

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Application of 328CH 8me LLC, under the)
provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection)
Act, for a permit to construct the Arida 2a)
Transmission Project consisting of an 8.8-mile)
single or double-circuit 500 kV transmission line)
and associated facilities to interconnect the Arida)
2a Solar Project with the existing Mojave)
Substation, to be located on private and federally-)
managed land in Clark County, Nevada.)

Docket No. 24-10005

At a general session of the Public Utilities
Commission of Nevada, held at its offices
on September 29, 2026.

PRESENT: Chair Hayley Williamson
Commissioner Tammy Cordova
Commissioner Randy J. Brown
Assistant Commission Secretary Trisha Osborne

ORDER

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (“Commission”) makes the following
findings of fact and conclusions of law:

I. INTRODUCTION

On June 26, 2026, 328CH 8me LLC (“328CH 8me”) filed with the Commission an application, designated as Docket No. 24-10005, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), requesting a permit to construct the Arida 2a Transmission Project consisting of an 8.8-mile single or double-circuit 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect the Arida 2a Solar Project with the existing Mojave Substation, to be located on private and federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada (the “Project”).

II. SUMMARY

The Commission grants the application, subject to the satisfaction of the compliances delineated in this order.

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III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- On October 15, 2024, 328CH 8me filed a notice, under the provisions of UEPA, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct a utility facility. 328CH 8me filed the notice of application pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) and Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) Chapters 703 and 704, including but not limited to NRS 704.870(2) and NAC 703.421.
- The Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) participates as a matter of right pursuant to NRS 703.301.
- On October 16, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Application for Federal Approval to Construct a Utility Facility.
- On June 26, 2026, 328CH 8me filed its application for UEPA Permit to Construct a Utility Facility. 328CH 8me filed the application pursuant to NRS and NAC Chapters 703 and 704, including but not limited to, NRS 704.820 to 704.900 and NAC 703.415 to 703.427.
- On July 6, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Application for UEPA Permit to Construct a Utility Facility.
- On September 23, 2026, Staff filed a briefing memorandum (“Staff’s Briefing Memorandum”).
- On September 29, 2026, the Commission voted to accept the recommendations contained in Staff’s Briefing Memorandum.

IV. UEPA PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

328CH 8me’s Position

1. 328CH 8me requests that the Commission grant a UEPA permit to construct the Arida 2a Transmission Project consisting of an 8.8-mile single or double-circuit 500 kV transmission line and associated facilities to interconnect the Arida 2a Solar Project with the existing Mojave Substation, to be located on private and federally-managed land in Clark County, Nevada. Application at 1, 11.)

Staff’s Recommendation

2. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the application; accept and incorporate the findings and conclusions in 328CH 8me’s Determination of National

Environmental Policy Act (“NEPA”) Adequacy and environmental assessment (“EA”) for the Project; and issue a UEPa permit to construct the Project once 328CH 8me obtains and files with the Commission the outstanding permits, licenses, and approvals identified in Staff’s Briefing Memorandum, which are set forth as compliance items in the ordering paragraphs of this order. (Staff’s Briefing Memorandum at 5.) Staff further recommends that the order provide that it will be deemed vacated if the compliance items are not filed within five years of its effective date, and that the order state that no construction may commence on any utility facility that is the subject of the application until the Commission has issued the permit to construct. (*Id.* at 5.)

Commission Discussion and Findings

3. The Commission adopts the analysis and recommendations contained in Staff’s Briefing Memorandum. Accordingly, consistent with Staff’s recommendations, the Commission grants the application subject to the satisfaction of the compliances ordered herein.

4. Pursuant to NRS 704.890, the Commission finds the following:

- a. The Commission accepts and incorporates the findings and conclusions in 328CH 8me’s Determination of NEPA Adequacy and EA for the Project.
- b. In its Determination of NEPA Adequacy and EA for the Project, 328CH 8me determined the nature of the probable effect of the Project on the environment.
- c. The need for the Project balances any adverse effect on the environment.
- d. The Project represents the minimum adverse effect on the environment, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.
- e. 328CH 8me has obtained or is in the process of obtaining all other permits, licenses, and approvals required by federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances.
- f. The Project will serve the public interest.

5. The Commission finds that 328CH 8me must file with the Commission, as compliance items, the outstanding permits, licenses, and approvals enumerated in the Compliances section of the ordering paragraphs below, and that if 328CH 8me does not file all such compliance items within five years of the effective date of this order, this order will be deemed vacated without further action by or order of the Commission.

Therefore, it is ordered:

1. The application of 328CH 8me LLC, designated as Docket No. 24-10005, is granted as provided by and consistent with this order.
2. No construction may commence on any utility facilities that are the subject of this application for a Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct until after the Commission has issued the appropriate Permit to Construct the Project.

Compliances

3. Prior to the issuance of a Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct the Project, 328CH 8me LLC shall file the following with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada:

- a. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management – Determination of National Environmental Protection Act Adequacy.
- b. Clark County Department of Environment and Sustainability – Division of Air Quality – Construction Dust Permit.
- c. Nevada Department of Wildlife – Special Purpose Permit.
- d. Nevada Department of Wildlife – Assembly Bill 307 Energy Planning and Conservation Fund.
- e. Clark County Board of Commissioners – Special Use Permit.

4. Upon the Regulatory Operations Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada's verification of the completion of the compliance items set forth above, the Assistant

Commission Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada must issue to 328CH 8me LLC a Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct the Project.

5. If 328CH 8me LLC does not file with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada all of the requisite compliance items within five years of the effective date of this order, this order is vacated without further action by the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada.

6. The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada may correct any errors that have occurred in the drafting or issuance of this order without further proceedings.

By the Commission,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trisha Osborne", is written over a horizontal line.

TRISHA OSBORNE,
Assistant Commission Secretary on behalf of the
Commissioners

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

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