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Thank you for your partnership as we work together to build the largest renewable energy infrastructure project in U.S. history right here in New Mexico and Arizona. In case you have any questions related to these activities or concerns, please feel free to contact Shelton Bankston at 318.557.5661 or email us at sunzia@patternenergy.com.

Our aim is to communicate project milestones and construction updates in a timely, consistent manner. We will be sending periodic mail and e-mail updates. If you have a preferred method of communication please let us know. Thank you.

Sincerely, SunZia Transmission

SunZia Transmission:

- July 2022
- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) needed to break ground



JULY, 2023 · SunZia Transmission Landowner Update

## SunZia Transmission Milestones

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced their Record of Decision (ROD) on May 18, 2023. This important milestone was achieved because SunZia Transmission has met the environmental permitting and federal requirements needed to begin construction.

Pattern announced it has selected Quanta Services, Inc., and Hitachi Energy to build SunZia Transmission. Quanta was selected to provide a turnkey solution for the 550-mile 525kV high-voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission line. Hitachi Energy will be supplying the

HVDC Converter Stations and will utilize its HVDC Light® technology and MACH<sup>™</sup> digital control platform for the SunZia Transmission project. This technology enables the efficient transfer and integration of huge volumes of renewable energy over long distances, significantly increasing the amount of clean power available for homes and businesses throughout the region.

For more information about the project, please visit our website at SunZia.com.

## SunZia Transmission Construction Update

As we prepare for construction, below is a summary of our recently completed and upcoming work, which is subject to change. We value your input and encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Land agents are individually contacting each landowner with a property access questionnaire. If you haven't heard from us yet, you will in the coming weeks. We encourage you to fill out the questionnaire so that our contractors understand how you want to be contacted when access to your property is needed. We will contact landowners in advance of accessing your property with

heavy equipment as work ramps up and down over the course of the next three years. Our goal is to be a respectful partner throughout the construction period, and your input will be helpful.

#### **Construction Schedule Updates**

- Rough grading and access road work at the eastern and western ends of SunZia Transmission began in Q1 of this year and are scheduled to wrap up shortly. More substantial construction will start this month at the eastern and western ends, including installing road base, parking lots, construction trailer areas, material laydown yards, and trenching.
- Project personnel have been active along the rightof-way conducting surveys, assessing access roads, environmentally sensitive areas, laydown yards and permitting requirements and will be wrapping up this summer.
- Construction began on the first four material laydown yards, including two in Arizona and two in New Mexico. Laydown yards will be placed along the full route of SunZia Transmission to enable efficient construction progress. In the next few weeks, three more laydown yards, two in Arizona and one in New Mexico, will commence construction.

# Community & Environmental Investments

SunZia Transmission is being developed with a deep commitment to local communities and environmental stewardship. A key initiative for SunZia Transmission has been following through on extended engagement with local, regional, and national conservation stakeholders. As a result of this commitment and consultation, SunZia Transmission is setting a precedent with a gold standard in environmental mitigation efforts developed handin-hand with the environmental community. SunZia Transmission plans to:

- Restore thousands of acres of wildlife habitat by:
  - Purchasing an approximately 1,000-acre property along the Rio Grande to be donated to the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge in New Mexico
  - Partnering with the Arizona Department of Game and Fish on several thousand acres of innovative habitat restoration
- Invest in emerging technology such as:
  - Installing, testing, and studying the efficacy of a novel technology illuminating the transmission line with UV light to increase the visibility for large-bodied waterfowl
- Fund long-term conservation research into:
  - Sandhill crane flight behavior in partnership with U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) which resulted in the publication of peer-reviewed science that can inform future transmission line design
  - Upland bird population declines in the desert southwest by USFWS and New Mexico State University



In addition, through SunZia Transmission's Community Engagement efforts, we were a main sponsor and had several personnel attend both the Pinal County Fair, near the western end of the transmission line in Arizona, and the El Ranchito De Los Ninos charity event in New Mexico. We have commitments in place to support several county fairs and other local events in the coming months and across the project footprint. We hope to see some of you at these events and look forward to supporting them.