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In Reply Refer To:
EA FO10-2009-9

February 4, 2010

Re: Application for Transportation and Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands for a Power Line Right-of-Way – COF 658-BOR

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is providing you with an unsigned copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the City of Farmington, COF 658-BOR.

The City of Farmington has indicated their intent to construct a power line to serve Devon Energy Corp. NEBU #466A well in the Simms Mesa area and is within the BLM Farmington Field Office (FFO), San Juan County, New Mexico. The proposed right-of-way project would be located within the following Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACECs):

San Juan No. 1 Bald Eagle ACEC

The project area is located within portions of sections 2 and 3 of Township 30 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principle Meridian (NMPM).

The enclosed document serves as notice of the environmental analysis process to fulfill the requirement of the National Environmental Policy Act. A 20 work-day public comment period will begin on **February 8, 2010** and end **March 4, 2010**. If you are interested in participating in the process and have concerns, issues or alternatives you would like to see addressed, we request you respond by supplying your written or e-mail comments to:

Address: Marcy Romero, Realty Specialist
Transportation, Utility Systems and Facilities on Federal Lands – COF 658 BOR
Bureau of Land Management Farmington Field Office
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A Farmington, NM 87401
E-mail: marcella_romero@blm.gov

(Please add “*Right-of-Way – COF 658 BOR*” in the subject line)

The EA will be available on the Farmington BLM homepage at http://www.blm.gov/nm/st/en/fo/Farmington_Field_Office.html. Your comments are important and will be considered in the final environmental analysis process. Please note that public comments submitted for this review, including names, e-mail addresses, and street addresses of the respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Marcy Romero at (505) 599-6339 in Farmington, New Mexico.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill Liess
Branch Chief, Environmental Protection
and Realty

1 Enclosure

Environmental Assessment: COF 658 Powerline Right-of-Way