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Dear Superintendent Carter,

This letter is in response your correspondence dated August 9, 2021, regarding the Greenlink West Transmission Line Project. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office appreciates the National Park Service (NPS)'s solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to earlier identifiable Ancestral Pueblo cultural groups in Nevada. The Hopi Cultural Preservation Office supports the identification and avoidance of our ancestral sites, and we consider the prehistoric archaeological sites of our ancestors to be "footprints" and Traditional Cultural Properties. We are interested in consulting on any proposal that has the potential to adversely affect Ancestral Pueblo prehistoric sites.

We understand the NPS has been notified by the Bureau of Land Management that Nevada Power Company and Sierra Pacific Power Company dba NV Energy are pursuing the construction and operation of the Greenlink West transmission line and BLM have identified a preferred alternative for the proposed line inside Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument.

We share the concern about impacts from a new transmission line in the park that would potentially impact paleontological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, wildlife movements, invasive species populations, natural sound-scapes and visitor access.

We have reviewed the enclosed briefing statement and support the enabling legislation for the park and routing the line in the existing corridor rather than through NPS lands. We object to BLM conducting a public meeting presenting a preferred alternative for the transmission line inside the park, and

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not identifying NPS lands or acknowledging this alignment is outside the existing transmission corridor and would require a ROW from the NPS. We also understand BLM has accepted an application for a utility-scale solar project immediately southwest of the park's north unit.

To enable you in planning and avoiding any potential impacts to cultural and natural resources significant to the Hopi Tribe, please keep us informed of these BLM rogue actions, and how we can support the public, NPS, and elected officials in opposing them. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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