



Date: May 29, 2009

To: City of Las Vegas Planning & Development Department

Subject: Nevada Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy, Acceptable Authorized Signatures

Dear Planning Staff:

A signature authorization letter was provided to Margo Wheeler, Secretary of the Planning Commission, on May 5, 2009 from Paul Kaleta that provided the following.

As of the date of issuance of this letter, Herbert Goforth is an Executive, Technical Services & Support of both SPPC and NPC, now d/b/a NV Energy. As of the date of issuance of this letter, Executives are authorized by senior management to sign contract commitments, expenditure approvals and disbursements on behalf of the Company up to \$1,000,000.

As of the date of issuance of this letter, James R. Saavedra is Director, Land Services for both SPPC and NPC, now d/b/a NV Energy. As of the date of issuance of this letter, Directors are authorized by senior management to sign contract commitments, expenditure approvals and disbursements on behalf of the Company up to \$500,000.

In addition to the above authority, certain transactions binding the Company require signature by leadership employees, as follows:

Land Services Director signature or higher is required for:

- (a) Relinquishments of easement granted on private property or rights contained in government patent rights;
- (b) Grants of easements; and
- (c) Land use permits required by local municipalities.

Mr. Kaleta's authorization letter is in effect until May 5, 2010.

If you have any questions or desire any additional information please contact me at 402-2421.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michelle Baltz".

Michelle Baltz, SR/WA
SR. Land Use Consultant
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Margo Wheeler, AICP
Director, City of Las Vegas
Planning & Development Department
731 South 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Re: Site Design Review for the Northwest Substation Expansion

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

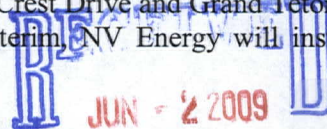
The Northwest Substation has been an intricate part of the electrical system for Nevada Power Company, d/b/a NV Energy since the early 1990's. NV Energy has recently annexed the property into the City of Las Vegas city limits via Annexation 27030, which will be effective June 3, 2009. The annexation changed the existing substation and vacant land to the east from Clark County Zoning R-U to City of Las Vegas Zoning C-V.

The existing substation encompasses 25 acres and NV Energy has a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grant for 5 acres adjacent to the existing substation for the expansion of the facility. The 5 acres is a portion of Assessor's Parcel Number 126-01-201-016, which encompasses approximately 35 acres. Upon completion of the expansion, the substation area will be approximately 30 acres. A Zone Change for the BLM land and a General Plan Amendment for the entire area are being filed concurrently with this application packet.

The Northwest Substation is a facility which contains 500/230 & 138 kV electrical lines and equipment. The transmission structures and "A" frames within the substation range in height from 50' to approximately 190'. The expansion of the facility will involve the addition of 500 kV & 230 kV electrical equipment, ranging in height from 50'-100', and four new poles, approximately 50'-60' tall. The expansion is necessary to enhance the electrical reliability throughout the western portion of the Las Vegas Valley.

In addition to the electrical equipment, the expansion of the substation will involve the construction of a decorative split-face block wall, ranging in height of 8'-10', landscaping and off-sites around the entire 30 acres. ***Due to the location of the existing equipment within the substation area; NV Energy can only accommodate a 10' landscape buffer along the North, East and South boundaries of the property. Your review and support of a variance for the landscaping buffer is greatly appreciated.***

In addition to the variance for the width of the landscape buffer; NV Energy is also seeking approval for a deferment of the landscaping until water is within 500' of the facility. Currently, the nearest water line available for interconnection with is near Egan Crest Drive and Grand Teton, which is approximately 2 miles away from the substation. During the interim, NV Energy will install decorative rocks and boulders around the facility.



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NV Energy has a 300' transmission line and maintenance and access easement across the north 300' of Parcels 126-01-101-015; 126-01-101-007; 126-01-101-008; 126-01-101-009; 126-01-501-012; 126-01-501-002 and 126-01-501-003 which terminates at an 80' wide frontage road west of and adjacent to US Highway 95. Said easement will be utilized as the permanent 32' access road to the Northwest Substation. NV Energy will place type II gravel on said road to comply with Clark County PM-10 Dust Regulations.

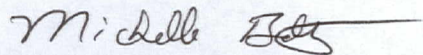
NV Energy is scheduled to start the construction of the block wall mid 2010 and the off-sites in 2011; therefore, we respectfully ask for a three year time to commence construction.

A Neighborhood Meeting for the Zone Change, GPA and the expansion of the facility is scheduled for the evening of June 23, 2009 at the Centennial Hills YMCA in the City of Las Vegas Community Resources Room.

Your review and consideration of this request is much appreciated. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 702-402-2421.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Michelle Baltz, SR/WA
Sr. Land Use Consultant

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