



April 26, 2023

**Re: Proposed Forged Ethic Wind Energy Project, Coconino County, Arizona**

Dear Neighbor,

RWE Clean Energy, LLC (RWECE) is applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Coconino County and a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) from the Arizona Corporation Commission to construct and operate the proposed Forged Ethic Wind Energy Project (Project) and associated generation-tie transmission line. The Project is located on approximately 29,106 acres of private land and Arizona State Trust Land, in an area that is commonly known as the Babbitt Ranches approximately 25 miles north of Flagstaff, Arizona (see enclosed map).

The Project includes the construction and operation of a 323-megawatt wind energy facility consisting of approximately 102 turbines, meteorological evaluation towers, underground electrical collection lines, project substation, laydown yard, operations and maintenance building, and access roads. The Project also includes an approximately 5-mile generation-tie transmission line and interconnection with the existing Moenkopi to Cedar Mountain 500-kilovolt transmission line operated by Arizona Public Service. The Project would be accessed during construction and operations from U.S. Highway 89 via both existing and proposed access roads. Once constructed, the Project would have an operational lifespan of approximately 35 years.

The overall Project area is approximately 29,106 acres; however, the actual wind facility disturbance footprint would be less than 5% of the total area. The final location and placement of wind turbines will be determined based upon site constraints (e.g., topography, geology, cultural resources). The Project will be designed consistent with the Coconino County Renewable Energy Ordinance. To help minimize Project impacts and support permitting requirements, RWECE has commissioned multiple surveys and investigations for visual simulations, cultural resources, natural resources, and wildlife studies. Additionally, RWECE is conducting ongoing agency consultation and tribal outreach to identify resource constraints and incorporate feedback into the Project. Additional Project information is available on the Project website:

<https://americas.rwe.com/forged-ethic-wind-farm>

### **Public Open House**

Before submittal of permit applications with Coconino County and the Arizona Corporation Commission, RWECE would like to collect public input on the project and will be hosting an in-person open house to meet our team, learn more about our company and the project, and have your questions answered by subject matter experts.

## Public Open House

May 16, 2023

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton Flagstaff

1175 W. Route 66

Flagstaff, Arizona 86001

### Public Comment

To submit comments, please visit the Project website or send them via U.S. mail or email using the addresses below. We respectfully request any comments or questions be provided to us by June 16, 2023, to be incorporated into our CUP and CEC applications.

Forged Ethic Wind Energy Project  
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As RWECE moves forward with a formal application for a CUP and CEC, this Project will become a case at a public hearing of the Coconino County Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of Supervisors, as well as the Arizona Corporation Commission. Notifications of future hearings will be posted on the Project website and may be mailed directly by the county. The Coconino County Community Development Department can be contacted at 928-679-8850 if you have questions about their public hearing process.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

