

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO**

STATE OF COLORADO

Case No. 09A-324E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC., (A) FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE SAN LUIS VALLEY-CALUMET-COMANCHE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, (B) FOR SPECIFIC FINDINGS WITH RESPECT TO EMF AND NOISE, AND (C) FOR APPROVAL OF OWNERSHIP INTEREST TRANSFER AS NEEDED WHEN PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

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**CORRECTED TESTIMONY OF MOREY WOLFSON ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNOR'S ENERGY OFFICE**

1 **Q: Why is GEO submitting corrected testimony?**

2 A: After submitting answer testimony in this docket, I learned that my testimony
3 generated uncertainty on the part of some parties regarding the GEO's position in this
4 case. This corrected testimony is intended to clarify the GEO's position.

5 **Q: Specifically, what testimony do you want to clarify?**

6 A: On Page 7, line 9 through 14, of my Answer Testimony I state:

7 "Q: What specific benefits does GEO believe will stem from this Project?

1 A: GEO recognizes that should the Commission approve the Applicant's request for a
2 CPCN, and should the Project receive the necessary siting permits, the result would meet
3 several broad public policy objectives. The Project would simultaneously alleviate
4 transmission constraints, connect approximately 1,500 MW of new generation, and allow
5 the opportunity for future expansion."

6 **Q: How do you want to clarify this testimony?**

7 A: I would clarify my Answer Testimony by stating that it is the GEO's understanding
8 that while nearly 1,500 MW of generation capacity could be delivered as a result of the
9 entire Southern Colorado Transmission Improvement project, approximately 750 MW of
10 increased generation capacity would be capable of being delivered out of the San Luis
11 Valley.

12 **Q: Is there any other testimony you wish to clarify?**

13 A: Yes. On page 8, lines 1 through 4, of my Answer Testimony I state:

14 "Q: Does the GEO have a position relative to the siting of this line?

15 A: No. The GEO recognizes that there are several options regarding siting of this
16 Project. The key step at this juncture to advance this Project is the approval of the CPCN
17 application."

18 **Q: How do you want to clarify this testimony?**

19 A: To clarify any uncertainty over this portion of my Answer Testimony, I want
20 to state that it is GEO's understanding that the CPCN proceeding before the Commission
21 will not determine the routing nor the siting of the line. An Environmental Impact
22 Statement process is currently under way and the EIS will include an analysis of various
23 potential route determinations. It is the GEO's position that those findings should be

1 allowed to conclude prior to a final determination by the PUC of a preferred route. GEO
2 supports the Commission making a determination in the CPCN application that the public
3 interest is served by the applicants' proposal to address the reliability concerns in the San
4 Luis Valley and current capacity constraints for the purposes of providing for delivery of
5 increased renewable generation from the Valley. As part of that determination, the GEO
6 supports the Commission deciding that the public interest is also served by deploying
7 transmission infrastructure that is able to maximize the delivery of solar generation out
8 of the San Luis Valley. The GEO recommends that the Commission consider
9 bifurcating the CPCN determination. We recommend that the Commission first find that
10 the public interest is served by expanding transmission capacity to deliver substantial
11 blocks of renewable energy out of the San Luis Valley, while simultaneously improving
12 the reliability in the Valley. We recommend that the Commission issue a separate
13 determination that addresses the routing subject, pending the outcome of the
14 Environmental Impact Statement. While the local permitting process will be a separate
15 determination from the CPCN determination, we encourage continued PUC interaction
16 with local government and community entities in the deliberation of potential routing
17 and siting alternatives to ensure local participation in the decision making process.

18 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

19 **A:** Yes it does.

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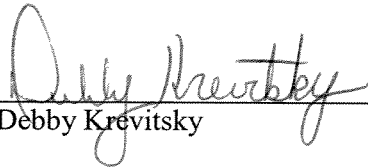
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