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Hiawatha Project

September 6, 2006

Dear Reader:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rock Springs Field Office (RSFO) and Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a conventional natural gas development project proposal known as the "Hiawatha Regional Energy Development Project" (Hiawatha Project).

Questar Exploration and Production Company, et al., have indicated their intent to drill and develop oil and gas resources in the BLM Rock Springs and Little Snake Field Offices within Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and Moffat County, Colorado. The project area is generally located within Townships 11 through 14 North, Ranges 99 through 102 West, 6th Principal Meridian. It lies in an area south of Rock Springs, Wyoming, northwest of Craig, Colorado, and in the general vicinity of Hiawatha, Colorado. It is bisected by Highway 430 and Moffat County Road 10 through its western quadrant.

The attached scoping notice has been prepared as an introduction to the proposed project and as a review of the basic procedures to be followed by the BLM in the preparation of the EIS. It is also available on the internet at www.blm.gov/eis/wy/hiawatha. The scoping process is an opportunity for you to participate in the earliest phase of environmental assessment for the Hiawatha Project. Information and comments you provide will enable us to assess alternatives for consideration in the environmental assessment.

The 45-day scoping period will begin on September 6, 2006, and end on October 20, 2006. The BLM will host two open house meetings: on September 27, 2006, at the BLM Little Snake Field Office in Craig, Colorado, and on September 28, 2006, at the BLM Rock Springs Field Office in Rock Springs, Wyoming. The meetings will run from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be two informational presentations from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 6 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., to describe the project proposal and resources and uses within the project area. BLM resource specialists will be available to answer your questions. Further details of the meetings will be released via a news release and other sources in Wyoming and Colorado.

If you are interested in participating in the scoping process, we request you respond by supplying your written or e-mail comments by October 20, 2006. Written comments should be mailed to:

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Bureau of Land Management
Rock Springs Field Office
280 Highway 191 North
Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901

E-mail comments for this project can be sent to: Hiawatha_EIS_WYMail@blm.gov.

This Scoping Notice will be available on the Wyoming BLM homepage at www.blm.gov/eis/wy/hiawatha. Your comments are important and will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will add your name to our mailing list, which will ensure you receive published documents and keep you informed of decisions resulting from our analysis process. 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 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, your role, or our responsibilities, please contact Susan Davis at (307) 352-0346 in Rock Springs, Wyoming, or Barb Blackstun at (970) 826-5097 in Craig, Colorado.

Sincerely,



Bernard Weynand
Acting Field Manager

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