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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

McMullen Valley Transmission Line Project
La Paz County, Arizona
DOE/EA-2292

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy, Western Area Power Administration

ACTION: Finding of No Significant Impact

BACKGROUND: Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes to approve EAGL, LLC's (EAGL) applications to interconnect its proposed facility to the existing Harcuvar Substation and enter into interconnection agreements. The Point of Interconnection, Harcuvar Substation, is owned by Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and operated and maintained by WAPA as part of the Central Arizona Power System. The interconnection agreement's purpose is to ensure that the request will not degrade existing transmission reliability and service. WAPA must respond to EAGL's interconnection request pursuant to its obligations under its Open Access Transmission Tariff and applicable provisions of the Federal Power Act. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is the lead federal agency in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and WAPA and BOR are cooperating agencies.

In association with the interconnection agreements, WAPA would:

- Expand the existing Harcuvar Substation to accommodate the Project interconnection and convert the existing configuration from a tap arrangement to a three-breaker ring configuration. The final configuration and location of facilities within the substation expansion area would be determined during final design;
- Install minor upgrades within the existing footprint of the Parker Substation including metering current transformer (CT) and jumpers;
- Install minor upgrades within the existing footprint of the Davis Substation including protection system equipment; and
- Install minor upgrades within the existing footprint of the and Blythe Substation including breaker bushing CTs

EAGL plans to build, operate, and maintain a new double-circuit, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line approximately 5.1 miles in length within a 150-foot-wide corridor. The transmission line would extend from a planned substation on state land to the existing Harcuvar Substation predominantly within BLM-designated utility corridors, including Section 368 Corridor 46-269, the Parker-Liberty, and EPNG corridors; limited segments and facilities are located outside the designated corridors. EAGL submitted an application and Plan of Development to the BLM to

acquire a Long-Term and Short-Term right-of-way (ROW) for the McMullen Valley Transmission Line Project (Project; AZAZ106761623).

The project is proposed on land administered by the BLM's Colorado River District Lake Havasu Field Office and situated approximately 3 miles north of the unincorporated community of Wenden and 100 miles west of Phoenix in La Paz County, Arizona. The point of interconnection to WAPA's transmission system, the existing Harcuvar Substation, is located on lands administered by the BLM.

The BLM prepared a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzing the Proposed Action and a No Action Alternative. WAPA served as a Cooperating Agency to the EA. The EA is titled "McMullen Valley Transmission Line Project Environmental Assessment DOI-BLM-AZ-C030-2027-0004-EA DOE/EA-2292" and dated November 2026. WAPA incorporates this EA by reference. BLM will issue a separate NEPA decision document for its federal actions.

DETERMINATION: Based on the analysis contained in DOE/EA-2292, WAPA finds that the Proposed Action, approving EAGL's interconnection requests, entering into transmission interconnection agreements, and implementing transmission and communication system additions to accommodate the interconnection, does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of the NEPA. Therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required, and WAPA issues this FONSI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Additional information and copies of the Final EA and FONSI are available to all interested parties and the public from the following contact:

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The FEA and FONSI can be downloaded from WAPA's or DOE's website at:

https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/dsw/environment/mcmullen-valley-transmission-line-project/

https://www.energy.gov/nepa/nepa-documents

For further information on DOE's NEPA process, contact:

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