard. The Interconnection

1 Project will be in unincorporated Pima County and the city of Tucson, Arizona. A map of
2 the Project is attached as **Exhibit A**.

3 The hearing will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Tucson-Reid Park, 445 S.
4 Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85711. **The hearing will begin on Tuesday, January 16,**
5 **2024 at 1:00 p.m. and will continue, as necessary, on Wednesday, January 17,**
6 **beginning at 9:00 a.m. each day through completion of the hearing.** If any revisions
7 to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at
8 <https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot-energy-center.html>, and on the Arizona
9 Corporation Commission (“Commission”) website at [www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-](http://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule)
10 [plant/meeting-schedule](http://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule).

11 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL EVENING**
12 **SESSION ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024 AT 5:30 P.M., VIA TELEPHONE,**
13 **ZOOM, OR IN PERSON AT THE DOUBLETREE BY HILTON TUCSON-REID**
14 **PARK, 445 S. ALVERNON WAY, TUCSON, AZ 85711. PUBLIC COMMENT**
15 **MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY, OR AT**
16 **OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE**
17 **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.**

18 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**
19 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE**
20 **HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC**
21 **ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING**
22 **SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS.**

23 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE**
24 **OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE.** At least 24 hours in advance
25 of the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
26 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will
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1 be noticed on the Project website at <https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot->
2 [energy-center.html](https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot-energy-center.html). The Chairman may, at his discretion, recess the hearing to a time and
3 place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined after the recess. The date,
4 time and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted on the above-noted
5 Project website and the Commission website. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY RESUMED**
6 **HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF SUCH A**
7 **RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

8 No tour is planned at this time. If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice
9 that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted
10 on Project and Commission websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee
11 on the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour
12 concerning what is visible at the stops and the relevance of the location and view to the
13 Project. No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during
14 the tour. A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour
15 for transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included
16 on the itinerary.

17 Maps of the Project site and detailed information about Project facilities are
18 contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 19 ▪ Arizona Corporation Commission Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, 1200
20 West Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
 - 21 ▪ The Project website: [https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot-energy-](https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot-energy-center.html)
22 [center.html](https://www.nexteraenergyresources.com/wilmot-energy-center.html)
 - 23 ▪ Sahuarita Library, 670 W. Sahuarita Road, Sahuarita, Arizona 85629
 - 24 ▪ W. Anne Gibson-Esmond Station Library, 10931 E. Mary Ann Cleveland Way,
25 Tucson, Arizona 85747
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1 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference,
2 prehearing conference, and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

3 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
4 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set
5 for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of the Utilities
6 Division, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ
7 85007.

8 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
9 promote conservation or natural beauty; to protect the environment, personal health or
10 other biological values; to preserve historical sites; to promote consumer interests; to
11 represent commercial and industrial groups; or to promote the orderly development of the
12 area in which the Project is located that desires to become a party to the proceedings shall,
13 not less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to
14 Become a Party with the Director of the Utilities Division, Arizona Corporation
15 Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

16 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
17 persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at the
18 hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of the Utilities Division, Arizona
19 Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, and the
20 Chairman of the Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85004, not less
21 than five (5) days before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance
22 will not be a party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

23 This proceeding is governed by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") §§ 40-360 to
24 40-360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code ("A.A.C.") R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No
25 substantive communication, not in the public record, may not be made to any member of
26 the Committee. The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the
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1 Commission pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the
2 proceeding on the matter before the Commission must be a party to the proceeding before
3 the Committee.

4 ORDERED this 5th day of December, 2023.

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9 Adam Stafford, Chairman
10 Arizona Power Plant and
11 Transmission Line Siting Committee
12 Assistant Attorney General
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EXHIBIT A

