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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the ON Line Project, a proposed 236-mile long 500 kV electric transmission line, a new substation near Ely, Nevada, a loop-in of an existing transmission line to the proposed substation, expansion of an existing substation, and a fiber-optic line dedicated to operation of the transmission line. The electric transmission line would extend south from a new substation northwest of Ely through White Pine, Nye, Lincoln, and Clark counties to the existing Harry Allen Substation near Las Vegas. The expansion of the existing substation would occur in Eureka County. The proponent is NV Energy. The Bureau of Land Management, Ely District Office is the lead agency for the EIS with cooperation from the Southern Nevada BLM District, and White Pine County.

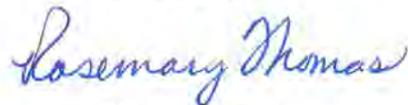
A DSEIS has been prepared because the proposed action was a part of the Ely Energy Center (EEC) Project, which also included a 1,500 megawatt coal-fired power plant. A Draft EIS for the EEC Project, including the transmission line, was made available for public comment in January 2009. In February 2009, NV Energy announced it was postponing indefinitely construction of the power-plant and the associated power plant facilities. In April 2009, the BLM received an amended application from NV Energy for the transmission line, substation, and fiber-optic line only. The project was renamed the ON Line Project. All comments received on the EEC DEIS that applied to the transmission line, substation, and/or fiber-optic line have been carried forward into the development of the ON Line DSEIS.

The comment period ends 45 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of this DSEIS in the Federal Register. The publication date of the NOA is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of this DSEIS may be submitted in writing to: ON Line Project SEIS, Bureau of Land Management, 702 N. Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301, Phone (775) 289-1800. E-mailed comments must be submitted in Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf), MS Word (*.doc), or rich text format (*.rtf) to michael_dwyer@blm.gov.

At least two public meetings to accept verbal and written comments will be conducted. Dates, times, and locations will be made public via local media outlets and on the BLM Ely District Office website (www.blm.gov, click on Nevada on the map of the United States, click on Ely on the Nevada map).

All comments received during the public comment period will be fully considered and evaluated for preparation of the Final SEIS. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Michael Dwyer, EIS Project Manager (702) 821-7102.

Sincerely,



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