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Dear Interested Party:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is planning to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for a proposed wind energy project known as the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project.

Power Company of Wyoming, LLC, is proposing a wind energy project that involves approximately 675, 2-megawatt (MW) turbines proposed to be constructed in the Chokecherry area portion of the project and approximately 325, 2-MW turbines proposed to be constructed in the Sierra Madre area. The proposed action can be summarized as: construction, operation, and maintenance of a nominal 2,000 MW wind energy project and ancillary facilities. The wind energy project area comprises approximately 98,500 acres located within Townships 19 and 20 North, Ranges 85 through 87 West for the Chokecherry area, and Townships 16 through 18 North, Ranges 87 through 89 West for the Sierra Madre area. The project occurs in a "checker board" land ownership pattern area, with approximately half of the land being BLM public land, and approximately half being private and State of Wyoming ownership. The Project location is provided on the enclosed map.

We are conducting scoping for 45 days after publication of the Notice of Intent for the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project in the *Federal Register*. If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request that you respond by supplying you written or e-mailed comments or concerns about the proposed activity by the end of the 45-day comment period. Please submit your comments to:

Heather Nino, Realty Specialist
Bureau of Land Management
Rawlins Field Office
1300 North Third Street
Rawlins WY 82301

E-mail: WYMail_PCW_Windfarm@blm.gov,

The Scoping Notice and other project information are accessible at:

<http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/rfodocs/Chokecherry.html>

Public scoping meetings have also been scheduled. Dates, times, and locations of those meetings are as follows:

August 16, 2008, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Platte Valley Community Center
210 West Elm
Saratoga, Wyoming

August 16, 2008, 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Carbon County Higher Education Center
705 Rodeo Street
Rawlins, Wyoming

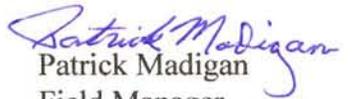
August 18, 2008, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Carbon County Higher Education Center
705 Rodeo Street
Rawlins, Wyoming

August 19, 2008, 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Little Snake River Valley Educational Center
360 Whipporwill
Baggs, Wyoming

Your response is important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will consider your comments in the analysis for the project. Please note that public comments submitted for this scoping 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 (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish 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.

Questions are to be directed to Heather Nino, Realty Specialist at the address shown above, phone (307) 328-4270, or at WYMail_PCW_Windfarm@blm.gov; or to Jerry Crockford, Project Manager, at cellular telephone (505) 360-0473.

Sincerely,


Patrick Madigan
Field Manager

Enclosures