

Docket No. L-21261A-23-0219-00225

BEFORE THE ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF RWE RENEWABLES DEVELOPMENT, LLC, IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, SECTIONS 40-360, ET. SEQ., FOR A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AUTHORIZING THE FORGED ETHIC WIND ENERGY INTERCONNECTION PROJECT LOCATED IN COCONINO COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Case No.

NOTICE OF HEARING

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Committee) regarding the Application of RWE Renewables Development, LLC (Applicant) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility to authorize the Forged Ethic Wind Energy Interconnection Project (Project). The Project includes an approximately five-mile transmission line and associated interconnection facilities from the Forged Ethic Wind Energy Project to a planned switchyard to be located along the Moenkopi to Cedar Mountain 500 kV transmission line. All Project components are located in Coconino County, Arizona. A general location map of the Project is attached as Exhibit A.

The hearing will be held at the High Country Conference Center’s 1899 Ballroom, 307 West Dupont Ave Flagstaff, AZ 86001. **The hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. and will continue, as necessary, on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** If any revisions to the hearing schedule are required, they will be noticed on the Project website at <https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/> and on the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) website at <https://www.azcc.gov/arizona-power-plant/meeting-schedule>.

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1 **PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE TAKEN IN A SPECIAL SESSION ON**
2 **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023, BEGINNING AT 5:30 PM, VIA TELEPHONE,**
3 **ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE HIGH COUNTRY CONFERENCE CENTER’S**
4 **1899 BALLROOM, 307 WEST DUPONT AVE FLAGSTAFF, AZ 86001. PUBLIC**
5 **COMMENT MAY BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH HEARING DAY,**
6 **OR AT OTHER TIMES DURING THE HEARING, AT THE DISCRETION OF**
7 **THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.**

8 **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ALL LOCAL AND STATE PUBLIC**
9 **HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES WILL BE FOLLOWED DURING THE**
10 **HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION. RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC**
11 **ACCESS, SAFETY PROTOCOLS, AND REVISIONS TO THE HEARING**
12 **SCHEDULE MAY OCCUR DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATION.**

13 **THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO WATCH THE HEARING ONLINE**
14 **OR LISTEN TO THE HEARING VIA TELEPHONE.** At least 24 hours in advance of
15 the hearing, information regarding online and telephone hearing access, as well as any
16 additional details regarding safety protocols or other revisions to the hearing schedule will
17 be noticed on the Project website at [https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-](https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/)
18 [locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/](https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/). The Chairman, may at his discretion, recess
19 the hearing to a time and place to be announced during the hearing, or to be determined
20 after recess. The date, time, and place at which the hearing will be resumed will be posted
21 on the above-noted Project and ACC websites. **NOTE: NOTICE OF ANY SUCH**
22 **RESUMED HEARING WILL BE GIVEN; HOWEVER, PUBLISHED NOTICE OF**
23 **SUCH A RESUMED HEARING IS NOT REQUIRED.**

24 No tour is planned at this time. If the Committee decides to conduct a tour, notice
25 that includes a map and itinerary of any such tour will be available at the hearing and posted
26 on the Project and ACC websites. Members of the public may follow the Committee on

1 the tour. During the tour, the Committee may hear testimony at stops on the tour
2 concerning what is visible at stops and the relevance of the location and view to the Project.
3 No other discussion or deliberation concerning the Application will occur during the tour.
4 A court reporter or recording device will record any testimony taken on the tour for
5 transcription. Public health and safety protocols specific for the tour will be included on
6 the itinerary.

7 A map of the Project site and detailed information about project facilities and
8 technology are contained in the Application, which is available for inspection at the
9 following locations:

- 10 • ACC Docket Control Center, Phoenix Office, located at 1200 West
11 Washington Street, Suite 108, Phoenix, AZ 85007
- 12 • The Project website: [https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-
13 locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/](https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/)
- 14 • Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, 300 West Aspen Avenue,
15 Flagstaff, AZ 86001
- 16 • East Flagstaff Community Library, 3000 North Fourth Street, Suite 5,
17 Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

18 The Applicant will make available final copies of the pre-filing conference, pre-
19 hearing conference and hearing transcripts at each of the above locations and website.

20 Each county, municipal government, and state agency interested in the Project that
21 desires to be a party to the proceedings shall, not less than ten (10) days before the date set
22 for the hearing, file a Notice of Intent to Become a Party with the Director of Utilities,
23 Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

24 Any domestic non-profit corporation or association formed in whole or in part to
25 promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or
26 other biological values to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interests, to

1 represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the
2 area in which the Project is located desiring to become a party to the proceedings shall, not
3 less than ten (10) days before the date set for the hearing, file Notice of Intent to Become
4 a Party with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West
5 Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

6 The Committee or the Chairman, at any time deemed appropriate, may make other
7 persons parties to the proceedings. Any person may make a limited appearance at the
8 hearing by filing a statement in writing with the Director of Utilities, Arizona Corporation
9 Commission, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007, and the Chairman of the
10 Committee at 2005 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007, not less than five (5) days
11 before the date set for the hearing. A person making a limited appearance will not be a
12 party or have the right to present testimony or cross-examine witnesses.

13 This proceeding governed by Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 40-360 to 40-
14 360.13 and Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R14-3-201 to R14-3-220. No substantive
15 communication, not in the public record, may be made to any member of the Committee.
16 The written decision of the Committee will be submitted to the ACC pursuant to A.R.S. §
17 40-360.07. Any person intending to be a party to the proceedings on the matter before the
18 ACC must be a party to the proceedings before the Committee.

19 ORDERED this __ day of July, 2023.
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21 Adam Stafford, Chairman
22 Arizona Power Plant and
23 Transmission Line Siting Committee
24 Assistant Attorney General
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Pursuant to A.A.C. R14-3-204, the **ORIGINAL** of the foregoing and 25 copies were filed this day of July, 2023 with:

Utilities Division – Docket Control
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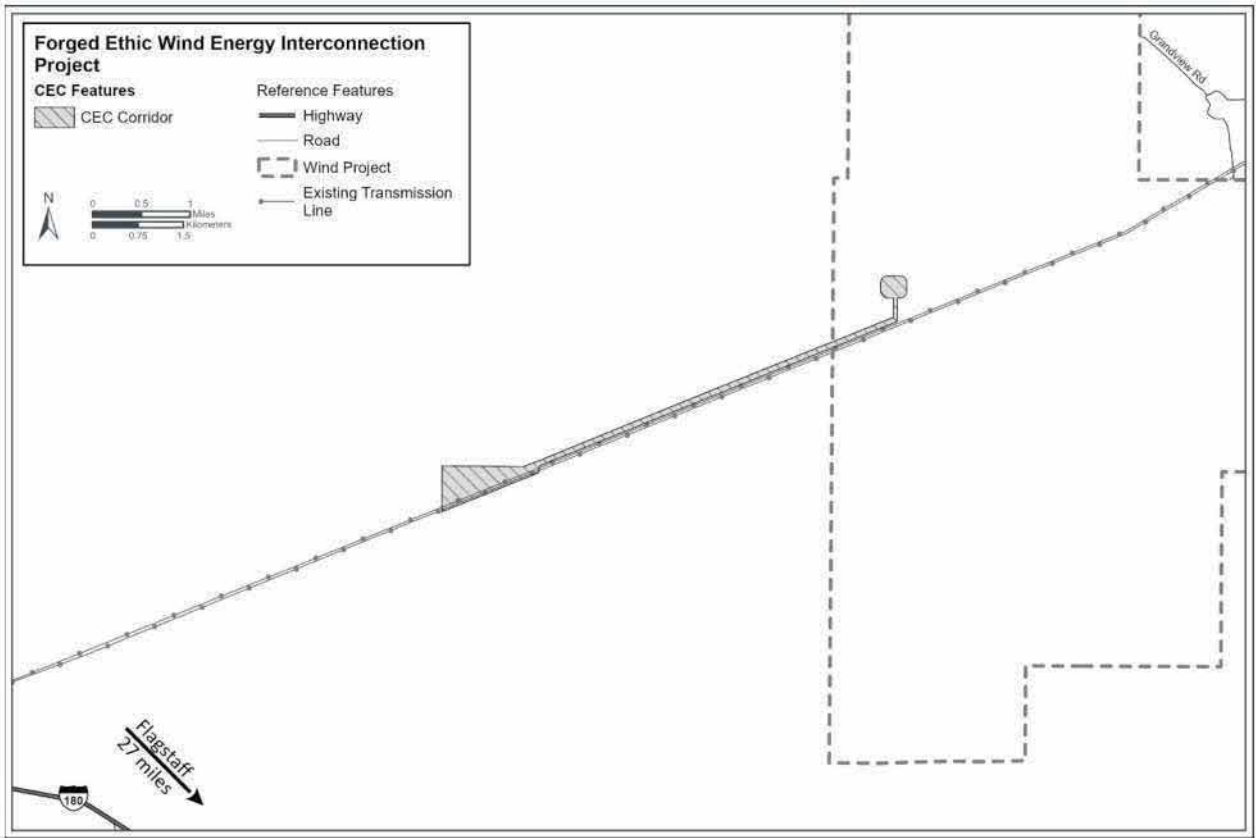
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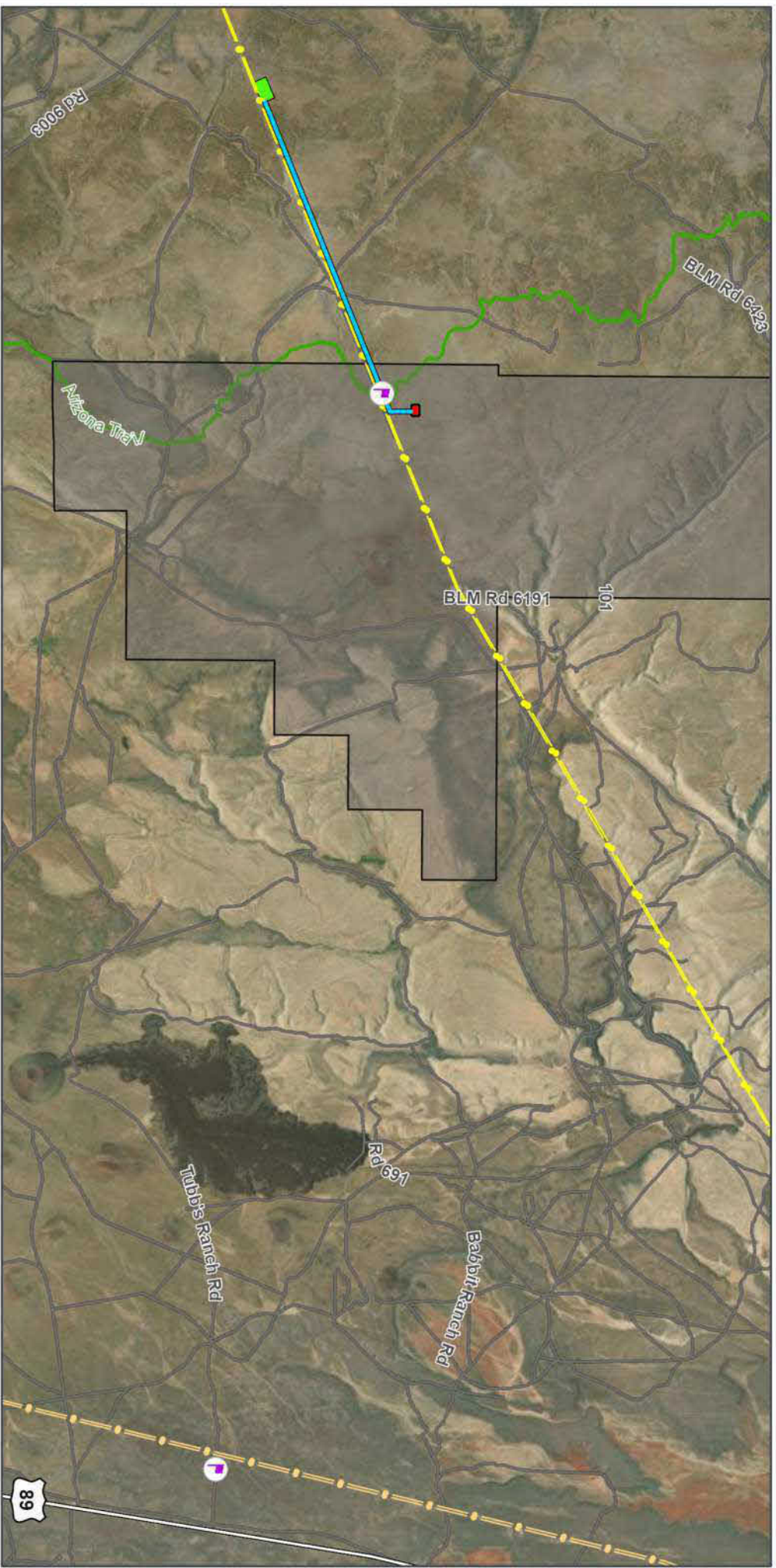
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EXHIBIT A





Reference Features

- Proposed Sign Location
- APS 500-kV Switchyard
- Existing 345 kV Transmission Line
- Existing 500-kV Transmission Line
- Arizona National Scenic Trail
- Highways
- Roads

Project Features

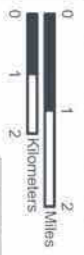
- Forged Ethic Wind Farm
- Project Substation
- Interconnection Project

CEC Features

- Interconnection Project

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 Exhibit 2

Cocconino County, AZ
 NAD 1983 UTM Zone 12N
 35,6507°N 111,701°W



Base Map: Esri ArcGIS Online,
 accessed July 2023

Undated: 7/13/2023
 Project No: XXXXX
 Layout: Sign Location
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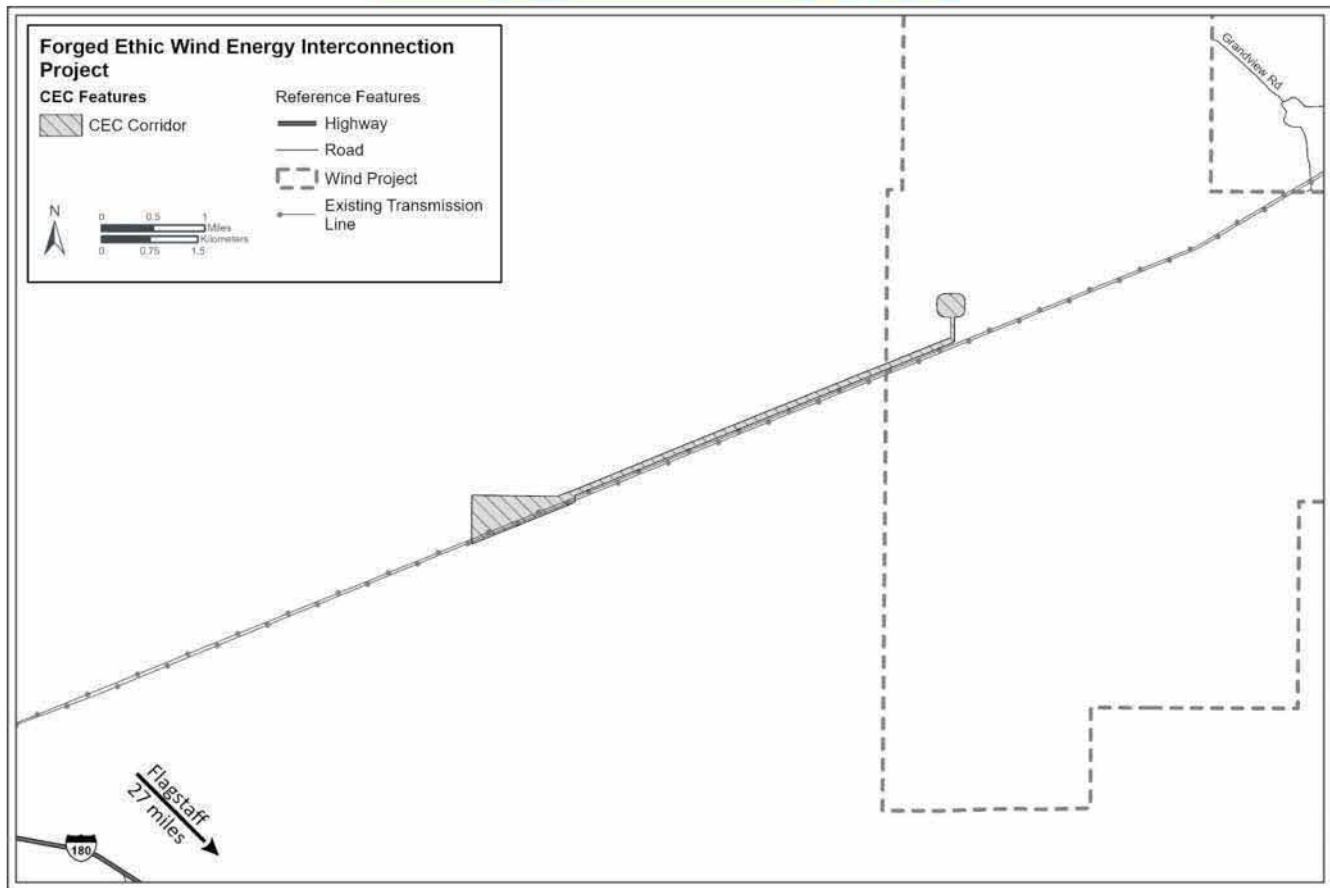
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility

RWE Renewables Development LLC invites the public to attend a hearing for the Forged Ethic Wind Energy Interconnection Project Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC). The CEC hearing will be held before the Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee (Siting Committee) at the following date, time, and location:

September 5, 2023	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	1899 Ballroom 307 West Dupont Ave Flagstaff, Arizona 86001 (same building as the 1899 Bar and Grill)
September 6, 2023	9:30 AM – 5:00 PM	

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The Siting Committee will hear public comments during a special session on September 5, 2023, beginning at 5:30PM. The public is invited to present comments in-person at the 1899 Ball Room or remotely. Instructions for remote participation will be available at: <https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/>.



For more information, visit the project website at <https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/>.

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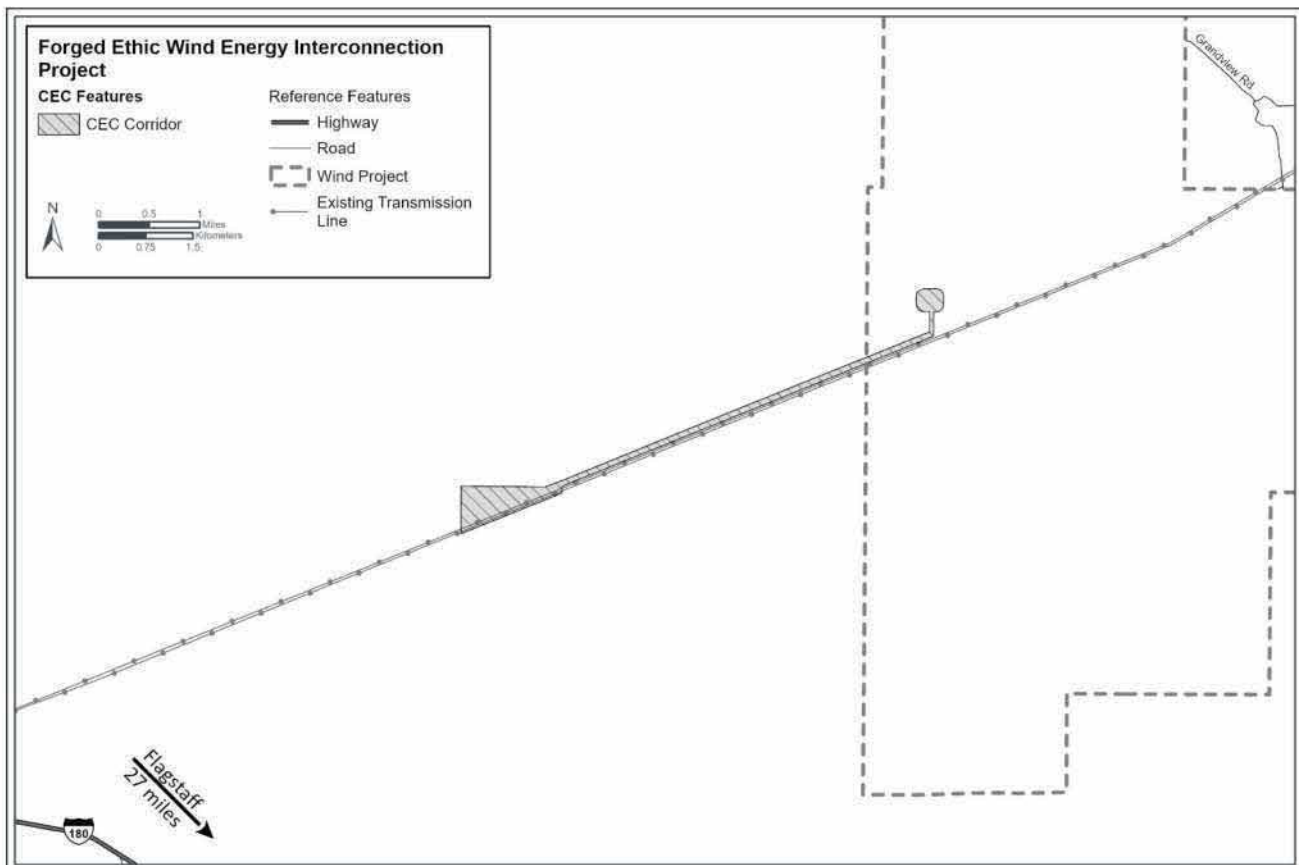
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Additional information about the Interconnection Project, revisions to the hearing schedule (if any), and remote participation links are available at <https://americas.rwe.com/projects-and-locations/forged-ethic-wind-energy-project/>.



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