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## BULLEN LAW, LLC 8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454 Las Vegas, NV 89117

Linda M. Bullen 702-279-4040 linda@bullenlaw.com

November 14, 2019

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 Hamel Renewables, LLC For A Permit To Construct The Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project

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 Hamel Renewables, LLC For A Permit To Construct The Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project.

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 Hamel Renewables, LLC

#### 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 Hamel Renewables, LLC For A
Permit To Construct the Rough Hat Nye County

Solar Project

Docket No. 19-\_\_\_\_

# NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY HAMEL RENEWABLES, LLC FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT THE ROUGH HAT NYE COUNTY SOLAR PROJECT

I. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act ("UEPA"), and the provisions of Chapter 704 of the Nevada Revised Statues ("NRS") and Chapter 703 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"), Hamel Renewables, LLC ("Hamel") hereby files a Notice with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada ("Commission") that an application is being filed with a federal agency for authorization to construct a photovoltaic ("PV") solar energy generation project and associated facilities located on public land in Nye County, Nevada (the "Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project" or "Project").

All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to:

Linda M. Bullen Bullen Law, LLC 8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454 Las Vegas, Nevada 89117 linda@bullenlaw.com

The Project is an up to 500 megawatt alternating current ("MW/ac") PV solar electric generation facility on approximately 3,400 acres of public land under the management of the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") in Nye County, Nevada.

The Project falls within the definition of a "utility facility" as set forth in NRS 704.860 because it is a renewable energy project of 70 MW or greater. An environmental review of the Project will be conducted by the BLM pursuant to the National Environmental Protection Act ("NEPA"), 42 U.S.C § 4321. No later than 30 days after the conclusion of the environmental

review, Hamel will file the UEPA Application with the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b). Upon submission of the Application, Hamel will seek approval from the Commission for a Permit to Construct ("PTC") the Project.

#### II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NAC 703.421

The following Notice was prepared pursuant to NRS 704.870.2(a) and NAC 703.421.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is filing the application with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.1).

Brian Kunz Hamel Renewables, LLC 360 Pine Street, Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94104 415-531-6909

2. The date on which the application is being filed with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.2).

The SF 299 is being filed with the BLM by Hamel Renewables, LLC contemporaneously with this Notice, on November 14, 2019.

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

The Project will be located on approximately 3,400 acres of BLM-administered land in Nye County, Nevada. The Project site is located near the Clark County/Nye County border southeast of the town of Pahrump.

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

The project is a 500 MW/ac photovoltaic solar electric generating facility, comprised of solar panels arrays, gen-tie lines, a substation, operating and maintenance building, access roads and other facilities typically associated with photovoltaic solar electric generating facilities. The Project will encompass approximately 3,400 acres of BLM-managed land will interconnect to the regional electric grid at the new GridLiance Trout Canyon Substation.

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5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse 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 Commission, the Nevada Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State Clearinghouse, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the Nye County Clerk and others. See Certificate of Service attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. Proof that a public notice of this application was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice by the publication of a summary of the application in newspapers published and distributed in the area in which the utility facility is proposed to be located (NRS 704.870(4)(B)).

A copy of the Draft Notice of this Notice pursuant to NAC 703.162 for publication by the Commission is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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

NRS 701.610 provides that a person who files an application with the federal government for a lease or easement for a right-of-way for an energy development project or an application with the Commission or any county in the state of Nevada relating to the construction of an energy development project must file a notice of the energy development project with the Nevada Department of Wildlife ("NDOW"). The required notice to NDOW pursuant to NRS 701.610 was filed on March 20, 2018. See NDOW Application for Energy Projects Fund for the Recovery of Costs attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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Ш. **CONCLUSION** Hamel will submit its UEPA Application at the conclusion of the federal environmental review process. At that time, Hamel will request that the Commission issue to it a UEPA Permit to Construct the Project pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b). Respectfully submitted November 14, 2019. Linda M. Bullen /s/ Linda M. Bullen Bullen Law, LLC Attorney for Hamel Renewables, LLC 

## **EXHIBIT A**

1	<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>					
2	I hereby certify that on November 14, 2019, a true and correct copy of the attached Notice Pursuant To The Utility Environmental Protection Act Of An Application To A Federal Agency By Hamel Renewables, LLC For A Permit to Construct the Rough Hat					
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4	Nye County Solar Project was served via electronic mail on the following:					
5	Staff Counsel Support	Office of the Attorney General				
6	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada 1150 E. William Street	Bureau of Consumer Protection Mr. Ernest Figueroa				
7	Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109 pucn.sc@puc.nv.gov	100 North Carson Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717 bcp@ag.nv.gov				
8	Public Utilities Commission of Nevada Ms. Tammy Cordova, Staff Counsel					
9	1150 E. William Street Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109	Nye County Clerk Sandra L. Merlino				
10	tcordova@puc.nv.gov	1520 E. Basin Avenue Pahrump, NV 89049				
11	Nevada State Clearinghouse Nevada Division of State Lands	smerlino@co.nye.nv.us				
12	901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003					
13	Carson City, NV 89701-5246 nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov					
14	Nevada Division of Environmental					
15	Protection Mr. Greg Lovato, Administrator					
16	901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249					
17	glovato@ndep.nv.gov					
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19	DATED: November 14, 2019					
20		/s/ Linda M. Bullen				
21		An Employee of Bullen Law, LLC				
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#### **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 Hamel Renewables, LLC For A Permit To Construct The Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project

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 Hamel renewables, LLC ("Hamel"). 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)).

Aurora is filing an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada seeking under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act a Permit to construct the Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project (the "Project"). The Project will consist of an approximately 500 megawatt alternating current photovoltaic solar electric generating facility and associated facilities. The Project will be constructed on approximately 3,400 acres of federally-owned land under the management of the Bureau of Land Management in Nye County, Nevada. The Project is located adjacent to the Nye/Clark County border, southeast of the town of Pahrump.

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute ("NRS") 704.069(1)<sup>1</sup>:

#### 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

<sup>1.</sup> 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:

<sup>(</sup>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

<sup>(</sup>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

V				Applicant:			
Project Name Rough Hat Nye C	ounty Solar Project			Self			
Applicant Candela Renewables				Private Company			
Mailing Address 360 Pine St, St				☐ Government Agency			
City San Francisco		Zip Code <u>941</u>	04	Other			
Name of Contact Rick Ferrera	PI	none 952 237 6851		ferrera@candelarenewables.com			
Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. James Cook Title VP, Project Development							
Project Type							
Solar Wind Geothe	rmal    Fossil Fuel	☐ Biomass ☐ F	uel Pipelin	e Power Transmission			
Net Maximum Generation Capacity 500 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) 2							
Proposed Project Size (acres) 3,	th (miles) 7 miles						
Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/P	ipelines (miles) NA						
Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres)							
Project access road, transmission			<del></del>				
Proposed County Location (subm	nit project map and sh	apefiles) 1.5 miles north o	f Front Sight Fire	arms Training Institute in Nye County NV			
Project Description The Rough I	lat Nye County Solar	Project consists of	an up to 5	00 MW photovoltaic solar			
field, transmission line, and as	sociated facilities						
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Estimated Project Schedule/Time	line The anticipated	in-service date is	June 15, 2	023. Construction would			
begin in 2022 with all permits s							
Applicant Signature	Dan		Da	ate_11/4/2019			

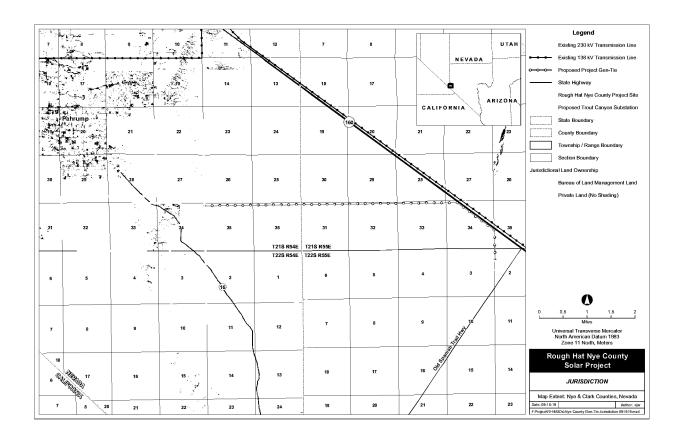
Enclose initial payment made out to Nevada Department of Wildlife.

- 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: <a href="mailto:ikleiber@ndow.org">ikleiber@ndow.org</a>

Submit application, payment, and maps to:

Nevada Department of Wildlife Habitat Division – AB307 6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120 Reno, NV 89511 USA



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**CASHIER'S CHECK** 

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HAMEL RENEWABLES, LLC Operator I.D.: cu003834

PAY TO THE ORDER OF \*\*\*NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE - NDOW\*\*\*

November 08, 2019

\*\*\*Ten thousand dollars and no cents\*\*\*

\*\*\$10,000.00\*\*

Payee Address: Memo:

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. 292 BATTERY ST SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111 FOR INQUIRIES CALL (480) 394-3122

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