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BLM Seeks Comment on Proposed Transmission Line

Public invited to review and comment during scoping period for Ten West Link Project in Arizona and California

PHOENIX – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today released a notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed electrical transmission line between Maricopa and La Paz Counties, Arizona, and Riverside County, California.

The notice of intent opens a 45-day scoping period, during which the public has the opportunity to identify issues that should be considered in the EIS. The scoping period ends 45 days after publication of the Federal Register. The 45-day period ends on Monday, May 9, 2016.

The proposed project is the Ten West Link 500-kilovolt Transmission Line. It is a joint project of Abengoa Transmission & Infrastructure, LLC, and Starwood Energy Group Global, Inc. Together they have formed DCR Transmission, LLC, which is the company proposing to build the transmission line.

The proposal is to build a transmission line from Tonopah, Arizona, to Blythe, California. It would span 114 miles, with 83 miles of it on public lands managed by the BLM. All but 17 miles of the line would be in the Arizona counties of Maricopa and La Paz.

As part of the scoping process, the BLM will hold public meetings on these dates at these locations.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016
Ruth Fisher Elementary
38201 W. Indian School
Tonopah, AZ 85354
Doors Open at 5:30
Presentation starts at 6:30

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
Quartzsite Senior Center
40 S. Moon Mountain Avenue
Quartzsite, AZ 85346
Doors Open at 5:30
Presentation Starts at 6:30

Thursday, April 14, 2016
Blythe Community Center
445 N. Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225
Doors Open at 5:30
Presentation starts at 6:30

The public will have a chance at the meetings to learn about the proposed project and to offer insights on issues that should be considered in the study. Public comments made at the meeting or through other communications with the BLM during the scoping period will be addressed in the Draft EIS.

Written comments may be submitted to the BLM, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004, Attention: Eddie Arreola or via email to earreola@blm.gov.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land, the most of any Federal agency. This land, known as the National System of Public Lands, is primarily located in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The BLM's mission is to manage and conserve the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations under our mandate of multiple-use and sustained yield. In Fiscal Year 2014, the BLM generated \$5.2 billion in receipts from public lands.

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