

**City of Carson City
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: August 11, 2009

Agenda Date Requested: August 20, 2009

Time Requested: Consent

To: Mayor and Board of Supervisors

From: Public Works - Planning Division

Subject Title: Action to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management, NV Energy and other Cooperating Agencies to become a cooperating agency in the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project running partly through Carson City. (Lee Plemel)

Summary: The proposed memorandum of agreement is intended to involve the City and citizens in the EIS review process. The project proposes to bring a power transmission line from Storey County through Dayton and into Carson City to the Brunswick Substation, then continue south along existing utility corridors into Douglas County. Additional project information can be obtained from the BLM website at:

< http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/planning/blackhawk_to_heybourne.html >.

Type of Action Requested:

Resolution

Ordinance-First Reading

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement: Yes No

Recommended Board Action: I move to authorize staff to sign a Memorandum of Agreement between Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management, NV Energy and other Cooperating Agencies to become a cooperating agency in the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project.

Explanation for Recommended Board Action: The BLM is requesting response from the City by August 26, 2009, on whether or not the City will become a Cooperating Agency in the review of the EIS for the proposed project. The BLM suggests that City involvement would include:

1. Providing input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
2. Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews, as appropriate.
3. Review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of the City on the adequacy of the documents, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

The attached documents provide more information regarding the role of a cooperating agency and the proposed project.

Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation: Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 40, Section 1501.6 (Cooperating agencies).

Fiscal Impact: N/A


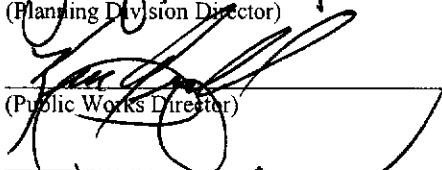

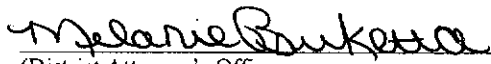
Explanation of Impact: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Alternatives: 1) Do not become a cooperating agency in the review of the project EIS.

Supporting Material: Letter from BLM and draft Memo of Agreement.

Prepared By: Janice Brod, Management Assistant V

Reviewed By:  Date: 8-11-09
(Planning Division Director)
 Date: _____
(Public Works Director)
 Date: 8/4/09
(City Manager)
 Date: 8-11-09
(District Attorney's Office)

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____ 1) _____ Aye/Nay
2) _____ _____

(Vote Recorded By)

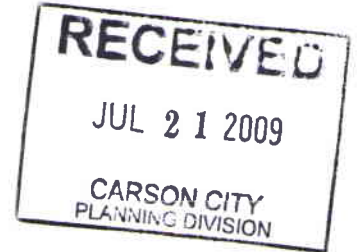


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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
 Carson City District – Sierra Front Field Office
 5665 Morgan Mill Road
 Carson City, Nevada 89701-1448

http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html



In Reply Refer To:
 NVN 085521
 2800 (NVC0200)

JUL 20 2009

Lee Plemel, Director
 Carson City Planning Division
 2621 Northgate Lane, Suite 62
 Carson City, NV 89706

Re: Invitation to Become Cooperating Agency on the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project

Dear Mr. Plemel:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District Office, Sierra Front Field Office (SFFO) is in the preliminary stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as required under the National Environmental Policy Act. The EIS will analyze the construction, operation, and maintenance of new 120 kV overhead transmission lines in Storey, Lyon, Carson City, and Douglas counties, NV (attachment 1).

In accordance with 40 CFR 1501.6 of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provision of the National Environmental Policy Act, we are inviting your agency to be a cooperating agency because of the special expertise your agency can provide to this process.

The project proponent, NV Energy, submitted an SF-299 Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands on July 2, 2008 proposing the construction of new 120 kV electrical transmission line and two new substations.

The BLM submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register which was published on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 (attachment 2). The BLM held an initial public scoping meeting October 8, 2008. This EIS will address issues resulting from the proposed action and alternatives, including the no-action alternative. The EIS will address issues including, but not limited to, the following resources: soil, air and water quality, cultural resources and Native American religious concerns, environmental justice, farmlands, floodplains, hazardous materials, migratory birds, invasive nonnative plant species, threatened, endangered, candidate or sensitive animal and plant species, wastes (hazardous or solid), and water quality.

We suggest that your agency's role in the development of the above project should include the following as they relate to your area of expertise:

1. Provide meaningful and early input on defining the purpose and need, determining the range of alternatives to be considered, and the methodologies and level of detail required in the alternatives analysis.
2. Participate in coordination meetings and joint field reviews as appropriate.
3. Timely review and comment on the pre-draft or pre-final environmental documents to reflect the views and concerns of your agency on the adequacy of the document, alternatives considered, and the anticipated impacts and mitigation.

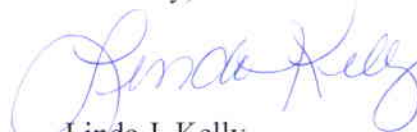
As a cooperating agency your participation may include those activities included in 40 CFR 1501.6 (attachment 3). A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the parties will be developed that identifies the respective responsibilities of BLM and the cooperating agency in preparing the EIS. A draft of this MOA is included as attachment 3.

We look forward to your response to our request for your agency to be a cooperating agency and to working with you on this transmission project. Please note that accepting designation as a cooperating agency on this EIS does not imply that your agency supports the proposed project.

Please respond to our office at the above listed address in writing, with an acceptance or denial of this invitation to be both a cooperating agency prior to August 26, 2009. If your agency declines to be a cooperating agency, please include your reason for declining the invitation

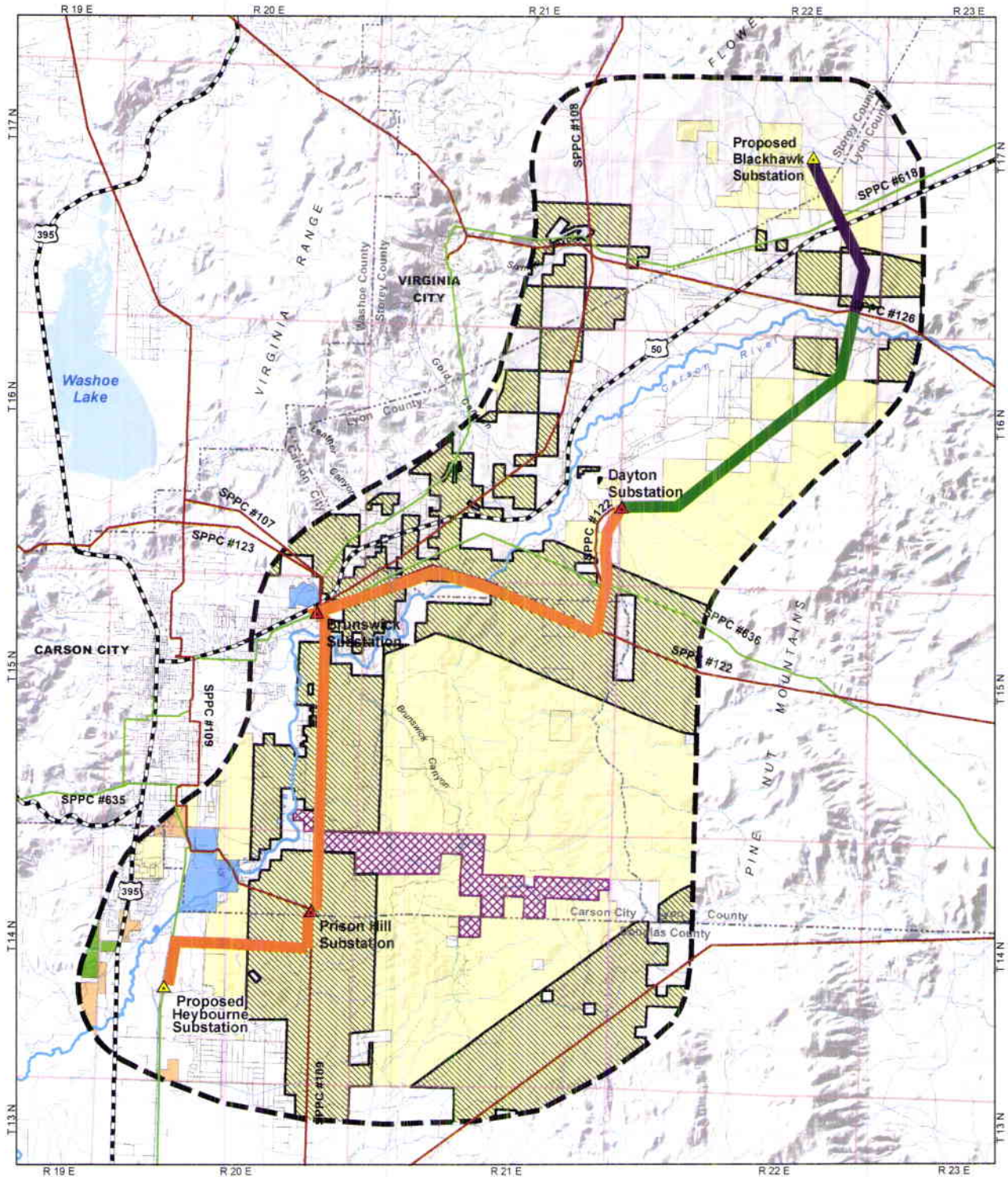
If you have any questions or would like to discuss in more detail the project or our agencies' respective roles and responsibilities during the preparation of this EIS, please contact me at 775-885-6118.

Sincerely,



Linda J. Kelly
Field Manager
Sierra Front Field Office

Enclosures



Legend

- One New Single Circuit Transmission Line
 - Two New Parallel Single Circuit Transmission Lines
 - Four New Parallel Single Circuit Transmission Lines
- Ownership**
- Bureau of Land Management
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - Forest Service
 - Nevada State
 - Private
 - Native American Allotments
 - BLM Utility Corridor (3 Miles Wide)

Reference Features

- Study Area Boundary
- 120kV Transmission Line
- 60kV Transmission Line
- Proposed Substation
- Existing Substation

Blackhawk to Heybourne 120kV Transmission Line Project

Note: Transmission systems and substation locations are schematic and do not necessarily represent accurate locations.

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October 2008

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV030-08-1430-ER; 08-08807; TAS: 14X1109]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project, Nevada**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carson City District Office, Carson City, Nevada, intends to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Sierra Pacific Power Company's Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project which will run through Storey, Lyon, Carson City and Douglas counties. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process and solicits input on the identification of issues.

DATES: The BLM will accept comments until October 31, 2008. The BLM will announce public scoping meetings through local news media, mailings, and the BLM Web site http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html at least 15 days prior to each meeting.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to:

- BLM Carson City District Office, Attn: Blackhawk EIS Project Manager, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.
 - Fax: (775) 885-6147.
 - E-mail: blackhawkeis@blm.gov.
- Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Carson City District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and to have your name added to the Blackhawk EIS mailing list, call Mark Struble, (775) 885-6107; or e-mail blackhawkeis@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM Carson City District Office will prepare an EIS for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project (Project) to analyze the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts resulting from construction of a new 120 kV electrical transmission line and two new substations proposed in a right-of-way (ROW) application submitted by Sierra Pacific Power Company. The proposed Project includes the construction of approximately 34 miles of an electrical 120 kV transmission line through four counties in Nevada, beginning at the proposed new Blackhawk Substation in Storey County. From the proposed

Blackhawk Substation four new 120 kV transmission lines would run parallel, crossing U.S. Highway 50, for approximately four miles where two of the lines would fold into an existing transmission line north of the Carson River. From that point the remaining two lines would continue southwest, crossing the Carson River, and running eight miles to the existing Dayton Substation in Lyon County. From the Dayton Substation one transmission line would run south over two miles, then west approximately six miles, parallel with existing lines to the existing Brunswick Substation in Carson City. From the Brunswick Substation the transmission line parallels existing powerlines straight south for approximately seven miles to the existing Prison Hill Substation in Carson City. At this point the line would parallel an existing line south for less than a mile before turning west for approximately three and a half miles in a new corridor through a saddle in Hot Springs Mountain and across the Douglas County water treatment facility, then south for approximately one mile paralleling an existing line and terminating at the proposed new Heybourne Substation in Douglas County. The proposed transmission line runs parallel with existing transmission lines along all but the first four miles in Storey and Lyon counties and three and a half miles in Douglas County. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the best possible alternatives and management decisions that will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the EIS process. The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping and will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of BLM and other agency specialists. A range of alternatives and mitigating measures will be considered to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed actions do not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, State, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM decision on the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project are urged to participate in the EIS process. It is important that those interested in the proposed activities participate in the scoping and commenting processes of the EIS.

Written comments may be provided to the BLM at the public scoping meetings or may be submitted to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the Addresses section above. Comments will be accepted until October 31, 2008.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: September 11, 2008.

Patrick Gubbins,

Manager, Carson City District Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-957-08-1420-BJ]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has filed the plats of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on the dates indicated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These surveys were executed at the request of the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service, and are necessary for the management of resources. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the metes and bounds survey of Lot 4, section 8, Township 18 North, Range 79 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming, Group No. 794, was accepted July 23, 2008.

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the Fifth Standard Parallel North, through Ranges 93 and 94 West, a portion of the east boundary, the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of certain sections, Township 20 North,

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
COOPERATING AGENCIES
AND
NV ENERGY
FOR THE
BLACKHAWK TO HEYBOURNE TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT**

INTRODUCTION

Sierra Pacific Power Company, doing business as NV Energy, has submitted a right-of-way application to the Bureau of Land Management Carson City District Office (BLM) for a 120 KV transmission line to connect the new Blackhawk Substation in Storey County with the existing Prison Hill and proposed Heybourne substations located in Carson City and Douglas counties, respectively. The project also includes a line fold with NV Energy's existing #126, 120kV transmission line located in Storey and Lyon counties, and a 120kV transmission line between the Blackhawk and Dayton substations, also located in Storey and Lyon counties.

Several public agencies, who could be impacted by the proposed activities, have agreed to serve as cooperating agencies in preparing the EIS. These agencies are _____ . These agencies will be identified as Cooperating Agencies.

In July 2009, Environmental Management and Planning Solutions, Inc., a consulting firm (Consultant), was selected to prepare the EIS by a committee composed of representatives from BLM with input from NV Energy.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is to clarify responsibilities of NV Energy, Cooperating Agencies, and BLM and to specify conditions, time schedules and procedures to be followed in the development and preparation of the EIS. Accordingly, the parties mutually agree as follows:

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. Responsibilities of BLM, Cooperating Agencies, NV Energy and Consultant

1. BLM shall ensure compliance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) guidelines of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR 1500-1508), and all other appropriate regulations and guidelines relating to NEPA. BLM shall determine the scope of the EIS and evaluate all information submitted by the Consultant, NV Energy or others. BLM shall assure that all environmental issues, impacts and reasonable alternatives are appropriately analyzed and described in the EIS. BLM shall coordinate activities with Cooperating Agencies and other federal and local agencies, as necessary, to prepare the EIS.

2. NV Energy shall facilitate coordination of effort and exchange of information between all parties as to the planning, design and construction of the proposed facilities. NV Energy shall make all reasonable efforts to assure satisfactory and timely performance of duties of the Consultant as specified in this MOA. NV Energy shall coordinate its activities with BLM.

3. The Consultant shall provide appropriate expertise, manpower and technical capabilities required for preparation of the EIS. All study and analysis shall be performed according to the approved Preparation Plan, which is described in Paragraph II.A., below. The Consultant, with approval of BLM and NV Energy, may employ such other consultants and experts (hereinafter collectively called "subcontractors") as are required for adequate development and preparation of the EIS. All subcontractors shall be evaluated by BLM prior to their employment in preparing the EIS. The Consultant or subcontractors shall not change the principals involved in preparing the EIS without prior approval by BLM and NV Energy.

4. Cooperating Agencies shall assist in the preparation and review of the EIS to ensure that it meets appropriate permitting requirements.

B. Procedures for Coordination Between BLM, Cooperating Agencies, and NV Energy

NV Energy, Cooperating Agencies, and BLM shall:

1. Within ten (10) days of the execution of this MOA, appoint, in writing, one representative to accomplish coordination necessary to satisfactorily prepare the EIS. Whenever in the course of preparation of the EIS, written notice is required to be given by one party to the other, written notice to the designated representative of a party shall constitute notice to that organization.

2. Review all substantive phases of the preparation of the EIS.

3. Have their respective representative or delegate of that representative attend meetings as necessary with federal, state, regional and local agencies, or with the public, for the purpose of increasing communications and receiving comments, as may be necessary, desirable, or required by law, and insofar as such meetings are relevant to development and preparation of the EIS, except where the BLM exercised its authority to consult individually concerning the EIS with other federal, state and local officials, as provided in Paragraph II.D. below.

4. Ensure coordination of effort and exchange of data and information.

5. At their option, attend meetings between the various federal, state and local agencies and the Consultant.

C. Termination of Consultant

1. NV Energy shall have the right to terminate its contract with the Consultant, and the right to change the principal of the Consultant or a subcontractor involved in the preparation of the EIS, for any reasons permissible under NV Energy's contract with the Consultant. In the event of such termination of the consultant or change in a principal, NV Energy shall:

- a. Notify the BLM in writing at least ten (10) working days prior to the termination or change in a principal;
- b. Ensure that the BLM and NV Energy shall have access to all documentation, reports, analyses and data developed by the Consultant or the principal; and
- c. In the event of contract termination, ensure that the Consultant will submit to the BLM and NV Energy a written report on the environmental work and analysis performed by the Consultant prior to termination of the contract.

2. If NV Energy terminates its contract with the Consultant, NV Energy and the BLM shall meet and consult regarding the retention of another Consultant and/or such other procedures as may be necessary and appropriate to enable completion of the EIS. In the event that NV Energy requires a change in the principal of the Consultant or a subcontractor, NV Energy and the BLM shall meet and consult regarding an appropriate replacement for such principal.

3. Notwithstanding the procedures set forth in this Paragraph C, both BLM and NV Energy shall retain at all times the right to terminate this MOA pursuant to Part III. below.

D. Indemnification. All costs incurred in connection with the employment of the Consultant and any subcontractors shall be the sole responsibility of NV Energy. NV Energy agrees to hold harmless Cooperating Agencies and BLM, its officers, agents and employees, with respect to any and all judgements or settlements arising from claims, demands or causes of action by the Consultant and/or any subcontractors which may arise from the termination of this MOA or of the contracts for preparation of the EIS, or which may relate to any other services or purchases of materials utilized for the development and preparation of the EIS. This indemnification by NV Energy does not, however, extend to suits by third parties against the BLM involving the legality or adequacy of the BLM's compliance with NEPA. NV Energy shall cooperate in making its own personnel reasonably available in the preparation and defense of any such suit, but NV Energy shall be under no obligation to retain the services of the Consultant and/or any subcontractors in connection with the defense of that suit, unless NV Energy elects in its sole discretion to do so at that time. BLM shall not request the Consultant and/or any subcontractors to assist in the defense of such suit without

prior notification to and approval by NV Energy of such request.

II. PROCEDURES FOR PREPARATION OF EIS

A. Preparation Plan

1. BLM, Cooperating Agencies, NV Energy and Consultant shall jointly develop a Preparation Plan to guide collection of additional environmental, social and economic data as may be necessary for the development of the EIS and all supporting documents which may be required by BLM, Cooperating Agencies, or other federal, state or local agencies. The Preparation Plan shall include a detailed description of the scope of analysis planned for the EIS, evaluation of existing data and information needs (to the extent known), plans for public participation in the EIS, and schedule for completion of various parts of the EIS, and shall generally conform to the criteria set forth in Chapter 9.1.1 and 13.4.1 of the BLM NEPA Handbook. The Preparation Plan shall be approved by the BLM and made a part of this MOA.

2. As a result of the public scoping process that will be performed prior to development of the Preparation Plan, the Preparation Plan may expand or alter the analyses and evaluations outlined in the Request For Proposal. Cost estimates for the Consultant and/or subcontractors may also be revised to reflect the work required under the Preparation Plan. NV Energy shall have the right to review and approve such increased costs so long as the increases are reasonably necessary to accomplish the work specified in the Preparation Plan.

3. This MOA, the Request For Proposals, and the Preparation Plan shall establish the scope of work required of the Consultant concerning the acquisition of environmental data and the development and preparation of the EIS.

4. By written agreement between NV Energy and BLM, the Preparation Plan and the scope of work required of the Consultant, as reflected in the Request For Proposals, may be amended or modified from time to time as the work of the Consultant proceeds.

5. The Consultant, under direction of BLM, shall evaluate all reasonable measures to mitigate or avoid adverse environmental impacts resulting from the proposed project. BLM shall make the final determination as to which measures shall be studied and included in the analysis.

B. Review and Comment on Consultant Documents

1. BLM reserves the right to monitor work of the Consultant and subcontractors to assure BLM that the requirements of NEPA are satisfied. The Consultant shall formally report monthly to BLM and NV Energy on the progress of the work, problems encountered, recommendations for modifications to the Preparation Plan and suggested changes in personnel, methodology or schedules for

completion. As each portion of any working paper or final document is completed, such portion shall be transmitted to BLM and BLM shall transmit to NV Energy and the Cooperating Agencies. BLM shall, in turn, determine the need for review by concerned governmental agencies, or other interested parties, and solicit their comments.

2. The responsible BLM, NV Energy, and Cooperating Agencies officials shall review the documents submitted, shall comment on those documents, and shall direct further work as deemed necessary. Such comments or directions for further work shall be made to the Consultant by BLM with copies to Cooperating Agencies and NV Energy, in accordance with a schedule that shall be set forth in the Preparation Plan. The Consultant shall incorporate the comments and editorial changes to the satisfaction of BLM, NV Energy, and Cooperating Agencies. In all instances involving questions regarding content or relevance of environmental data and analyses, evaluation and wording, BLM shall make the final determination on the inclusion, deletion, or modification of such items in the EIS. Final sections of any documents shall be submitted upon completion to BLM for approval, with copies to NV Energy and Cooperating Agencies.

3. NV Energy shall also be permitted to submit comments to BLM, and to the Consultant, on any documents submitted by the Consultant. BLM shall transmit NV Energy's comments to the Consultant, together with any direction, instruction, or comments BLM may have concerning NV Energy's comments.

C. Access to Data and Materials

1. The Consultant shall, upon request, provide BLM, Cooperating Agencies, and NV Energy access to and review of all materials and underlying data used in developing submitted sections of the EIS. All such requests shall be directed through BLM to the Consultant. This shall include, but shall not be limited to, field reports, subcontractor reports, and interviews with concerned private and public parties, whether or not such information may be contained in the working papers or the EIS.

2. Confidentiality of information, documents, and materials used in development of the EIS shall be governed by the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts, agency policies and pertinent legal decisions. BLM shall determine the extent and manner of release of data to concerned governmental agencies and other interested parties, in accordance with these authorities.

D. Meetings

1. To facilitate development of environmental data and preparation of the EIS, meetings between BLM and the Consultant shall be held and Cooperating Agencies and NV Energy may attend such meetings.

2. BLM shall notify NV Energy, Cooperating Agencies, and the Consultant of any pertinent meetings that are scheduled. A summary of all matters relating to the EIS discussed in any meetings or communications between the parties without the participation of one party shall be included in formal monthly reports submitted by the Consultant to BLM, Cooperating Agencies, and NV Energy. BLM reserves the right, however, to consult individually, without notice to NV Energy or the Consultant, with other federal, state and local officials during preparation of the EIS, in order to assure objectivity and compliance with NEPA.

3. BLM shall require full cooperation of the Consultant and its subcontractors with respect to participating in public meetings required by BLM and/or Cooperating Agencies to foster public familiarity with the NEPA or other applicable permitting process.

E. Preparation and Distribution of EIS Documents

1. NV Energy shall be responsible for stenographic, clerical, graphics, layout, printing to established BLM standards and all costs for analyses, review of the draft, and final copies of the EIS prepared by the Consultant. Foldout sheets and large maps shall be provided where possible. NV Energy shall be solely responsible for costs of preparing and providing the number of copies of the draft EIS and final EIS as may be necessary for public review. The cost to distribute as directed by BLM, including one copy suitable for reproduction by BLM, the document on CD for posting on the BLM website, and sixteen printed copies, to the BLM for their submission to the Superintendent of Documents, is also the responsibility of NV Energy.

2. BLM, as lead agency, shall distribute all required analyses, including review drafts and final copies of the EIS for review and comment to the appropriate agencies and entities.

III. TERMINATION

A. Any party to this MOA may terminate the same upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other parties. During this period, the parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve any disagreement.

B. In the event of a termination of this MOA and if preparation of the EIS is still required, it is agreed as follows:

1. BLM and NV Energy shall have access to all documentation, reports, analyses, and data developed by the Consultant.

2. NV Energy shall ensure that the Consultant will submit to BLM and NV Energy a written report on the environmental work and analysis performed by the consultant prior to termination of the MOA.

3. Liability to the Consultant for termination shall be in accordance with Paragraph I.D. above.

IV. MODIFICATIONS

This MOA may be modified at any time by the mutual written agreement of the parties.

The Memorandum of Agreement for the Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line Project EIS will be effective as of the last date signed below:

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

By: _____
Title:

Date:

NV ENERGY

By: _____
Title:

Date:

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By: _____
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From: Stacey Giomi
To: Pruitt, Jennifer
Date: 07/30/2009 8:07 AM
Subject: Fwd: BLM EIS Cooperating Agency Agreement
Attachments: BLM.Transmission.project.July.2009.pdf

Jennifer,

I have no opinion on this one way or the other.

>>> Lee Plemel 7/29/2009 14:19 >>>

To all affected City Departments:

The BLM has invited the City to become a cooperating agency in the review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Blackhawk to Heybourne NV Energy transmission line project. The transmission lines will go through Carson City. Attached is the letter and packet of information regarding the project sent from BLM. Additional information may be available from the BLM website regarding the project EIS at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field/blm_programs/planning/blackhawk_to_heybourne.html

We plan on taking an item to the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 2009. The item will be to authorize staff to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (included in the attached document). Draft Board Action Report's are due Friday, August 7, so I request that you provide any comments regarding becoming a cooperating agency by that date. Please provide any comments to [Jennifer Pruitt \(jpruitt@ci.carson-city.nv.us\)](mailto:jpruitt@ci.carson-city.nv.us) in our office as I will be out the office from July 31-August 12.

Please note that we are not requesting comments on the project or the EIS scope at this time, only comments as to whether or not the City should participate as a cooperating agency. The EIS is not available for comment, yet, and we will have an opportunity to comment on it later.

Lee Plemel, AICP, Planning Director
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To: jpruitt@ci.carson-city.nv.us
CC: djacquet@nv.blm.gov; Hartman, Steve; Moellendorf, Roger; Werner, Larry
Date: 08/03/2009 9:55 AM
Subject: Cooperating Agency Status

Dear Jenn;

Carson City participation as a cooperative agency for the NV Energy Blackhawk to Heybourne Transmission Line EIS is in my opinion the best manner to assure meaningful first hand exchange of information regarding this project. The Cooperating Agency Status will bring us to the table and facilitate our ability to raise issues and find solutions. The responsibilities assumed with becoming a partner are outweighed by the advantages to seat at the table and participate in the process on a fist hand basis. Many of the permitting and citizen's participation requirements by NEPA may be incorporated in our advisory board review and permitting process very well. This is work that the City will normally engage in conducting in any case and so it follows that the use of information and input into the EIS process will be facilitated by our participation as a cooperative agency.

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