



**NEVADA ENERGY COMMISSIONER
RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY AUTHORITY**

Nevada Renewable Energy Tax Abatement Pre-Application Form

(Please refrain from making any changes to this form)

1. Pre-application Filing Date:

March 15, 2013

2. Applying for:

Sales and Use Tax Abatement Only Property Tax Abatement Only Both

3. Name of business applying for the abatement (Please attach a copy of the Nevada State Business License issued by the Secretary of State):

Copper Mountain Solar 3, LLC

4. Name of the proposed facility:

Copper Mountain Solar 3

5. Type of Nevada Facility (please check all that are relevant to the proposed facility):

- Process Heat from Solar Energy
- Geothermal
- Solar PV
- Wind
- Biomass
- Waterpower
- Fuel Cells
- Transmission that is interconnected to a renewable energy or geothermal facility (please include an attachment that describes the transmission facility and its function)
- Transmission that contributes to the capability of the electrical grid to accommodate and transmit electricity produced from Nevada renewable energy facilities and/or geothermal facilities (please include an attachment that describes the transmission facility, anticipated capacity of the transmission allocated for the electricity transmitted from the Nevada Renewable Energy and/or Geothermal Facilities, and the possible Nevada renewable energy and/or geothermal facilities that will be connected to the proposed transmission facility.)

6. List each county, city, and/or town in which the facility will be built:

Boulder City, Clark County, NV

7. Describe the primary and other sources of energy for the operation of the facility:

A Nevada Energy 12kV distribution source will be used for the electricity supply to the administration building for the project. At night, when the facility is not generating electricity, electricity from the grid will be used to keep the transformers energized and inverters in a state of readiness for the following day's operation.

8. Nameplate production capacity of the facility:

250 MW Solar energy generating facility

9. Anticipated capital investment amount:

\$620 MM

10. Describe how the facility will be financed:

There are multiple options for funding the project that are open to Sempra US Gas & Power including project financing.

11. Will the facility or any portion of the facility be located on residential property?

Yes No (Please describe in attachment if yes)

12. Will the facility be built on (please check all that are relevant to the proposed facility:

- Private Land
- BLM Land
- Other Governmental Entity Land
- Other

Please describe each selected:

The project will primarily be constructed on land leased from the City of Boulder City. The transmission line, access road and utilities such as water supply and communications link will be constructed in a BLM Right of Way.

13. Will the facility or any portion of the facility be owned, operated, or otherwise controlled by a governmental entity?

Yes No (Please describe in an attachment if yes)

14. Will funding be provided by a Nevada governmental entity for the acquisition, design or construction of the facility or for the acquisition of any land?

Yes No (Please describe in an attachment if yes)

15. Will the facility be receiving or be awarded other abatements or exemptions from the sale/use taxes and property taxes?

Yes No (Please describe in an attachment if yes)

16. How long is it anticipated that the facility will be operational?

Operational and generating electricity for 25 years.

17. Name of the utility of company with which the applicant has a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) and the length of the agreement (if there is no existing PPA, please include an attachment that describes the plan and phase for the PPA):

A 20 year PPA with the Southern California Public Power Authority ("SCPPA")

18. Anticipated first date of purchasing tangible personal property for the project:

Purchase orders have been issued for long lead time items with delivery on site scheduled to start on July 1, 2013. Contractors will have some purchases prior to July 1, 2013.

19. Anticipated date or time range for the start of construction:

May 2013

20. Anticipated date or time range for the commencement of operation of the facility:

August - December 2015

21. Attach a chart or table for the project phases and provide a short description and timeline for each phase:

May 2013 - Start construction with ground breaking.

February 2016 - Final Completion. See attached EPC Manpower Histogram.

22. How many full-time construction employees will be employed during the second quarter of the construction and how many of them will be residents of Nevada?

See the attached EPC Manpower Histogram

23. How many full-time and part-time construction employees are anticipated to be employed during the entire construction phase and how many of them will be residents of Nevada? (Please provide estimated break down for each quarter)

Up to 450 construction employees are expected at second quarter 2014 peak period. Nevada residents are expected to make up more than 85% of the work force on the site from past history. Construction labor will be unionized labor.

See the attached Manpower Histogram for the EPC contract. Additional contracts for buildings, roads and other improvements that will have additional construction employees and data is not available at this time.

24. Anticipated average hourly wage paid to the employees working on the construction of the facility during the entire construction period (excluding management and administrative employees) ¹ :

Unknown at this time. Unionized labor will be used for this project and contractor will meet all wage requirements for the Renewable Energy Tax Abatements.

25. How many full-time employees will be employed once the facility is operational?

9 to 10 full-time employees are anticipated at this time.

26. Anticipated average hourly wage paid to the operational employees of the facility ¹ :

Average wage for operators is approximately \$34 per hour.

¹ Statewide wage thresholds available at <https://www.nevadaworkforce.com/article.asp?ARTICLEID-2786>

27. Will health insurance plan for construction employees with an option for dependents be offered to all construction employees?

Yes No (Please describe if yes)

Unknown at this time. Unionized labor will be used for this project and contractor will meet all health insurance requirements for the Renewable Energy Tax Abatements.

28. Name, address, telephone number and e-mail of a designated representative(s)

(Please list at least one technical person who is familiar with the proposed facility)

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I, James Asay, by signing this Pre-Application do hereby attest and affirm under penalty of perjury to the following:

- (1) I have the legal capacity to submit this Pre-Application on behalf of the applicant;
- (2) I have prepared and am personally knowledgeable regarding the contents of this Pre-Application; and
- (3) The contents of this Pre-Application are true, correct, and complete.

March 15, 2013

SIGNATURE

DATE

James Asay, Vice President - Tax, Copper Mountain Solar 3, LLC

NAME AND TITLE (Please print)

Sempra Copper Mountain Solar 3

Manpower Histogram

