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In reply refer to:
N-76327
2800 (NV-056)

Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Nevada Power Company's (NPC) proposed right-of-way (ROW) application N-76327 to construct, operate, and maintain a 500KV transmission line from the new Harry Allen Substation to the Mead Substation (Boulder City) for your review and comment.

This proposed Harry Allen – Mead Substation 500kV transmission line would meet several purposes that include:

- Provide a greater reliability and capacity for NPC's transmission system
- Increase the ability to distribute available power to meet existing and future demands
- Increase NPC's ability to import power to meet growing electrical demand in the Las Vegas area

The 48-mile line includes BLM-32 miles, Bureau of Reclamation – 8 miles, Western Area Power Administration – 4 miles and private land – 4 miles.

The proposed alignment crosses the eastern portion of the Las Vegas Wash, a perennial drainage into Lake Mead that bypasses Lake Las Vegas. The line would also cross several unnamed ephemeral washes and unnamed ephemeral flood control channels at locations along the proposed alignment. A floodplain assessment is incorporated into this EA and a statement of findings will be published and distributed as required by DOE floodplain/wetland regulations.

The 30-day public comment period for this document will end on close of business on April 3, 2004. Please identify your comments and reference the case file N-76327 and the Harry Allen – Mead 500kV Transmission Line Project. Please send any comments you may have to **Scott Powers, Project Manager, BLM, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301** or emailed to **scott_powers@mt.blm.gov.** If you have any questions, please contact the BLM Project Manager, Scott Powers at (406) 896-5319.

Sincerely,

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