

APPENDIX A – LETTERS TO AGENCIES AND TRIBES

- Sample Invitaiton Letter to Cooperating Agencies
- Sample Letter to Tribes



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MAY 28 2009

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) would like to inform you of two applications for rights-of-way (ROW) on public land, invite you to become a Cooperating Agency on one or both projects and participate in the environmental analysis associated with the projects. Based on our review of the application, National Historic Trails may be crossed by proposed or alternate routes.

Overview of Proposed Projects

Two transmission line projects have been proposed: Gateway South and TransWest Express.

Gateway South Transmission Line Project

The project Applicant for Gateway South is PacifiCorp (doing business as Rocky Mountain Power). Gateway South is an extra-high-voltage transmission line extending from south-central Wyoming to southern Nevada, traversing Utah, and potentially crossing northwestern Colorado, a distance of approximately 750 miles. The proposed project includes a double-circuit 500-kilovolt (kV) alternating current (AC) transmission line beginning near Hanna, Wyoming, and extending south and west to the Mona Annex Substation, near Mona, in Juab County, Utah. A single-circuit 500kV or 345kV AC transmission line will extend from the Mona Annex Substation south and west, interconnecting with the existing Sigurd and Red Butte substations in southern Utah, before continuing farther south and terminating at the Crystal Substation, near Glendale, north of Las Vegas, Nevada. When completed, this project will transmit up to 3,000 Megawatts of electricity. The attached map shows the project study area and the preliminary proposed routes currently considered by the Applicant. Additional information about the project is attached to the map.

TransWest Express Transmission Line Project

The project Applicant for TransWest Express is TransWest Express LLC. TransWest Express is an extra-high-voltage transmission line extending from south-central Wyoming to southern Nevada near the Marketplace substation, a distance of approximately 765 miles. The project is a 600 kilovolt (kV)

direct-current (DC) transmission line and includes substation/converter stations, approximately 200 acres in size, at each terminating point. The attached map shows the project study area and the preliminary proposed routes currently considered by the Applicant. Additional information about the project is attached to the map.

Opportunities for Participation

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulation 40 CFR 1500.2(e) requires Federal agencies to, “Use the NEPA process to identify and assess the reasonable alternatives to proposed actions that will avoid or minimize adverse effects of these actions upon the quality of the human environment.” As the lead Federal agency, the BLM will coordinate with all Federal agencies affected by this project.

NEPA regulations also provide for Federal agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise to become cooperating agencies in the NEPA process. The BLM policy allows State and local governments to become cooperating agencies if they meet the jurisdiction by law or special expertise requirement of 40 CFR 1501.6. The BLM will expect cooperating agencies to:

- Participate in the NEPA process to the level appropriate for their legal jurisdiction or expertise;
- Provide information or develop analysis when requested by the lead agency within the expertise of the Cooperating Agency;
- Provide staff, if available, to participate in interdisciplinary teamwork to complete the NEPA analysis;
- Fund their own participation; and
- Sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the BLM that outlines expectations and responsibilities for this project.

Your agency is being invited to participate on one or both of the proposed projects as a Cooperating Agency. Should you choose to participate; the BLM will work directly with you to address your suggestions and concerns in the NEPA documents. We will actively exchange information with you and work toward agreement on issues throughout the NEPA process. You will be involved in interdisciplinary team discussions and preliminary document reviews; however, the BLM retains final authority to decide analysis approach, data use, and decisions related to public land management.

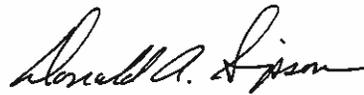
Please let us know if your agency is requesting to be a Cooperating Agency on the Gateway South Project, requesting to be a Cooperating Agency on the TransWest Express Project, or both, within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If your agency does not respond, the BLM will coordinate with your agency by making information available to your agency and the public. Your agency will not receive direct notification of review periods, and BLM will not specifically solicit you for input about the project. If your agency chooses to submit comments, the BLM will respond to them along with the general public comment responses.

If your agency requests to participate as a Cooperating Agency, please identify:

- Areas of jurisdiction by law relative to approval of the proposed transmission line project;
- Areas of special expertise you have that bear on issues or effects of the proposed transmission line project; and
- For those areas of special expertise, the exact nature of data, information, or knowledge your agency holds that bears on issues or effects of the proposed transmission line project.

Please direct your reply or any questions to Tamara Gertsch, BLM Project Manager, at the address in the letterhead, by email at Tamara_Gertsch@blm.gov, or call (307) 775-6115.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Simpson
State Director

2 Attachments:

- 1 - Maps with information sheets
- 2 - Maps with information sheets

ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received an application for a right-of-way on public land to construct and operate an extra-high-voltage (500-kilovolt) transmission line from south-central Wyoming to southern Nevada, a distance of approximately 750 miles. The proponent of this action is PacifiCorp (doing business as Rocky Mountain Power) and the project is known as the Energy Gateway South Transmission Project.

Project Purpose and Need

The existing transmission system in the region is at capacity and the region's energy needs have and will continue to increase. The proposed transmission line would:

- Provide redundancy to existing infrastructure and improve the ability to provide reliable service;
- Support future growth of the electrical load in Rocky Mountain Power's service region;
- Provide increased transmission capacity for use by third-party transmission users (municipal and rural utilities); and
- Deliver electricity from diverse sources, including planned wind-energy facilities in Wyoming.

Project Overview

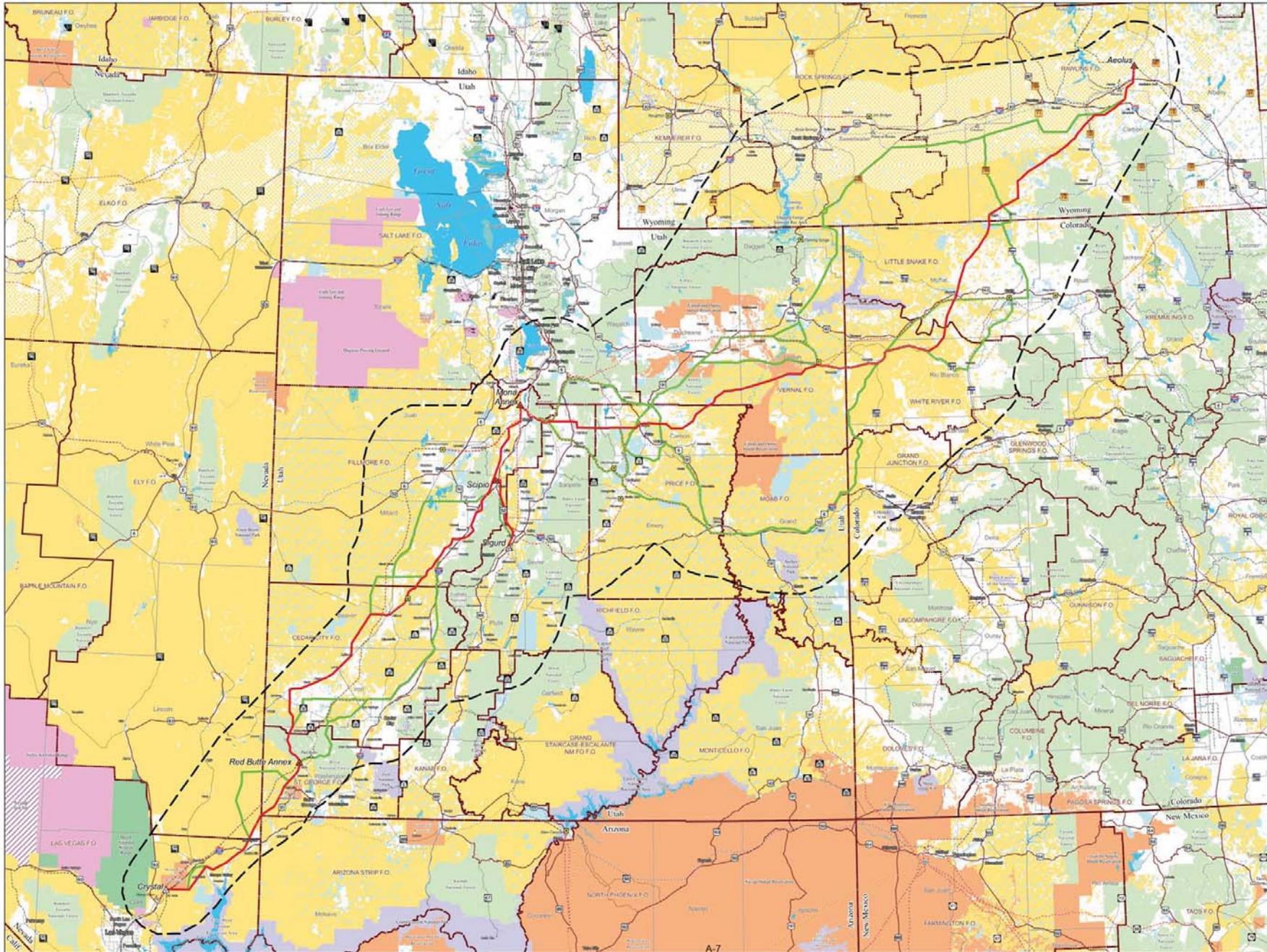
The transmission line would interconnect with five substations creating four segments, as follows:

- Segment 1: Proposed Aeolus Substation (Carbon County, Wyoming) to planned Mona Annex Substation (Juab County, Utah)
- Segment 2: Planned Mona Annex Substation to proposed Sigurd Annex Substation (Sevier County, Utah)
- Segment 3: Sigurd Annex Substation to Red Butte Annex Substation (Washington County, Utah)
- Segment 4: Red Butte Annex Substation to Crystal Substation (Clark County, Nevada)

The proponent intends to construct lattice structures made of dulled galvanized steel (to minimize reflection). Depending on terrain, engineering considerations, and other factors, the structures would be between 160 and 190 feet tall and spans between the structures would be 800 to 1,300 feet, within a right-of-way of up to 350 feet.

How will the planning proceed?

The BLM, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed project is a major federal action, which requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The BLM will seek public and agency input to identify issues to address in the EIS, and BLM will coordinate with other federal, state, and local government agencies in preparing the EIS. The BLM will conduct detailed environmental studies on the proposed and alternative transmission line routes, and analyze how construction and operation of the project may affect the quality of the environment. The BLM anticipates issuing the Draft EIS for public review in fall 2010. After reviewing and responding to comments received on the Draft EIS, the Final EIS will be issued, followed by a Record of Decision in fall 2012. Rocky Mountain Power plans for the transmission line to be in service 2015-2016.



PROPOSED AND ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

- Legend**
- Project Features**
- Proposed Route
 - Alternative Route
 - Study Area Boundary

- Land Jurisdiction**
- BLM Field Office
 - Department of Defense
 - Department of Energy
 - Indian Reservation
 - USDA Forest Service
 - USDI Bureau of Land Management
 - USDI Bureau of Reclamation
 - USDI Fish and Wildlife Service
 - USDI National Park Service
 - State Land
 - State or Local Park

- Utility Facilities**
- Planned Substation
 - Existing Power Plant
 - Existing Substation
 - 500kV+ DC Transmission Line
 - 500kV AC Transmission Line
 - 345kV Transmission Line
 - 230 to 287kV Transmission Line
 - 138 to 161kV Transmission Line
 - 115kV Transmission Line

- Transportation Features**
- Interstate Highway
 - US Highway
 - State Highway
 - Railroad

- Water Features**
- River or Stream
 - Lake, Pond, or Reservoir

Data Sources

Transportation: WYDOT, US Department of Transportation
 Land Jurisdiction: BLM State Office California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Wyoming, BLM 2007 Plans, A Division of The McGraw-Hill Companies
 NOTE: Substation locations are approximate and do not necessarily represent service locations.
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ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT



TRANSWEST EXPRESS TRANSMISSION PROJECT

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received an application for a right-of-way on public land to construct and operate an extra-high-voltage (600-kilovolt) direct-current transmission line extending from south-central Wyoming to southern Nevada, a distance of approximately 765 miles. The proponent of this action is TransWest Express LLC and the project is known as the TransWest Express Transmission Project.

Project Purpose and Need

The project is proposed to provide the transmission infrastructure necessary to deliver approximately 3,000 megawatts of electric power generated in Wyoming to the Desert Southwest—Arizona, Nevada, and southern California. The project will allow consumers access to domestic, clean, renewable energy resources, meeting increasing demand with improved electrical system reliability. The proposed transmission line would:

- Increase access to domestic, clean, renewable energy sources;
- Contribute to meeting national, regional, and state environmental policies, including state-mandated renewable portfolio standards and greenhouse gas reduction targets;
- Meet increasing demand with improved electrical system reliability;
- Provide access to the grid for third-party generators needing transmission; and
- Expand regional economic development by increasing employment and enlarging property tax base.

Project Overview

The transmission line would be constructed for a direct current, with a substation/converter station, approximately 200 acres in size, at each terminating point. The proponent intends to construct lattice structures made of dulled galvanized steel (to minimize reflection). Depending on terrain, engineering considerations, and other factors, the structures would be between 100 and 180 feet tall and spans between structures would be 900 to 1,500 feet, with a right-of way up to 300 feet.

How will the planning proceed?

The BLM, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed project is a major federal action, which requires the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The BLM will seek public and agency input to identify issues to address in the EIS, and BLM will coordinate with other federal, state, and local government agencies in preparing the EIS. The BLM will conduct detailed environmental studies on the proposed and alternative transmission line routes, and analyze how construction and operation of the project may affect the quality of the environment. The BLM anticipates issuing the Draft EIS for public review in fall 2010. After reviewing and responding to comments received on the Draft EIS, the Final EIS will be issued in the fall of 2011 with a ROD to follow in the summer of 2012. TransWest Express plans for the transmission line to be in service in 2015/2016.



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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Honorable Marcellus Medina
Governor
Pueblo of Zia
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Zia Pueblo, NM 87053

Dear Governor Medina:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Wyoming State Office, wishes to initiate Government-to-Government consultation with the Pueblo of Zia regarding the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Energy Gateway South Transmission Line Project (the Project). PacifiCorp, (doing business as Rocky Mountain Power), has applied to the BLM and to the United States Forest Service (USFS) for a right-of-way and special use permit, to construct, operate and maintain transmission line facilities across portions of Wyoming, Colorado and Utah.

In addition, this project is an undertaking subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and its implementing regulations found at 36 CFR Part 800. In accordance with 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(2), the BLM will serve as the lead agency for the purposes of Section 106 review. We are inviting you to comment on the proposed action in accordance with Section 106 of the NHPA, as well as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and other relevant authorities, to ensure that any concerns you may have about the proposed project are fully considered.

The BLM is also the lead agency for consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and has compliance responsibilities for the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), a Cooperating Agency for the Project, has similar but distinct responsibilities for Government-to-Government consultation for those resources protected under these authorities as well. You may anticipate an additional communication from the FWS regarding tribal interest in these species.

The BLM is preparing the EIS to assess the potential environmental impacts resulting from the project proposal to construct, operate, maintain, and decommission Energy Gateway South, an extra-high voltage, alternating current (AC), overhead transmission project extending from south central Wyoming to north central Utah, potentially crossing northwestern Colorado, a distance of approximately 400 miles. The proposed project includes a single-circuit, 500-kilovolt (kV) AC transmission line beginning near Medicine Bow, (Carbon County), Wyoming, at the planned Aeolus Substation, and extending south and west to the planned Clover Substation (previously called Mona Annex Substation), near Mona, (Juab County), Utah.

The alternative routes are located on Federal, State, and private lands. At this time there are approximately 2,200 miles of alternative routes. In addition, there will be two series compensation stations required between the Aeolus and Clover Substations. Towers will be between 140 to 190 feet tall and the span between each tower will be from 1,000 to 1,500 feet. Permanent and temporary access roads a minimum of 14 feet wide would be needed for the project. Temporary access roads would be needed for construction only. Additional temporary work space would be needed during construction for material storage, conductor tensioning sites, and to accommodate vehicles and equipment. The right-of-way and special use permit is expected to be 250 feet across.

The purpose of the proposed project is to transmit up to 1,500 megawatts of electricity generated from planned facilities in Wyoming (including renewable and thermal sources), to meet existing customer demand and load growth in Rocky Mountain Power's service region. The EIS will form the basis for the BLM's and USFS's decisions on the issuance of the requested right-of-way and special use permit. Information on the project, including a list of the counties affected, a map, and a comment form are attached.

In our capacity to consult under the laws referenced above, we are soliciting input from tribes regarding cultural concerns about this project for all Federal agencies, including the BLM, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the USFS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the FWS. If there are any traditional cultural or religious leaders you think we should consult, please provide us with their names, addresses and telephone numbers so that we may contact them directly.

Your involvement would help us consider the proposed action and its effects on BLM public lands, including management actions needed to achieve our goal of stewardship of the land and its resources. As this project progresses, unless you inform the BLM that you do not want to be involved or kept informed, we will continue to keep your tribe informed through correspondence with you.

In addition to the opportunity for your Tribe to consult, the BLM will host scoping meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the Project and to share any comments or concerns. The scoping meetings will be in an open house format to allow the public to visit with BLM and Rocky Mountain Power representatives. These scoping meetings are designed to facilitate public participation during the EIS process and tribal officials will be invited to attend, however these meetings do not constitute Government-to-Government consultation. To further facilitate tribal participation and Government-to-Government consultation, arrangements can be made for a presentation to the Pueblo of Zia about the Project, and/or to discuss potential cultural concerns.

Should you wish to consult, have any questions, require additional information, or like to arrange a presentation or a meeting, please contact:

- Tamara Gertsch, BLM National Project Manager, at (307) 775-6115 or by email at Tamara_Gertsch@blm.gov
- Ranel Stephenson Capron, BLM Wyoming Deputy Preservation Officer, at (307) 775-6108 or by email at Ranel_Capron@blm.gov

You may also contact:

- Amy Heuslein, BIA, Western Regional Environmental Coordinator, at (602) 379-6750 or by email at Amy_Heuslein@bia.gov

- Marian Jacklin, USFS, Dixie National Forest, at (435) 865-3746 or by email at mjacklin@fs.fed.us
- Patricia L. McQueary, USACE Senior Regulatory Project Manager, at (435) 986-3979, or by email at Patricia.L.McQueary@usace.army.mil
- Mark Sattelberg, FWS, at (307) 772-2374, or by email at Mark_Sattelberg@fws.gov.

Following receipt of this letter, the BLM will proceed with follow-up contact and coordination. Environmental Planning Group (EPG), BLM's third party environmental consultant, is coordinating this follow-up endeavor and working with BLM to facilitate further arrangements for tribal consultation on this Project; as such, your offices may soon be contacted by EPG.

We assume you are the official tribal representative authorized to engage in Government-to-Government consultation on this project. Please let us know if someone else is authorized in this capacity for this project. You may notify us of any other authorized party for Government-to-Government consultation by filling out and returning the attached comment form, or through the contact information provided above.

Please note, any information provided to the BLM will be protected to the extent provided by law under Section 304 of NHPA, Section 9 of the Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and Section 1 of Executive Order 13007.

Your time and consideration are greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Donald A. Simpson
State Director

3 Attachments

- 1 – County List
- 2 – Map
- 3 – Comment Form

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**Energy Gateway South
Counties Crossed
By Proposed Transmission Line Project**

Wyoming

Carbon County

Sweetwater County

Colorado

Moffatt

Rio Blanco

Mesa

Routt

Garfield

Utah

Daggett

Uintah

Wasatch

Utah

Juab

Sanpete

Carbon

Duchesne

Grand

Emery

TRIBAL RESPONSE FORM
ENERGY GATEWAY SOUTH TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

Dear Tribal Official:

This form is provided for your convenience to assist BLM in ensuring that your Tribe has received our correspondence, and that we can continue to communicate with you in the most effective way possible. If you are not the appropriate individual to receive and respond to this form, please see that the enclosed correspondence is given to the appropriate person.

Please fill out this form and return it in the supplied return envelope. Be assured that we will follow up with you and/or your other tribal representatives in accordance with your responses.

Our tribe has information or concerns that we would like to discuss with the BLM about this case. Therefore, we would like you to contact us to set up a meeting where we can consult on the issues.

The information that you have provided in your correspondence is sufficient and we do not require consultation with you at this time. We also understand that we may request other opportunities to consult with you in the future.

Name of individual responding to this form (please print):

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

If there is someone else we should contact regarding this correspondence, please indicate their name, title, address, and telephone number below.

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____