

**BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE CORONA WIND</b>	)	
<b>COMPANIES’ JOINT APPLICATION FOR THE</b>	)	
<b>LOCATION OF THE CORONA WIND PROJECTS</b>	)	
<b>AND THE CORONA GEN-TIE SYSTEM IN</b>	)	
<b>LINCOLN, TORRANCE AND GUADALUPE</b>	)	<b>Case No. 18-00065-UT</b>
<b>COUNTIES PURSUANT TO THE PUBLIC</b>	)	
<b>UTILITY ACT, NMSA 1978, §62-9-3</b>	)	
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<b>ANCHO WIND LLC, COWBOY MESA LLC, DURAN</b>	)	
<b>MESA LLC, RED CLOUD WIND LLC, TECOLOTE</b>	)	
<b>WIND LLC, VIENTO LOCO LLC,</b>	)	
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<b>JOINT APPLICANTS.</b>	)	
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**NOTICE**

**NOTICE** is hereby given by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (“Commission” or “NMPRC”) of the following:

1. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§62-9-3, 62-9-3.2 and Commission Rule 17.9.592 NMAC, on March 27, 2018, Ancho Wind LLC, Cowboy Mesa LLC, Duran Mesa LLC, Red Cloud Wind LLC, Tecolote Wind LLC, and Viento Loco LLC., (collectively the “Corona Wind Companies” or the “Joint Applicants”) filed a joint application and supporting direct testimony and exhibits (“Joint Application”) with the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (the “Commission”) requesting the Commission enter a Final Order that grants location approval to locate up to 2,200 megawatts (“MW”) of wind generation of the Joint Applicants’ wind energy facilities (collectively the “Corona Wind Projects”) in Lincoln, Torrance and Guadalupe Counties in New Mexico. The Joint Applicants also request approval, to the extent required by law, of the right to construct a 345-kilovolt (“kV”) transmission system and associated transmission facilities,

including a 180-foot right-of-way (“ROW”), located within a 1-mile-wide corridor (collectively “Corona Gen-Tie System” or “Gen-Tie System”) within the same three counties.

2. The Corona Wind Projects which will consist of up to 2,200 MW of wind power facilities located in Lincoln, Torrance and Guadalupe Counties in New Mexico will encompass approximately 300,000 acres of private and state land within the three counties (“Corona Wind Project Area”).

3. The Corona Gen Tie System will be located within the Corona Wind Project Area and will connect the electricity generated by the Corona Wind Projects to one of SunZia Transmission LLC’s two 500-kV transmission lines and related facilities located in Lincoln, Socorro, Sierra, Luna, Grant, Torrance, and Hidalgo Counties in New Mexico (“SunZia Project”).

4. The Corona Wind Projects and the Corona Gen Tie System will be owned by the Corona Wind Companies.

5. The Corona Wind Companies are also requesting a ROW width determination of 180-foot within a 1-mile-wide corridor pursuant to NMSA 1978, §62-9-3.2 to the extent such approval may be required by law. The Joint Applicants state that the 180-foot ROW width is necessary to provide sufficient space for variation in design while addressing electrical safety code requirements and construction and operation considerations for the Corona Gen Tie System to connect the Corona Wind Projects to the SunZia Project in a safe and reliable manner.

6. The Commission has assigned Case No. 18-00065-UT to this Joint Application, and all correspondence, pleadings, comments, and other communications shall refer to that case number.

7. The procedural schedule established in this case is as follows:
  - A. The Corona Wind Companies shall, at their sole expense, publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in Lincoln, Torrance and Guadalupe Counties on or before April 26, 2018;
  - B. The Commission's Utility Division Staff ("Staff") shall file a response to the Joint Application by June 8, 2018 advising the Commission on Staff's position as to the merits of the Joint Application and the need for a public hearing on the location application;
  - C. Any interested person may intervene in this case by filing a motion for leave to intervene pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(A) NMAC and 1.2.2.23(B) NMAC on or before June 25, 2018;
  - D. Staff shall, and Interveners may, file direct testimony by July 10, 2018;
  - E. Any rebuttal testimony shall be filed on or before July 17, 2018, and;
  - F. A public hearing will be held on July 25, 2018, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices in the P.E.R.A. Building, 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504, to hear and receive evidence, arguments, and any other appropriate matters pertaining to the case.

8. In accordance with NMSA 1978, §62-9-3(K), the Commission may approve the Corona Wind Companies' request for location approval without formal hearing if no protest is filed within sixty (60) days after notice has been given that the Joint Application has been filed.

9. The Joint Application may be examined by an interested person at the Commission's website (<http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/>), the Corona Wind Companies' website

(<http://www.coronawindprojects.com>) or at the offices of the Corona Wind Companies and the Commission at the following addresses:

The Corona Wind Companies  
Pier 1, Bay 3  
San Francisco, CA 94111

New Mexico Public Regulation Commission  
P.E.R.A. Building  
1120 Paseo de Peralta  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

10. Pursuant to Commission Rule 17.9.592.13 NMAC, the Joint Application may also be examined by any interested person at:

Town of Carrizozo Public Library,  
c/o Head Librarian  
406 Central Avenue (Hwy 54)  
Carrizozo, NM 88301

Town of Estancia, Public Library  
c/o Angela Creamer - Head Librarian  
601 South Tenth Street  
PO Box 166 Estancia, NM 87016

Moise Memorial Library  
c/o Mary Martinez - Library Director  
208 S. 5th St.  
Santa Rosa, NM 88435

11. Any interested person may appear at the time and place of hearing and make a written or oral comment, pursuant to Commission Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC without becoming an intervenor. Such comments will not be considered as evidence in this case.

12. The procedural dates and requirements provided herein are as provided in the Procedural Order issued in this case and are subject to further order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. Any interested person should contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing date, time and place since hearings are occasionally rescheduled.

13. Anyone filing pleadings, documents or testimony shall serve copies thereof on all parties of record and Staff and the Hearing Examiner by (1) first class mail or hand-delivery and (2) by email as provided by the Procedural Order. Copies served on the Hearing Examiner shall include an electronic version of the filing in word format. All filings shall be e-mailed on the date they are filed with the Commission. Any person whose testimony has been pre-filed will attend the hearing and submit to examination under oath.

14. The Commission's Rules of Procedure, 1.2.2 NMAC, shall apply to this case except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. A copy of the rules may be obtained from the offices of the Commission or at [www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmcc/](http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/nmcc/).

15. All documents mailed to the Commission and its personnel shall be mailed to: New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, P.E.R.A. Building, P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-1269. The following physical address of the Commission shall be used only for special or hand-deliveries: 1120 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504.

16. ANY PERSON WITH A DISABILITY REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CASE SHOULD CONTACT THE COMMISSION AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE HEARING.

**ISSUED** at Santa Fe, New Mexico, this 11th day of April, 2018.

**NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION**