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PUBLIC OPEN-HOUSE SCOPING MEETING SET FOR HUALAPAI VALLEY SOLAR PROJECT

Public invited to provide comments during environmental review phase

LAKEWOOD, Colo. —An open-house public meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, in Kingman, Ariz., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Kingman High School Auditorium, 4182 Bank Street, Kingman, Ariz. 86409 on the proposed Hualapai Valley Solar Project.

The Hualapai Valley Solar Project involves the construction and operation of a 4,160-acre solar power facility. Other project components include an electrical substation, a 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, and two access roads. The Hualapai Valley Solar Project would be located approximately 27 miles north of Kingman and 20 miles east of US 93.

The open-house meeting is part of Western Area Power Administration's effort to share information and receive public comments on the scope of issues it will evaluate in the Hualapai Valley Solar Project Environmental Impact Statement. Western, an agency of the U.S. Department of Energy, is preparing an EIS because the proposed project would interconnect with Western's electric transmission system. The EIS will be prepared according to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Bureau of Land Management will be a cooperating agency.

Western invites the public to provide written comments on the scope of the EIS, including resources to be evaluated, alternatives to be considered, and significant concerns and issues. Comments on the scope of the EIS may be provided at the scoping meeting or sent to Western at the following address: email to HVSolar@wapa.gov, fax to (602) 605-2630, or mail to Ms. Mary Barger, NEPA Document Manager, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 6457, Phoenix, AZ 85005. Comments may also be provided online at <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/HVSolar.htm>.

To be most valuable in preparing the EIS, Western should receive written comments by the end of the scoping comment period, October 23, 2009. For further information about the environmental process, please call (602) 605-2524 or visit: www.wapa.gov/transmission/HVSolar.htm.

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