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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: June 22, 2018

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Approve a resolution to sponsor an amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, pursuant to NRS 278.0272(7), to amend the Electrical Utility Corridors South map, to include: (1) a new 300 MW substation and NV Energy switching station located at 21505 Reno Technology Park West; (2) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead transmission lines from the proposed substation to the existing NV Energy Pah Rah switching station located within the Reno Technology Park; and (3) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead transmission line from the proposed substation to the NV Energy Patrick Substation south of I-80, on the south side of the Truckee River in Storey County; this amendment is necessary to support the continued expansion of the Apple Data Center in the Reno Technology Park, in East Truckee Canyon. (APNs 084-191-07, 084-110-20 and 29) (Apple Inc., applicant); and, if approved, authorize the Chair to execute the resolution sponsoring the proposed amendment. (Commission District 4.)

SUMMARY

The Board of County Commissioners (Board) is being requested to sponsor an amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan – Utility Corridors South map to add a new utility corridor for the Sunol substation and new transmission lines. The amendment is necessary to support the continued expansion of the Apple Data Center in the Reno Technology Park, in East Truckee Canyon. (APNs 084-191-07, 084-110-20, and 29)

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Proactive economic development and diversification.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On July 3, 2018, the Washoe County Planning Commission approved a special use permit for the construction of the Sunol 300 MW Substation, a new NV Energy switching station and two new 120kV transmission lines, one from the new substation to the NV

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Energy Pah Rah switching station on the east side of the Reno Technology Park, and a second from the Sunol substation to the NV Energy Patrick Substation in Storey County.

BACKGROUND

The Board is being requested to sponsor an amendment to the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan – Electric Utility Corridors South map to reflect the planned future expansion of the Apple data center campus over the next 12 years. The proposed amendment will have no detrimental impact on any of the adjoining properties.

The amendment to the Truckee Meadows Regional Plan is necessary pursuant to Regional Plan policy 3.8.1, which requires that transmission facilities greater than 60kV be identified on a utility corridor map. The transmission line and generation capacity in this case will be for 120kV. Therefore an amendment to the regional plan is needed. NRS 278.0272(7) states that amendments to the regional plan can be sponsored by the County Commission. Therefore, in order to allow the Apple Inc. data center campus to be developed as planned, the Board would need to sponsor an amendment to the Regional Plan identifying the new project and its associated features.

If the Board approves the resolution to sponsor this amendment, the case is tentatively scheduled to be heard by the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) at their September 12, 2018 meeting.

2012 TRUCKEE MEADOWS REGIONAL PLAN

Policy 3.8.1

The Regional Plan identifies all above ground and underground regional utility corridors and site as shown on Maps 9&10.

The removal of existing or establishment of new utility corridors and sites requires a Regional Plan amendment. A Regional Plan amendment is also required for:

- The relocation of an existing transmission line such that a new easement is required;
- The conversion of above ground transmission lines to underground placement, or
- The conversion of underground transmission lines to above ground placement.

Per NRS 278.0272, Subsection 7, the RPC must hold a public hearing, any person may propose an amendment to the Regional Plan, including an amendment to add, modify or delete regional utility corridors.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution to sponsor an amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, pursuant to NRS 278.0272(7), to amend the Electrical Utility Corridors South map, to include: (1) a new 300 MW substation and NV Energy switching station located at 21505 Reno Technology Park West; (2) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead transmission lines from the proposed substation to the existing NV Energy Pah Rah switching station located within the Reno Technology Park; and (3) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead

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POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be:

“Move to approve a resolution to sponsor an amendment to the 2012 Truckee Meadows Regional Plan, pursuant to NRS 278.0272(7), to amend the Electrical Utility Corridors South map, to include: (1) a new 300 MW substation and NV Energy switching station located at 21505 Reno Technology Park West; (2) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead transmission lines from the proposed substation to the existing NV Energy Pah Rah switching station located within the Reno Technology Park; and (3) a new utility corridor for a 120kV overhead transmission line from the proposed substation to the NV Energy Patrick Substation south of I-80, on the south side of the Truckee River in Storey County; this amendment is necessary to support the continued expansion of the Apple Data Center in the Reno Technology Park, in East Truckee Canyon. (APNs 084-191-07, 084-110-20 and 29) (Apple Inc., applicant); and authorize the Chair to execute the resolution sponsoring the proposed amendment.

Attachments: Attachment A – Resolution - includes Exhibit A to Resolution – Proposed Amendment to the Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency's Electrical Utility Corridor South Map

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