BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION)
FOR THE LOCATION APPROVAL OF THE)
EXPANDED CORONA WIND PROJECTS AND THE)
REVISED CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM AND FOR)
RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH APPROVAL PURSUANT) Case No. 21-00UT
TO THE PUBLIC UTILITY ACT, NMSA 1978, §62-9-)
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GALLINAS MOUNTAIN WIND LLC, MESA)
CANYONS WIND, LLC, PATTERN SC HOLDINGS)
LLC, VIENTO LOCO LLC,)
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JOINT APPLICANTS.	,

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JEREMY TURNER

1 INTRODUCTION

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- A. Jeremy Turner. My business address is 317 Commercial St. NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque,
 New Mexico 87102.
- 5 Q. BY WHOM AND IN WHAT CAPACITY ARE YOU EMPLOYED?
- 6 A. I am the Director, New Mexico Project Development for Pattern Energy.

7 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION BACKGROUND AND

8 EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.

9 A. I have a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Business and a Master of Business Administration from New Mexico State University. Prior to joining 10 11 Pattern Energy, I served as the Chief Financial Advisor for the New Mexico Finance 12 Authority, the Executive Director for the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority and a Managing Partner for Forever Energy Consulting, LLC. Since joining 13 14 the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority in 2009 and Forever Energy 15 Consulting, LLC in 2015, I have focused my career on the development of electric transmission infrastructure to interconnect renewable energy to the grid. In my capacity 16 17 as Executive Director of the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority, I worked with the Board of Directors to issue \$50 million in bond financing for the 18

- 19 transmission line upgrade to connect the High Lonesome Mesa windfarm to the Public
- 20 Service Company of New Mexico transmission system. I also worked on the
- 21 development and original lease agreement for the Western Spirit Transmission Line.
- 22 While at Forever Energy Consulting, LLC I served as Project Manager for the proposed
- 23 Verde Transmission Project.

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Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR YOUR CURRENT POSITION.

A. 3 I serve on the Development and External Affairs teams focused on the development and 4 construction of Pattern Energy's New Mexico Projects, including the proposed 2021 Corona Wind Update which is the subject of this proceeding. In this capacity, I assist 5 6 with the coordination of activities and communication of project objectives among the 7 Pattern "teams" involved in the Corona Wind Project, including the Permitting, Land, 8 Power Marketing, Transmission, Meteorology, Engineering and Construction, Legal, 9 Finance and Accounting teams. I am responsible for ensuring and facilitating communication with all the stakeholders in the development project. I am also active in 10 negotiations with the various local and state permitting agencies and landowners. Lastly, 11 12 I actively engage in external public affairs and community relations and serve as a public interface for Pattern Energy in New Mexico. 13

14 Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS PROCEEDING?

- 15 A. I am appearing on behalf of the Joint Applicants in this proceeding.
- 16 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

17 A. In my testimony, I will provide background on the project development with respect to

- 18 the location approvals sought in this proceeding. In this regard, I will discuss the efforts
- 19 of the Joint Applicants to identify additional areas to expand to and locate wind
- 20 generation, which I refer to in my testimony as the "2021 Corona Generation Expansion".
- 21 I will also describe the efforts undertaken to date by the Joint Applicants to secure
- approvals from the state and private landowners to locate wind turbines in the 2021

1		Corona Generation Expansion area. Similarly, I discuss the efforts the Joint Applicants
2		have undertaken to secure approvals for the revised location and route of the Gen-Tie
3		System associated with the wind turbines included in the 2021 Corona Generation
4		Expansion. I refer to this revised route for the Gen-Tie System as the "2021 Revised
5		Corona Gen-Tie System". Collectively, I refer to the 2021 Corona Generation Expansion
6		and the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System as the "2021 Corona Wind Update".
7	Q.	WILL THE 2021 CORONA WIND UPDATE BE LOCATED ON PRIVATE
8		LANDS OR STATE LANDS?
9	A.	Both. The overwhelming majority of the 2021 Corona Wind Update will be located on
10		private lands. The total additional acreage is approximately 50,100 acres with 42,520
11		acres of private land and 7,580 acres of state lands.
12	Q.	PLEASE PROVIDE THE STATUS OF THE JOINT APPLICANTS' EFFORTS
13		TO SECURE NECESSARY APPROVALS FROM PRIVATE LANDOWNERS
14		FOR THE 2021 CORONA WIND UPDATE.
15	A.	All land rights necessary for the 2021 Corona Wind Update, which includes both the
16		2021 Corona Generation Expansion and the 2021 Revised Corona Gen-Tie System, either
17		have or will be secured prior to the commencement of any construction.
18	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STATUS OF THE JOINT APPLICANTS' EFFORTS
19		TO SECURE APPROVALS FOR LOCATING FACILITIES ON STATE LANDS.
20	А.	Pattern submitted ROW applications with the New Mexico State Land Office for the
21		portions of the 2021 Corona Wind Update on State Land in October 2021. No portion of
22		the project is located on Federal lands.

1	Q.	DO THE JOINT APPLICANTS ANTICIPATE ANY DELAYS IN OBTAINING
2		NECESSARY STATE AND PRIVATE LANDOWNER APPROVALS?
3	A.	No. We do not anticipate any significant obstacles to obtaining the necessary approvals to
4		proceed with the 2021 Corona Wind Update.
5	Q.	WHAT LAND USE STATUTES AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
6		APPLY TO THE 2021 CORONA WIND UPDATE?
7	A.	The 2021 Corona Wind Update is subject to the zoning ordinances of Lincoln County and
8		Torrance County for a Wind Energy Conversion System approval and a Wind Energy
9		Special Use District, respectively. The Corona Wind Project will comply with both county
10		ordinances.
11	Q.	WHAT IS THE STATUS OF OBTAINING THE VARIOUS REQUIRED LOCAL
12		GOVERNMENTAL APPROVALS FOR THE 2021 CORONA WIND UPDATE?
13	A.	We anticipate applying for the Lincoln County Wind Energy Conversion System
14		approval and the Torrance County Wind Energy Special Use District permits in the first
15		quarter of 2022.
16	Q.	WERE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS INFORMED ABOUT
17		THE APPROVALS REQUESTED AS PART OF THE 2021 CORONA WIND
18		UPDATE?
19	A.	Yes. I, along with other Pattern Energy representatives and representatives of the Joint
20		Applicants, have presented to the Lincoln and Torrance County Commissions and County
21		staff regarding the proposed project expansion. In addition, we have held numerous

1		landowner meetings, as well as sent updates to many participating landowners, regarding
2		our development efforts which are the subject of this proceeding. Private landowners
3		whose lands are going to be the site of facilities included in the 2021 Corona Wind Update
4		have leased their properties for the planned construction. Additionally, as noted
5		previously, we have submitted applications with the New Mexico State Land Office for the
6		portions of the 2021 Corona Wind Update that will be located on State Land.
7	Q.	HAVE THE JOINT APPLICANTS INFORMED THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE 2021
8		CORONA WIND UPDATE?
9	A.	Yes. We held two public meetings prior to the onset of the restrictions imposed during the
10		COVID pandemic, as well sent numerous written landowner updates to landowners and
11		other interested parties about the development planned as part of the 2021 Corona Wind
12		Update.
13	Q.	DO THE JOINT APPLICANTS HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PRIVATE
14		LANDOWNERS AND THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO?
15	A.	Yes. I have attached as Exhibit JT-1 to this testimony, statements of support from private
16		landowners and other interested members of the communities impacted by the 2021 Corona
17		Wind Update.
18	Q.	HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED 2021
19		CORONA WIND UPDATE?
20	A.	No. As is typical with any project of the scope and size of the Corona Wind Project, it is
21		necessary to provide detailed information to interested persons to enable them to

the Joint Applicants. The Joint Applicants have found the interaction with members of the
public and local officials invaluable in the planning and implementation of our various
projects in terms of being able to identify and resolve potential issues. My particular
experience has been that the response to these briefings has been very positive, with many
landowners wanting to participate and local government officials satisfied with the
information provided and the potential benefits to be realized for their communities.

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Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

8 A. Yes.

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AFFIDAVIT OF JEREMY TURNER

STATE OF New Mexico COUNTY OF Santa FC) ss.

I have read the foregoing Direct Testimony and under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of New Mexico the statement is true and correct based on my own knowledge and belief.

SWORN on this 9^{th} day of November 2021.

My Commission Expires



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To Whom it May Concern,

We are Carly and Larry Tafoya and we own land in Guadalupe County, New Mexico that is affected by Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind project and its development. We in full support of the project and welcome its development.

Wind power is increasing in popularity across the nation as a form of renewable energy. We have witnessed all the good Pattern Energy has brought to nearby communities through their wind power project such as the financial investment Pattern Energy made in the *Broadview* area which provided support to the local schools and allowed the construction of a new *fire station*. Local businesses have seen increased sales and increased tax revenue which has provided much needed help to the economy of the surrounding area. The lease revenues resulting from the SunZia Wind Farm will help local families, farms and ranches.

Thank you for your consideration of the SunZia Wind project. We appreciate your support.

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My name is Carolina Lucero and I own land in Guadalupe County, New Mexico that is affected by Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind project and its development. I am in full support of the project and welcome its development.

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My name is Debra Salazar and I own land in Guadalupe County, New Mexico that is affected by Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind project and its development. I am in full support of the project and welcome its development.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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We are Margaret and Jerry Bramblett and we own land in Guadalupe County, New Mexico that is affected by Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind project and its development. We in full support of the project and welcome its development.

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Sincerely Melissa Gutierrez



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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Ricardo Muniz and I own land in Guadalupe County, New Mexico that is affected by Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind project and its development. I am in full support of the project and welcome its development.

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To Whom it May Concern,

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Thank you for your consideration of the SunZia Wind project. We appreciate your support.

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Victor and Joanna Gallegos



October 25, 2021

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RE: Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind Project

To Whom It May Concern,

New Mexico's Estancia Valley is blessed in many ways – from our sweeping views and culture, to the people who call this area home. We are also blessed with a world-class wind resource – a resource that has numerous benefits to the people of this region.

On behalf of the Estancia Valley Economic Development Association and our investors and members, I am writing to voice our organization's strong support of Pattern Energy's SunZia Wind Project. Pattern Energy has already been a fantastic partner to our communities, bringing jobs and positive economic activity during a time when we needed those things the most. In many ways, the nearly completed Western Spirt project helped insulate us from the devastating economic affects felt be other communities throughout the state. The SunZia project will be three times the size of Western Spirit, and we will take enormous pride in being home to the largest renewable energy project ever constructed in the United States.

We hope you share our excitement and encourage your support of the SunZia Wind Project.

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Myra Pancrazio Executive Director Estancia Valley Economic Development Association

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