

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

Amended Application of 326FW 8me LLC, under)
the provisions of the Utility Environmental)
Protection Act, for a permit to construct a single or)
double circuit 500 kV transmission line that will)
extend from the substation on the Arida 1 Solar)
Project to the Mohave Substation and associated)
facilities to be located on private lands and)
federally managed land in Clark County, Nevada.)
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Docket No. 20-06037

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 September 8, 2022, 326FW 8me LLC (“326FW 8me”) filed with the Commission an application, designated as Docket No. 20-06037, under the provisions of the Utility Environmental Protection Act (“UEPA”), requesting a permit to construct the Arida-Mohave Transmission Line Project consisting of a single or double circuit 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line extending from the Arida Solar Project substation to the Mohave Substation, and associated facilities to be located in Clark County, Nevada (the “Project”).

On June 26, 2026, 326FW 8me filed an amended application to reroute an approximately 0.9-mile segment of the 500 kV transmission line, relocate three pole structures from private land to federal lands, and to modify the project’s legal description.

II. SUMMARY

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

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III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

- On June 26, 2020, 326FW 8me filed a notice, under the provisions of UEPA, of an application to a federal agency for approval to construct the Arida-Mohave Transmission Project consisting of a 500 kV transmission line associated with the Arida Solar Project, to be located near Laughlin in Clark County, Nevada. 326FW 8me filed the Notice 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 July 14, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Application for Federal Approval to Construct a Utility Facility.
- On September 8, 2022, 326FW 8me filed its application for UEPA Permits to Construct a Utility Facility and Associated Facilities. 326FW 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 September 14, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Application for UEPA Permit to Construct a Utility Facility.
- On November 21, 2022, Staff filed a briefing memorandum.
- On November 29, 2022, the Commission voted to accept the recommendations contained in Staff’s briefing memorandum filed on November 21, 2022.
- On June 26, 2026, 326FW 8me filed its amended application for a UEPA Permits to Construct a Utility Facility and Associated Facilities. 326FW 8me filed the amended 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 June 29, 2026, the Commission issued a Notice of Amended Application for UEPA Permit to Construct a Utility Facility.
- On September 23, 2026, Staff filed a briefing memorandum.
- On September 29, 2026, the Commission voted to accept the recommendations contained in Staff’s briefing memorandum filed on September 23, 2026 (“Staff’s Briefing Memorandum”).

IV. UEPA PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

326FW 8me’s Position

1. 326FW 8me requests that the Commission grant a UEPA permit to construct a

single or double circuit 500 kV transmission line that will extend from the substation on the Arida 1 Solar Project to the Mohave Substation and associated facilities to be located on private lands and federally managed land in Clark County, Nevada. (Amended Application at 1, 10).

Staff's Recommendation

2. Staff recommends that the Commission grant the amended application; accept and incorporate the findings and conclusions in 326FW 8me's environmental assessment ("EA") for the Project; and issue a UEPA permit to construct the Project once 326FW 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 5-6.) 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 amended application until the Commission has issued the permit to construct. (*Id.* at 6.)

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 amended application subject to the satisfaction of the compliances ordered herein.

4. Pursuant to NRS 704.890, the Commission finds and/or incorporates the following:

- a. Accepts and incorporates the findings and conclusions in 326FW 8me's EA for the Project.
- b. In its EA for the Project, 326FW 8me determined the nature of the probable effect of the Project on the environment.

- c. The benefits of the Project balance 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. 326FW 8me needs and is in the process of obtaining, other federal, state, and local permits, licenses, and approvals for the Project.
- f. The Project will serve the public interest.

5. The Commission finds that 326FW 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 326FW 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 amended application of 326FW 8me LLC, designated as Docket No. 20-06037, 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.
- 3. The requested Utility Environmental Protection Act permit to construct a single or double circuit 500 kilovolt transmission line that will extend from the substation on the Arida 1 Solar Project to the Mohave Substation and associated facilities to be located on private lands and federally managed land in Clark County, Nevada, is granted, subject to the satisfaction of the compliances ordered herein.

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Compliances

4. Prior to the issuance of a Utility Environmental Protection Act Permit to Construct the Project, 326FW 8me LLC shall file the following with the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada:

- a. Department of 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.

5. 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 326FW 8me LLC a Utility Environmental Protection Act permit to construct the project.

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6. If 326FW 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.

By the Commission,



TRISHA OSBORNE,
Assistant Commission Secretary on behalf of the
Commissioners

Dated: Carson City, Nevada

10/14/26

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