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Submitted via email to Allyson.Little@nexteraenergy.com

**Subject: Deficiency Letter #1 (DEF-01)- CPUC review of the Application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for Horizon West Transmission, LLC's Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) Application for the Ironwood Transmission Line Project (A.25-09-008)**

Dear Ms. Little:

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) Energy Division has completed its review of Horizon West LLC's (HWT) (U222-E) application and Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) for its Ironwood Transmission Line Project (formerly known as the North Gila to Imperial Valley #2 500 kV Transmission Line Project). An application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) was filed on September 22, 2025 and a PEA was submitted to CPUC on September 24, 2025 (A.25-09-008).

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. require that the CPUC, as lead agency for this project, assess the environmental implications of the project for its use in considering the request for a CPCN. In addition, Section 15100 of the CEQA Guidelines requires the lead CEQA agency to assess the completeness of the project proponent's application. The Energy Division uses CPUC's Guidelines for Energy Project Applications Requiring CEQA Compliance: Pre-filing and Proponent's Environmental Assessments (PEA Guidelines, November 2019) as the guide for determining whether a project application can be deemed complete.

CPUC has evaluated whether chapters in the PEA follow the structural outline and content required in the PEA Guidelines. The application and PEA cannot be deemed complete and is deficient. Overall, the PEA lacks sufficient information for CPUC to proceed with environmental review of the proposed project. Information required pursuant to CPUC's PEA Guidelines is missing and still required as summarized in CPUC's detailed comment matrix as Attachment 1 of this letter submitted in a zip file under separate cover. Additional, more descriptive comments on air quality, greenhouse gas, and noise are forthcoming shortly to provide more guidance on what is required.

We would like to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss this review. Please direct questions related to this application to me at (408) 705-6030 and [boris.sanchez@cupuc.ca.gov](mailto:boris.sanchez@cupuc.ca.gov).

Allyson Little, Horizon West Transmission, LLC

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Sincerely,

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Attachment 1: Detailed Comments