



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Burns District Office  
28910 Hwy 20 West  
Hines, Oregon 97738

IN REPLY REFER TO:

2800 (ORB070)  
OR-65891

May 18, 2012

### LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Guy Piazza  
Manager  
Echanis, LLC  
1111 Main Street, Suite 110  
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Dear Mr. Piazza:

Over the past four months, through extensive meetings and discussions between Echanis LLC, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Harney County Court, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), a Habitat Mitigation Plan (HMP) was finalized to benefit the habitat of many different species that rely upon sagebrush steppe habitat. The HMP is attached to this letter and made part of this agreement.

This Letter of Agreement between the BLM and Echanis, LLC defines and explicitly limits the financial obligations of Echanis LLC with respect to the HMP. Echanis has requested BLM to implement actions and monitoring required in the HMP due to the expertise BLM staff possess in these areas. The BLM has determined we can complete the aspects described in the HMP and monitoring for a total of [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] per acre.

Echanis, LLC will pay the above funds to BLM within 30 days of the surface disturbing activities for the North Steens Transmission Line Right-of-Way (ROW), OR-65891. This one-time payment will satisfy Echanis, LLC's obligations with respect to the HMP for the term of the ROW. This requirement becomes part of the HMP as required by the Record of Decision (ROD) signed by the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar. In addition, this requirement becomes a stipulation to the ROW grant signed and authorized by the Burns District Manager, on March 16, 2012. Failure to pay the mitigation costs within 30 days of surface disturbing activities on federal lands may result in the BLM issuing an immediate temporary suspension of your activities, in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.16 (b). In addition, BLM may suspend or terminate your grant if you do not comply with terms and conditions of the grant, including the obligation to provide funding for the HMP, in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.17 (a).

Upon receipt of the funding for the HMP, discussed above, Echanis, LLC will have fulfilled their obligation for habitat mitigation on lands administered by the BLM, as required by the ROD. If the mitigation actions prove to be unsuccessful based on monitoring, BLM will conduct further actions on additional acreage as BLM deems necessary. No further funding or commitment will be required of Echanis, LLC or the holder of the ROW OR-65891. If mitigation requires less funding than originally estimated in the HMP, no refund will be given to Echanis, LLC. All funds will be deposited in a contributed fund account for BLM to implement the actions described in the HMP for the term of the 30-year ROW.

If you agree to the conditions stated in this letter, please sign below and return to our office immediately.

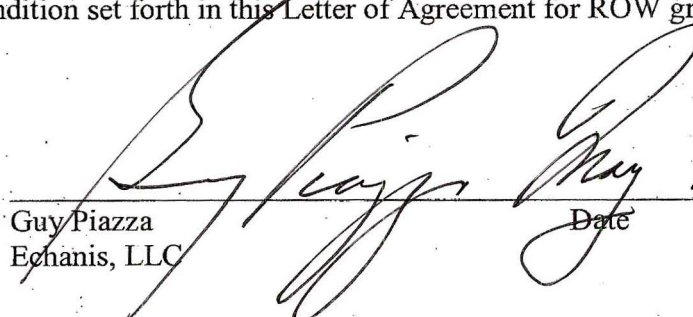
If you have any questions, please contact me at (541) 573-4400.

Sincerely,



Brendan Cain  
District Manager

I concur with the condition set forth in this Letter of Agreement for ROW grant, OR-65891.



Guy Piazza  
Echanis, LLC

May 18, 2012  
Date