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Dear Reader:

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Virginia Peak Wind Right-of-Way Application, DOI-BLM-NV-C020-2010-0015-EA, is available for your review and comment. The document may be viewed on-line at: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carson_city_field.html. Hard copies are also available at the Carson City District Office.

The EA analyzes the potential direct, indirect and cumulative effects to the human environment from a Proposed Action and No Action Alternative associated with a right-of-way application (ROW) submitted to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Virginia Peak Wind Company, LLC (VPWC), a subsidiary of Nevada Wind, LLC, is requesting a ROW authorization from the BLM to build a 3,372 foot segment of new road on public land and cross public land with four aerial transmission line corner crossings. The proposed road segment and transmission line would be located within the Pah Rah Range in Washoe County, Nevada, east of the community of Warm Springs and 20 miles northeast of the city of Sparks. VPWC intends to use Microwave Road to haul equipment and components to its Virginia Peak wind energy generation facility which is located on private land. Energy generated by the facility would be fed into the NV Energy's energy grid, via a transmission line to NV Energy's East Tracy Substation adjacent to the Truckee River in Tracy, Storey County, Nevada.

VPWC is requesting a new ROW to include the following project elements:

1. Construct 3,372 linear feet of road to bypass a switchback on Microwave Road:
 - 35-foot-wide all weather gravel road;
 - 100-foot-wide permanent ROW;
 - Township 22 North (T22N), Range 22 East (R22E), Section 36 NW1/4NW1/4.

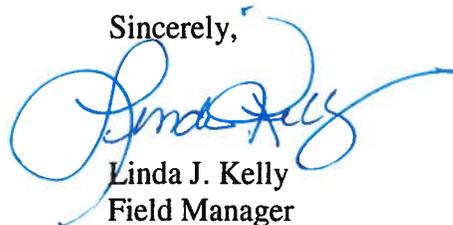
2. Cross public land with 120 kV electrical transmission line wires at four locations. No electrical structures would be constructed on public land:

- 60-foot-wide permanent ROW;
- 1,130 linear feet within T20N, R22E, Section 4;
- 60 linear feet within T20N, R22E, Section 8;
- 160 linear feet within T20N, R22E, Section 16;
- 300 linear feet within T20N, R22E, Section 20.

Comments on the *Virginia Peak Wind Right-of-Way Application EA* will be accepted for 30 days until November 17, 2010. Interested individuals should mail written comments to the Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Rd., Carson City, NV 89701 attn: Colleen Sievers, Sierra Front Field Office, Energy Program Manager or send an email to: colleen_sievers@blm.gov. Comments can also be faxed to: (775) 885-6147 attn: Colleen Sievers.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Colleen Sievers, Energy Program Manager at: (775) 885-6000.

Sincerely,



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