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October 19, 2022

Ms. Trisha Osborne
Assistant Commission Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109

Re: Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an
Application to a Federal Agency by GridLiance West LLC to Construct the
Pahrump to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Enclosed for filing please find the Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental
Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by GridLiance West LLC to Construct the
Pahrump to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project.

If you have any questions about this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me at (702)
279-4040.

Best Regards,
/s/ Linda M. Bullen
Linda M. Bullen
Attorney for GridLiance West LLC

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA**

2 IN THE MATTER OF:
3 Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental
4 Protection Act of an Application to a Federal
5 Agency by GridLiance West LLC to
6 Construct the Pahrump to Innovation
7 Transmission Line Upgrade Project

Docket No. 22- _____

8 **NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE UTILITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT OF**
9 **AN APPLICATION TO A FEDERAL AGENCY BY GRIDLIANCE WEST LLC TO**
10 **CONSTRUCT THE PAHRUMP TO TRANSMISSION INNOVATION LINE UPGRADE**
11 **PROJECT**

12 Pursuant to the Nevada Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), Nevada Revised
13 Statutes (“NRS”) Sections 704.820 to 704.900 and Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”),
14 Sections 703.415 to 703.427 GridLiance West LLC (“GridLiance West”) hereby files a Notice
15 with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) that it is filing,
16 contemporaneous with this Notice, an application with a federal agency to allow it to construct the
17 Innovation to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project which involves upgrading an existing
18 230 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and the Pahrump Substation and the construction of ancillary
19 facilities (the “Project”).

20 All correspondence related to this Notice should be sent to the undersigned:

21 Linda M. Bullen
22 Bullen Law, LLC
23 8635 W. Sahara Ave. #454
24 Las Vegas, Nevada 89117
25 linda@bullenlaw.com
26 702-279-4040

27 Tracy C. Davis
28 Senior Counsel
29 GridLiance West LLC
30 5920 W. William Cannon Dr., Bldg. 2
31 Austin, TX 78749
32 tracy.c.davis@nexteraenergy.com
33 (512) 236-3141

34 The Project falls within the definition of a “utility facility” pursuant to NRS 704.860.2 (a)

as an electric transmission lines and transmission substations that are designed to operate at 200 kilovolts or more. Because the Project is located partially on federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”), an environmental analysis of the Project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”), 42 U.S.C. §4321 must be conducted. Accordingly, this Notice is being filed pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(a) and NAC 703.421. No later than 30 days after the issuance of the final federal environmental document, GridLiance West will file a UEPA Application with the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) that contains the federal environmental document. Upon submission of the Application and supporting documents, GridLiance West will seek one or more Permits to Construct (“PTCs”) the Project from the Commission.

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is filing the application with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.1).

Alona Sias
GridLiance West LLC
1 California Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
713-816-1879

2. The date on which the application was filed with the appropriate federal agency (NAC 703.421.2).

The SF 299 for the Project is being filed with the BLM contemporaneously with this Notice, on October 19, 2022.

3. A general description of the location of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.3).

The Project extends approximately 34 miles from Pahrump Substation to the Innovation Substation in Nye County,

4. A general description of the proposed utility facility (NAC 703.421.4).

The Project will consist of either: 1) approximately 19 miles of upgraded double-circuit 500-kilovolt (“kV”), a new 500-kV/230-kV substation, and 15 miles of upgraded double-circuit

230-kV alternating current (“AC”) overhead transmission line (the 500-kV option); or 2) 34 miles of upgraded double circuit 230-kV transmission line (the 230-kV option) as well as the decommissioning and removing of approximately 34 miles of existing single-circuit 230-kV overhead transmission line. In addition, the Project requires upgrades and expansions at the existing Pahrump Substation and Innovation Substation.¹ The 500-kV option would include a new 500-kV/230-kV substation.

5. Proof that a copy of the notice has been submitted to the Nevada State Clearinghouse within the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (NAC 703.421.5).

A copy of this Notice has been submitted to the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission, the Nevada Attorney General’s Bureau of Consumer Protection, Nevada State Clearinghouse, the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources - Division of Environmental Protection, the Nye County Clerk and others. *See* Certificate of Service attached to this Notice as Exhibit A.

6. Draft Notice (NAC 703.1620).

A copy of the draft notice pursuant to NAC 703.162 is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

7. Proof of Compliance with the Nevada Department of Wildlife Energy Cost Recovery Fund Program (NRS 701.600-640).

Pursuant to NRS 701.610, a person who files an application with the Federal Government for a lease or easement for a right-of-way for an energy development project or an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada or any county in this State relating to the construction of an energy development project shall, concurrently with the filing of the application, file a notice of the energy development project with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (“NDOW”). The NDOW Application for Energy Projects Fund for the Recovery of Costs for the Project was filed on October 17, 2022, and a copy is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

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¹ The upgrade to the Innovation Substation is included in Docket No. 22-06042.

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III. CONCLUSION

GridLiance West will submit its UEPA Application at the conclusion of the federal environmental review process. At that time, it will request that the Commission issue to it one or more UEPA Permits to Construct the Project pursuant to NRS 704.870(2)(b) and NAC 703.423.

Respectfully submitted on October 19, 2022.

Linda M. Bullen
/s/ Linda M. Bullen
Bullen Law, LLC
Attorney for GridLiance West LLC

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EXHIBIT A

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

It is hereby certified that on October 19, 2022 a true and correct copy of the attached Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by GridLiance West LLC to Construct the Pahrump to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project was served via electronic mail on the following:

Staff Counsel Support
Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701
pucn.sc@pucn.nv.gov

Office of the Attorney General
Bureau of Consumer Protection
Mr. Ernest Figueroa
100 North Carson Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-4717
bcp@ag.nv.gov

Public Utilities Commission of Nevada
Mr. Don Lomoljo, Staff Counsel
1150 E. William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701-3109
dlomoljo@puc.nv.gov

Nye County Clerk
101 Radar Road
P.O. Box 1031
Tonopah, NV 89049
mkampf@co.nye.nv.us

State Clearinghouse
Division of State Lands
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 5003
Carson City, NV 89701-5246
nevadaclearinghouse@lands.nv.gov

Nevada Division of Environmental
Protection
Mr. Greg Lovato, Administrator
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249
glovato@ndep.nv.gov

Dated: October 19, 2022

/s/ Linda M. Bullen
Bullen Law, LLC

Exhibit B

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA DRAFT NOTICE (Applications, Tariff Filings, Complaints, and Petitions)

Pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) 703.162, the Commission requires that a draft notice be included with all applications, tariff filings, complaints, and petitions. Please complete and include **ONE COPY** of this form with your filing. (Completion of this form may require the use of more than one page.)

A title that generally describes the relief requested (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(a)):

Notice Pursuant to the Utility Environmental Protection Act of an Application to a Federal Agency by GridLiance West LLC to Construct the Pahrump to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project

The name of the applicant, complainant, petitioner, or the name of the agent for the applicant, complainant or petitioner (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(b)):

**The applicant is GridLiance West LLC (“GridLiance West”).
Linda M. Bullen of Bullen Law, LLC is legal counsel for the applicant.**

A brief description of the purpose of the filing or proceeding, including, without limitation, a clear and concise introductory statement that summarizes the relief requested or the type of proceeding scheduled **AND** the effect of the relief or proceeding upon consumers (*see* NAC 703.160(4)(c)).

GridLiance West is filing a Notice of an Application to a Federal Agency with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (the “Commission”) for an application with the Bureau of Land Management to construct the Pahrump to Innovation Transmission Line Upgrade Project which involves upgrading an existing 230 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line, upgrading an existing substation, potential construction of a second substation and construction of ancillary facilities.

A statement indicating whether a consumer session is required to be held pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (“NRS”) 704.069(1)¹:

A consumer session is not required.

If the draft notice pertains to a tariff filing, please include the tariff number **AND** the section number(s) or schedule number(s) being revised.

The draft notice does not pertain to a tariff filing.

¹ NRS 704.069 states in pertinent part:

1. The Commission shall conduct a consumer session to solicit comments from the public in any matter pending before the Commission pursuant to NRS 704.061 to 704.110 inclusive, in which:

(a) A public utility has filed a general rate application, an application to recover the increased cost of purchased fuel, purchased power, or natural gas purchased for resale or an application to clear its deferred accounts; and

(b) The changes proposed in the application will result in an increase in annual gross operating revenue, as certified by the applicant, in an amount that will exceed \$50,000 or 10 percent of the applicant’s annual gross operating revenue, whichever is less.



Exhibit C

Application for Energy Projects "Fund for the Recovery of Costs"

Nevada Revised Statutes 701.600-640
Nevada Administrative Code 701.800-820

Applicant:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Self
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Project Name Pahrump to Innovation Upgrade Project
Applicant GridLiance West LLC
Mailing Address 210 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 900
City Irving State TX Zip Code 75062
Name of Contact Ray Loving Phone 346-234-5636 Email raymond.lovings@nee.com
Name of Responsible Corp. Officer/Agency Rep. Alona Sias Title Executive Director, Western Region

Project Type

☐ Solar ☐ Wind ☐ Geothermal ☐ Fossil Fuel ☐ Biomass ☐ Fuel Pipeline ☒ Power Transmission ☐ Other

Net Maximum Generation Capacity _____ MW Estimated Voltage (power transmission) 230/500 kV

Proposed Project Size (acres) 936.7 Proposed Transmission Length (miles) 43.2 (existing)

Proposed Length of Fuel Lines/Pipelines (miles) _____


Other Infrastructure (e.g., evaporation/holding ponds or tanks, recharge stations; estimated acres) _____

Access roads and temporary use areas _____

Proposed County Location (submit project map and shapefiles) _____

Project Description See Attachment 1

Estimated Project Schedule/Timeline See Attachment 1

Applicant Signature  Date 10/17/2022

Enclose initial payment made out to **Nevada Department of Wildlife.**

- Remit **\$5,000** for fuel pipelines less than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and less than 50 miles in length, or geothermal production projects.
- Remit **\$10,000** for fuel pipelines more than 50 miles in length, power transmission projects greater than 50kV and more than 50 miles in length, or solar, wind, fossil fuel or other energy production projects.

Submit project shapefiles (ArcGIS or GoogleEarth are acceptable) to: Jasmine Kleiber at jkleiber@ndow.org

Submit application, payment, and maps to:

Nevada Department of Wildlife
Habitat Division – AB307
6980 Sierra Center Parkway, Suite 120

Attachment 1

Project Description

GridLiance is proposing to amend a portion of its existing transmission line ROW grant, ROW Grant N-95159, to upgrade an existing single-circuit 230-kV overhead transmission line system. The location of the upgraded transmission line would generally be adjacent to the existing single-circuit 230-kV transmission line alignment (BLM ROW N-95159). The transmission line upgrade would also require upgrades and expansions at the existing Pahrump and Innovation Substations. The Pahrump Substation and potential expansion are located on private property; these upgrades are described in more detail in GridLiance's ROW amendment application for the Trout Canyon to Pahrump Transmission Line Upgrade Project. The Innovation Substation is located on BLM-administered land (BLM ROW N-95420) and its upgrades have been submitted as a component of GridLiance's ROW amendment application for the Innovation to Northwest Transmission Line Upgrade Project. The existing overhead transmission system is approximately 35 miles long and comprised of two segments of single-circuit 230-kV transmission line. Portions of the single-circuit transmission line (Pahrump to Johnnie Corner segment) are hung on poles and in a ROW that is shared with 138-kV infrastructure owned and operated by VEA. The approximately 35 miles of existing 230-kV transmission line would be decommissioned during or following construction of the upgraded transmission line. Structures not supporting the VEA 138-kV transmission line will be removed.

From the Pahrump Substation to the proposed Johnnie Corner Substation, the upgraded transmission line would be a double-circuit 500-kV (the 500-kV option) or a 230-kV system (the 230-kV option). From the proposed Johnnie Corner Substation to the Innovation Substation, the upgraded transmission line would be a double-circuit 230-kV system. The proposed Johnnie Corner Substation would only be required for the 500-kV option and would not be constructed for the 230-kV option. The upgraded transmission line would also require ancillary facilities, e.g., access roads, laydown yards, and substation improvements; and a short-term construction ROW for areas where construction activities would be required outside of areas within the requested permanent ROW. Construction activities that would be required outside of areas within the requested permanent ROW include pulling and tensioning sites, temporary access roads to existing structures for decommissioning the existing 230-kV transmission line, and laydown yards that are located on BLM-administered lands.

Project Schedule

Project Phases	Dates
Permitting	June 2022 – December 2023
Construction	December 2023 – June 2025