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Hamel Renewables LLC
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.
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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III. 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
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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
Nye County Solar Project was served via electronic mail on the following:

Staff Counsel Support
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
pucn.sc@puc.nv.gov

Office of the Attorney General
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Mr. Ernest Figueroa
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717
bcp@ag.nv.gov

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
Ms. Tammy Cordova, Staff Counsel
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
tcordova@puc.nv.gov

Nye County Clerk
Sandra L. Merlino
1520 E. Basin Avenue
Pahrump, NV 89049
smerlino@co.nye.nv.us

Nevada State Clearinghouse
Nevada Division of State Lands
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003
Carson City, NV 89701-5246
nevada.clearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Environmental
Protection
Mr. Greg Lovato, Administrator
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
glovato@ndep.nv.gov

DATED: November 14, 2019

/s/ Linda M. Bullen
An Employee of Bullen Law, LLC
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):

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.

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NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:
1. 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:
   (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
   (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

Project Name Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project
Applicant Candela Renewables, LLC
Mailing Address 360 Pine St, Suite 500
City San Francisco State CA Zip Code 94104
Name of Contact Rick Ferrera Phone 952 237 6851 Email rick.ferrera@candela.renewables.com
Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. James Cook Title VP, Project Development

Project Type
☑ Solar ☐ Wind ☐ Geothermal ☐ Fossil Fuel ☐ Biomass ☐ Fuel Pipeline ☐ Power Transmission
Net Maximum Generation Capacity 500 MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) 230 kV
Proposed Project Size (acres) 3,400 Proposed Transmission Length (miles) 7 miles
Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) NA
Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) ______
Project access road, transmission lines, switchyard, and communication lines (included in Project Size acreage) ______

Proposed County Location (submit project map and shapefiles) 1.5 miles north of Front Sight Firearms Training Institute in Nye County NV

Project Description The Rough Hat Nye County Solar Project consists of an up to 500 MW photovoltaic solar field, transmission line, and associated facilities

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline The anticipated in-service date is June 15, 2023. Construction would begin in 2022 with all permits scheduled to be completed before construction begins

Applicant Signature Date 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: jkleiber@ndow.org

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

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

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

**$10,000.00**

November 06, 2019

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.
200 BATTERY ST
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94111
FAX INQUIRIES CALL (415) 274-3172

Michael Ling
CONTROLLER

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