

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Carson City District Office

**CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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**Project Creator:** Matt Simons, Realty Specialist

**Field Office:** Stillwater Field Office

**Lead Office:** Stillwater Field Office

**Case File/Project Number:** N-90997

**Applicable Categorical Exclusion:** H-1790-1, Appendix 4 E(9)

“Renewals and assignments of leases, permits, or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.”

**NEPA Number:** DOI-BLM-NV-C010-2014-0020-CX

**Project Name:** TV Hill 7.2kV overhead power line, substation, and access road.

**Project Description:** Renewal of the expired Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) right-of-way (ROW) originally granted on December 8, 1959. The new grant would reauthorize the existing overhead power line and existing improved access road for another 30 year term. The new grant would authorize, within a 40-foot wide ROW, 2.5 miles of power line (12.121 acres, more-or-less), the TV Hill substation (approximately 50 feet by 25 feet, .029 acres, more-or-less), and approximately 13,650 feet of existing improved access road with a typical width of 12 feet (3.76 acres, more-or-less). A total of 15.91 acres of public land would be contained in the ROW, more-or-less.

The new grant would authorize Sierra Pacific Power Company (NV Energy) to continue to operate the power line in essentially the manner they currently do. In addition to the improved access road described above, other existing roads could be used to access the line to do routine inspections and maintenance. More intensive work, such as replacing poles, clearing work areas, or repairing washed out roads, would require written permission to proceed from the BLM before the work is started. Emergency work to repair damaged portions of the line would be allowed, to the extent needed to put the line back in service. NV Energy would be required to notify the BLM as soon as practicable.

**Applicant Name:** Sierra Pacific Power Company

**Project Location:**

Within the following described parts:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 7 N., R. 29 E.,

sec. 19, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 20, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**BLM Acres for the Project Area:** 15.91 acres, more-or-less.

**Land Use Plan Conformance:**

The proposed action is in conformance with the LUP, even though it is not specifically provided for, because it is clearly consistent with Administrative Actions listed on page ROW-4 of the Right-of-way Corridor section and would comply with the Standard Operating Procedures listed on pages ROW-4 through ROW-6.

**Name of Plan:** Carson City Field Office Consolidated Resource Management Plan (2001)

**Screening of Extraordinary Circumstances:** The following extraordinary circumstances apply to individual actions within categorical exclusions (43 CFR 46.215). The BLM has considered the following criteria: (Specialist review: initial in appropriate box)

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<i>If any question is answered 'yes' an EA or EIS must be prepared.</i>	YES	NO
1. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on public health or safety? (Range)		JP
2. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); floodplains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds (EO 13186); and other ecologically significant or critical areas? (Archaeology, Recreation, Wilderness, Wildlife, Range by allotment, Water Quality)		JW CK ES
3. Would the Proposed Action have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA 102(2)(E)]? (PEC)		JW
4. Would the Proposed Action have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks? (PEC)		JW
5. Would the Proposed Action establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects? (PEC)		JW
6. Would the Proposed Action have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects? (PEC)		JW
7. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the NRHP as determined by the bureau or office? (Archaeology)		JW
8. Would the Proposed Action have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the list of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species? (Wildlife)		CK
9. Would the Proposed Action violate federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment? (PEC and Archaeology)		JW JW
10. Would the Proposed Action have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EA 12898)? ((PEC)		JW
11. Would the Proposed Action limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007)? (Archaeology)		JW
12. Would the Proposed Action contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and EO 13112)? (Range)		JP

**SPECIALISTS' REVIEW:**

During ID Team review of the above Proposed Action and extraordinary circumstances, the following specialists reviewed this CX:

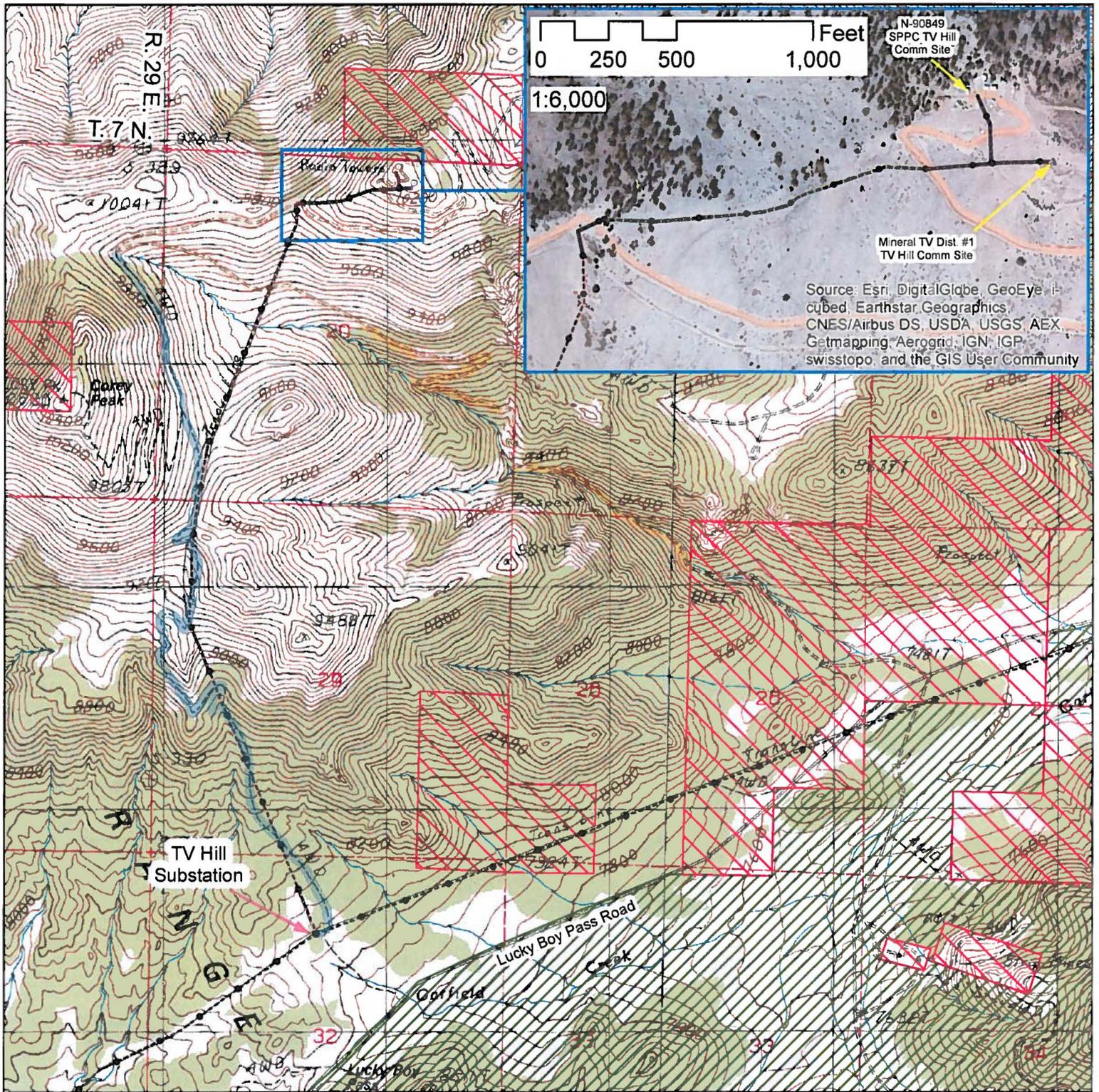
- Planning Environmental Coordinator: Angelica Rose *ADR 6/23/14*
- Public Health and Safety/Noxious Weeds: Jill Devaurs *JD 6-23-14*
- Recreation/Wilderness/VRM/LWC: ~~Dan Westermeyer~~ *Walt Simons ms 6/30/14*
- Wildlife/T&E (BLM Sensitive Species): Chris Kula *CK 6/30/14*
- Archaeology/Paleontology: Jason Wright / Kristin Bowen *JW 6/23/14*
- Livestock Grazing/Wild Horses and Burros: Linda Appel / Chelsy Simerson *CS 6/30/14*
- Minerals: Dave Schroeder / Ken Depaoli *DK 6-30-14*
- Soils/Vegetation: Linda Appel / Chelsy Simerson *CS 6/30/14*

**CONCLUSION:** Based upon the review of this Proposed Action, I have determined that the above-described project is a categorical exclusion, in conformance with the LUP, and does not require an EA or EIS. A categorical exclusion is not subject to protest or appeal.

Approved by:

  
Teresa J. Knutson  
Field Manager  
Stillwater Field Office

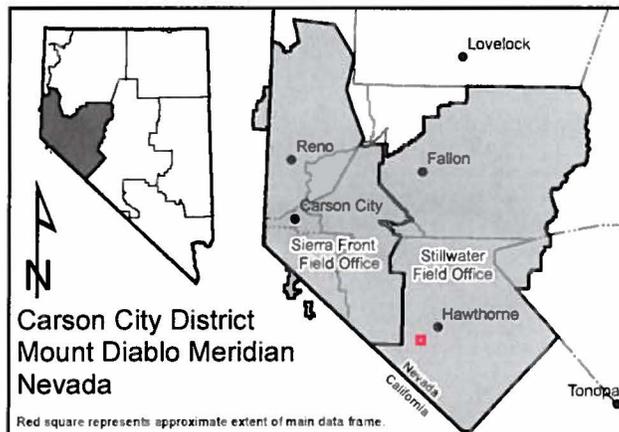
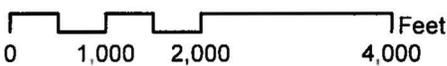
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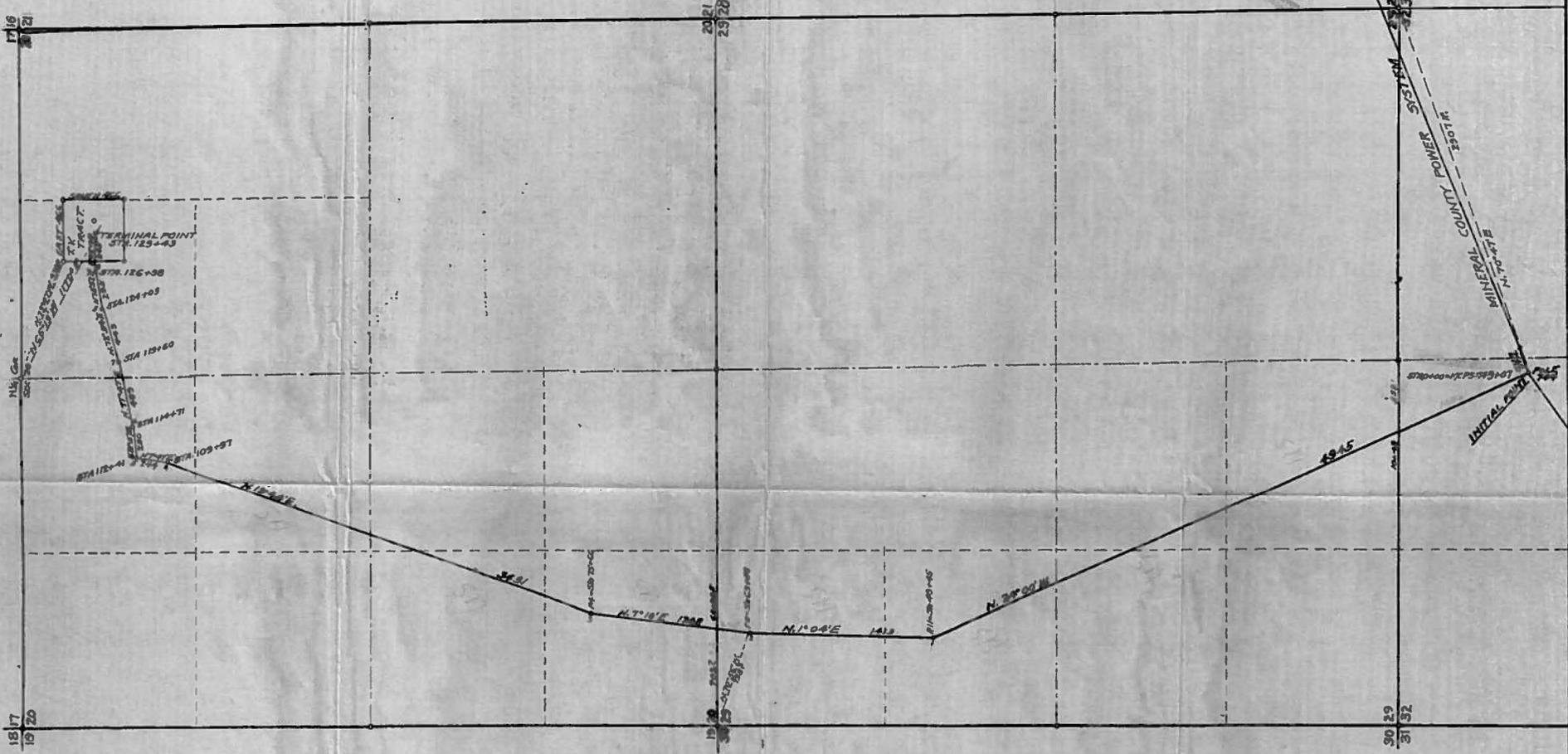
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- N-90849 - TV Hill Comm Site Access
  - N-90997 - TV Hill Power Line Access
  - Electrical distribution line
  - N-90997 - Power Line Segments**
  - Overhead
  - Conduit on ground
  - Buried
  - Surface Mgmt. Status**
  - Forest Service
  - Private
- All lands administered by the BLM unless otherwise indicated.



APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that L. B. Spencer, who subscribed the adjoining statement is the engineer employed by the undersigned applicant to prepare this map which has been adopted by the applicant as the final location of the Power Line thereon; and that this map is filed as a part of the complete application and in order that the applicant may obtain the benefits of the Act of March 4, 1911, (36 Stat. 1253; U.S.C. 361), as amended, and I further state that the right of way herein described is desired for the operation of a T.V. Translator Station.

MT. GRANT T.V. BOOSTER SERVICE INC.  
 BY L. B. Spencer  
 VICE-CASHIER Registered

Attest  
L. B. Spencer  
 July 1959

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1959.

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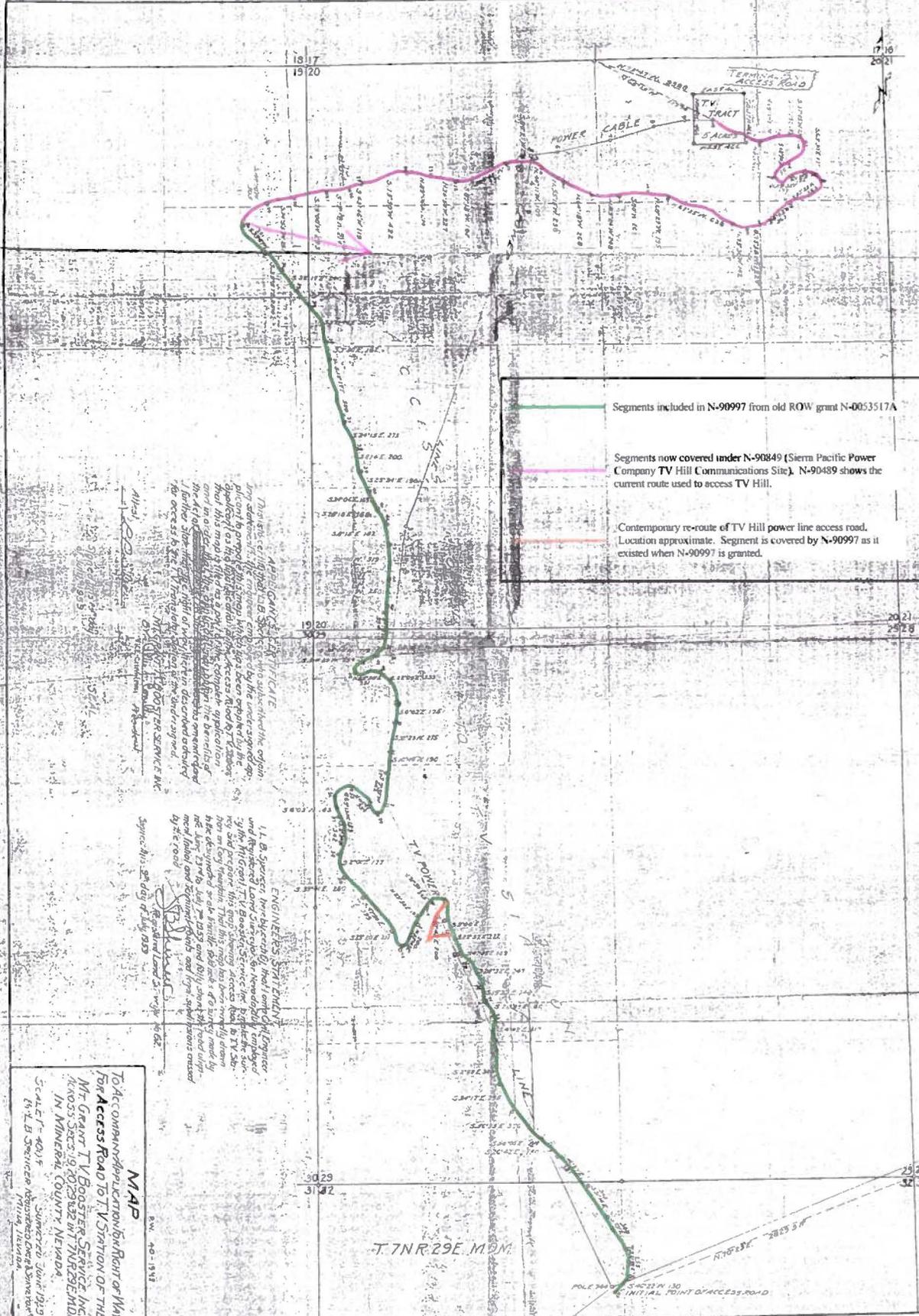
ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

I, L. B. Spencer, hereby certify that I am a Civil Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor for Nevada, duly employed by the Mt. Grant T.V. Booster Service Inc. to make the survey and prepare this map showing Power Line to T.V. Station on Coy Mountain. That this map has been correctly drawn to the designated scale from the field notes of a survey made by me June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> 1959 and fully shows the Power Line Initial and Terminal Points and legal subdivisions crossed by the line and its connection with Mineral County Power System.

L. B. Spencer  
 Registered Land Surveyor No. 62

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1959.

**MAP**  
 TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY  
 FOR POWER LINE TO T.V. STATION OF THE  
 MT. GRANT T.V. BOOSTER SERVICE INC.  
 ACROSS SECS. 29, 29 AND 32 IN T. 19 N. R. 29 E. 14 M. 30 N.  
 IN MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA.  
 SCALE 1"=400' SURVEYED JUNE 1959  
 BY L. B. SPENCER REGISTERED ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR  
 MINA, NEVADA



Segments included in N-90997 from old ROW grant N-0053517A

Segments now covered under N-90849 (Sierra Pacific Power Company TV Hill Communications Site). N-90489 shows the current route used to access TV Hill.

Contemporary re-route of TV Hill power line access road. Location approximate. Segment is covered by N-90997 as it existed when N-90997 is granted.

**ADVERSE CLAIMS CERTIFICATE**

This site is being used by B. Stevens, who submitted the original application for the right-of-way. The engineer completed the original plan and certificate of title for the original right-of-way. Access roads to the site are shown on the original plan and certificate of title. The original right-of-way was granted by the State of Nevada on 10/10/1929. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased.

**11. B. Stevens (now deceased), the former Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor, the holder of the original right-of-way, has died. His estate is being administered by the Nevada State Trust Company. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased. The original right-of-way was granted to B. Stevens, who is now deceased.**

**MAP**

TO ACCOMPANY APPLICATION FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR ACCESS ROAD TO TV STATION OF THE MT. GARANT TV BROADCASTING STATION INC. 4003 DEERWOOD DRIVE IN WAREHOUSES IN MINERAL COUNTY, NEVADA.

SCALE 1" = 400' SURVEYED June 1929 BY V. L. STURGEON Registered Professional Engineer Nevada

T. 7N R. 29E M. 20M

POLE MARK INITIAL POINT OF ACCESS ROAD