

BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR)
THE LOCATION OF THE CLINES CORNERS)
WIND FARM AND GEN-TIE SYSTEM IN)
TORRANCE AND GUADALUPE COUNTIES)
PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT, NMSA)
1978, §§62-9-3 AND 62-9-3.2)
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CLINES CORNERS WIND FARM LLC)
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APPLICANT.)**

Case No. 19 - _____

APPLICATION

EXHIBIT 1

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PROPOSED NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission" or "NMPRC") of the following:

1. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3, 62-9-3.2 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC, on May 15, 2019, Clines Corners Wind Farm LLC (“Clines Corners” or “Applicant”) filed an application and supporting direct testimony and exhibits ("Application") with the Commission requesting the location approval of the up to an approximately 600 megawatt (“MW”) wind generation project (“Clines Corners Wind Farm”) and the associated transmission system (“Clines Corners Gen-Tie System” or “Gen-Tie System”), consisting of an approximately 18.72 mile, 345-kilovolt (“kV”) alternating current transmission line and associated facilities to be located in a 150-foot right-of-way (“ROW”) within a 1 mile-wide corridor (“Clines Corners Gen-Tie System Corridor”). Collectively, the Clines Corners Wind Farm and the Gen-Tie System will be referred to herein as the “Clines Corners Wind Farm Project” or “Project”. The Clines Corners Wind Farm and the Clines Corners Gen-Tie System Corridor together comprise the area that was studied as part of the review that is required for the issuance of a location permit by the Commission (“Clines

Corners Wind Study Area”).

2. The Clines Corners Wind Farm facilities will be located in Torrance and Guadalupe Counties in New Mexico and will encompass approximately 40,000 acres (currently estimated to be 39,580) of private land within the two counties.

3. The Gen Tie System consists of an approximately 18.72-mile, 345 kV transmission system and associated transmission facilities, including a 150-foot ROW, to be located within the Clines Corners Gen-Tie System Corridor. The Applicant intends that the Clines Corners Wind Farm will be interconnected via the Gen-Tie System to the proposed Western Spirit transmission line (“Western Spirit”) at a point that is approximately 11 miles west-northwest of Encino (34.689855, -105.647307).

4. Clines Corners is also requesting a ROW width determination of 150 feet within the Clines Corners Gen-Tie System Corridor pursuant to NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2 to the extent such approval may be required by law. The Applicant states that the 150-foot ROW width is necessary to provide sufficient space for variation in design while addressing electrical safety code requirements and construction and operation considerations for the Clines Corners Gen Tie System to connect the Clines Corners Wind Farm to Western Spirit in a safe and reliable manner.

5. The Clines Corners Wind Farm Project will be owned by the Applicant.

6. The Commission has assigned Case No. 19-_____ -UT to this Application, and all correspondence, pleadings, comments, and other communications shall refer to that case number.

7. The procedural schedule established in this case is as follows:

A. The Applicant shall, at its sole expense, publish notice in a

newspaper of general circulation in Torrance and Guadalupe Counties on or before _____, 2019;

- B. The Commission's Utility Division Staff ("Staff") shall file a response to the Application by advising the Commission on Staff's position as to the merits of the Application and the need for a public hearing on the location application;
- C. Any interested person may intervene in this case by filing a motion for leave to intervene pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(A) NMAC and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before _____, 2019;
- D. Staff shall, and Interveners may, file direct testimony by _____, 2019;
- E. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before _____, 2019; and,
- F. A public hearing will be held on _____, 2019 at _____ .m. at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504, to hear and receive evidence, arguments, and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the case.

8. In accordance with NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(K), the Commission may approve the Applicant's request for location approval without formal hearing if no protest is filed within sixty (60) days after notice has been given that the Application has been filed.

9. The Application may be examined by an interested person at the

Commission's website (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>), Clines Corners's website (www.orionrenewables.com/nm-clines-corners) or at the offices of Clines Corners and the Commission at the following addresses:

Clines Corners Wind Farm LLC	New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
c/o Orion Renewables Energy Group	P.E.R.A. Building
155 Grand Avenue	1120 Paseo de Peralta
Suite 706	Santa Fe, NM 87504
Oakland, CA 94612	

11. Pursuant to Commission Rule 17.9.592.13 NMAC, the Application may also be examined by any interested person at:

Town of Estancia, Public Library
c/o Angela Creamer – Head Librarian
601 South Tenth Street
PO Box 166 Estancia, NM 87016

Moise Memorial Library
c/o Mary Martinez – Library Director
208 S. 5th St.
Santa Rosa, NM 88435

12. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make a written or oral comment, pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

13. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case and are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

14. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony shall serve copies thereof on all

parties of record and Staff and the Hearing Examiner by (1) first class mail or hand-delivery and (2) by email as provided by the Procedural Order. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

15. The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, shall apply to this case except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission or at www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmcc/.

16. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand-deliveries: 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

17. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CASE SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.

ISSUED at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this__ day of _____, 2019.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

Hearing Examiner