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South Dakota PrairieWinds Project Environmental Impact Statement

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- Air Quality
- Alternatives
- Aviation Safety
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative Impacts
- Environmental Justice
- Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change
- NEPA Process
- Project Description
- Section 106 Process
- Visual Resources
- Water Resources
- Wetlands / Riparian Areas

To learn more about the project:

Call the Project Phone Number: (800) 336-7288

Send an e-mail to the Project E-mail: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov

Visit the Project Website: <http://www.wapa.gov/sdprairiewinds.htm>

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Update**



Phone/Fax/E-mail:

City, State, Zip:

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Organization:

Name/Title:

Please give us your contact information so we can send you the South Dakota PrairieWinds Project Draft EIS and keep you updated about the project. We will not share your contact information with other organizations.

Tell us how to reach you

Please send only the executive summary: about 25 pages including project description, summary of proposed actions and alternatives, scoping comment summary, and impacts summary by alternative

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To: [ADDRESS TO BE INSERTED]

and local agencies who decide to obtain OCA information must send a written request on their official letterhead to EPA certifying that they are covered persons under Public Law 106-40, and that they will use the information for official use only. EPA will then provide paper copies of OCA data to those agencies as requested. The rule authorizes and encourages state and local agencies to set up reading rooms. The local reading rooms would provide read-only access to OCA information for all the sources in the LEPC's jurisdiction and for any source where the vulnerable zone extends into the LEPC's jurisdiction.

Members of the public requesting to view OCA information at federal reading rooms would be required to sign in and self certify. If asking for OCA information from federal reading rooms for the facilities in the area where they live or work, they would be required to provide proof that they live or work in that area. Members of the public are required to give their names, telephone number, and the names of the facilities for which OCA information is being requested, when they contact the central office to schedule an appointment to view OCA information.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 2 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: State and local agencies and the public.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 4,155.

Frequency of Response: Annual, On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 9,330 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$322,095, which includes \$100 annual O&M cost.

Changes in the Estimates: There is slight decrease in burden and costs from

the previous ICR due to updated data on the number of people visiting the reading rooms to obtain OCA data, therefore reducing the burden on state and local agencies to provide the data.

Dated: January 4, 2010.

John Moses,

Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-8987-4]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-1399 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>

Weekly Receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 01/04/2010 Through 01/08/2010 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9

Notice: In accordance with Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act, EPA is required to make its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies public. Historically, EPA has met this mandate by publishing weekly notices of availability of EPA comments, which includes a brief summary of EPA's comment letters, in the **Federal Register**. Since February 2008, EPA has been including its comment letters on EISs on its Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>. Including the entire EIS comment letters on the Web site satisfies the Section 309(a) requirement to make EPA's comments on EISs available to the public. Accordingly, after March 31, 2010, EPA will discontinue the publication of this notice of availability of EPA comments in the **Federal Register**.

EIS No. 20100000, Draft EIS, DOE, SD, South Dakota Prairie Winds Project, Proposes to Construct, Own, Operate, and Maintain a 151.5 megawatt (MW) Nameplate Capacity Wind-Powered Generation Facility, Aurora, Brule, and Jerauld, Tripp Counties, SD, Comment Period Ends: 03/01/2010, Contact: Liana Reilly 800-336-7288.

EIS No. 20100001, Final EIS, FERC, 00, Ruby Pipeline Project, Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Facilities, Right-of-Way Grants (and/or Temporary Use or Special Use Permits), WY, UT, NV and OR, Wait Period Ends: 02/16/2010, Contact: Julia Bovey 1-866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20100002, Final EIS, USFS, NV, Middle Kyle Canyon Complex Project,

Construction and Operation of a Recreation Complex within the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Clark County, NV, Wait Period Ends: 02/16/2010, Contact: Hal Peterson 702-839-5572.

EIS No. 20100003, Draft EIS, USAF, ND, Grand Forks Air Force Base Project, Beddown and Flight Operations of Remotely Piloted Aircraft, Base Realignment and Closure, (BRAC), ND, Comment Period Ends: 03/01/2010, Contact: Doug Allbright 618-229-0841.

EIS No. 20100004, Draft EIS, NOAA, 00, Amendment 11 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB), Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Establish an Atlantic Mackerel Limited Access Program, Implementation, Comment Period Ends: 03/01/2010, Contact: Patricia A. Kurkul 978-281-9250.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 20090368, Draft EIS, NSA, TN, Y-12 National Security Complex Project, to Support the Stockpile Stewardship Program and to Meet the Mission Assigned to Y-12, Oak Ridge, TN, Comment Period Ends: 01/29/2010, Contact: Pam Gorman 865-576-9903.

Revision to FR Notice Published 10/30/2009: Extending Comment Period from 01/04/2010 to 01/29/2010.

EIS No. 20090437, Final EIS, USACE, NC, Western Wake Regional Wastewater Management Facilities, Proposed Construction of Regional Wastewater Pumping, Conveyance, Treatment, and Discharge Facilities to Serve the Towns of Apex, Cary, Holly Springs and Morrisville, Research Triangle Park, Wake County, NC, Wait Period Ends: 02/09/2010, Contact: Henry Wicker 910-251-4930.

Revision to FR Notice Published: 12/18/2009 Extending Comment Period from 01/19/2010 to 02/09/2010.

Dated: January 12, 2010.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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Western and RUS issue a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project public hearings set, comments invited

You are invited to review Western Area Power Administration's (Western) and Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) draft environmental findings on the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project (Project). We need your comments to ensure we've addressed all relevant issues and alternatives. To help you understand the Proposed Project and the findings from our Draft

Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Western and RUS have scheduled a public hearing, **February 11, 2010, in Chamberlain, South Dakota**. Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please contact us at the Project phone number: **(800) 336-7288**, if you need other accommodations to attend the hearing.



Date: February 11, 2010

Open House: 4 to 5 p.m. (CST)

Hearing: 5 to 7 p.m. (CST)

Location: Cozard Memorial Library
110 East Lawler Avenue
Chamberlain, SD 57325

Phone Number: (605) 234-4414

Western and RUS have issued a DEIS for the Proposed Project. The DEIS is available for review at libraries in Chamberlain, Kimball, Plankinton, Wessington Springs, and Winner, South Dakota; and Western's UGP Customer Service Region in Huron, South Dakota; and RUS in Washington D.C. You can also request a copy from Western, from the Project e-mail at: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov or

by completing and mailing the attached postcard to us (no postage is required). Comments can be submitted through the Project website, or sent by letter, fax or e-mail and must be received by **March 1, 2010**. Written comments on the DEIS should be addressed to **Ms. Liana Reilly**, at the address listed below.

To learn more about the Proposed Project or share your comments:

- Attend the public hearing
- Comment on the DEIS
- Send an e-mail to the Project E-mail: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov
- Visit our website: <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/sdprairiewinds.htm>

Send comments to:

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For more information about the Proposed Project, or if you would like to be included on the project mailing list and/or to receive a copy of the DEIS, please provide your contact information to Ms. Liana Reilly, at the address above. For information on RUS financing please contact Mr. Dennis Rankin,

Project Manager, Engineering and Environmental Staff, Rural Utilities Service, Utilities Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW., Mail Stop 1571, Room 2244, Washington DC 20250-1571; telephone: (202) 720-1953, Fax: (202) 720-0820 or e-mail: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov.

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Where can I review the DEIS?

Copies of the DEIS are available for review at the following library locations:

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123 North Main
Plankinton, SD 57368
(605) 942-7600

Jerauld County Library

Wessington Springs
Carnegie Library
109 West Main
Wessington Springs, SD 57382
(605) 539-1803

Western Area Power Administration

Upper Great Plains
Customer Service Region
SD Maintenance Office
200 4th Street SW
Huron, SD 57350
(605) 353-2501

Brule County Library

Kimball Public Library
140 North Main Street
Kimball, SD 57355
(605) 778-6690

Tripp County Library

Winner Public Library
425 Monroe Street
Winner, SD 57580
(605) 842-0330

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS
COUNTY OF DAVISON)

Penny Hohbach of said county, being, first duly sworn, on oath, says; that he/she is the publisher or an employee of the publisher of The Daily Republic, a daily newspaper, published in the City of Mitchell, in said County of Davison, and State of South Dakota; that he/she has full and personal knowledge of the facts herein stated; that said newspaper is a legal newspaper as defined in SDCL 17-2-2.1 through 17-2-2.4 inclusive; that said newspaper has been published within the said County of Davison and State of South Dakota, for at least one year next prior to the first publication of the attached public notice, and that the notice, order or advertisement, a printed copy of which, taken from the paper in which the same was published, and which is hereto attached and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said newspaper for 2 issues(s), to wit:

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

That the full amount of the fee charged for the publication of the attached public notice insures to the sole benefit of the publisher or publishers; that no agreement or understanding for the division thereof has been made with any other person, and that no part thereof has been agreed to be paid to any person whomsoever, that the fees charged for the publication thereof are: \$1000.00

Signed: Penny Hohbach

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of February

Kathy Hoxson

Notary Public
County of Hanson

My Commission Expires: 10-8-2015

Prepared by: The Daily Republic, P.O. Box 1288, Mitchell S.D. 57301 605-996-5515

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State of South Dakota, county of Tripp-ss.

Cheryl Schroeder

of said county being first duly sworn, on oath says that she is the Advertising Manager of

THE WINNER ADVOCATE

a weekly newspaper printed and published at Winner, said county of Tripp, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated that said newspaper is a legal newspaper and has a bona fide circulation of a least two hundred copies weekly and has been published within said County for fifty-two successive weeks prior to the publication of the notice herein mentioned, and was printed wholly or in part in a office maintained at said place of publication; that the

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Basin Electric Power Cooperative

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1/27/10
2/10/10

That the full amount of the fees for the publication of the annexed notice is \$ 425.25

Cheryl Schroeder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 2010

Patricia Arvin
Notary Public

County of Tripp, South Dakota

My Commission Expires November 4, 2015



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COUNTY OF AURORA

J.P. Studeny, Jr.

of said County and State, being first duly sworn, on his/her oath says:

THE SOUTH DAKOTA MAIL is a weekly newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Plankinton, in Aurora County and State of South Dakota by John Paul Studeny, Jr. and Gayle A. Van Genderen and has been such newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; that the said newspaper is a legal newspaper, that it has a bonafide circulation of more than 200 copies weekly, that it has been published within said county of Aurora in the English language for more than fifty-two successive weeks next prior to the publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and has been printed during said period and at the present time, in whole or in part in an office maintained at the said place of publication; and that I, the undersigned, am

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of said newspaper, in charge of the advertising department thereof, and have personal knowledge of all the facts in this affidavit; that the advertisement headed

You Are Invited

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- the third publication on _____, 20 _____;
- the fourth publication on _____, 20 _____;
- and subsequent publications on _____, 20 _____;

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[Signature]
subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th

day of February, 20 10

Pamela M. Vissia

Notary Public, Aurora County

My Commission Expires 9-3-2010

PAMELA M. VISSIA
Aurora County, SD

My Commission Expires September 3, 2010



The Plankinton Board of Education for the Month of December 2009

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90.34	Basic Center	Superintendent Jones will check with the city on the possibility of getting some asphalt the next time they do to help control costs to help in the decision if this is feasible.
140.76	Service	We did not receive funding through the Clean Diesel Grant but will be considered in round three.
169.90	it	Anderson made a motion to renew our property insurance/workman comp/has insurance package with First National Insurance (Merrill Harris) based upon the recommendation of Business Manager Swanson. Spinar seconded. All aye.
60.71	Department	Boisen made a motion to approve the contract to Altman Stodery for Elementary Residency Activities and to teach Art I classes in the high school this semester for \$9,000.00 - Half paid by Artists in Schools & Communities Grant and half paid by the district. Anderson seconded. All aye.
107.51	Department	Faulhaber made a motion to set the school board election for June 8, 2010. Vissla seconded. All aye.
80.10	Department	The board tabled the first reading of Policy Book Section D.
51.38	Department	Vissla made a motion to hire Kim Beach to teach Driver Education in 2010 at the same rate as last year (\$700.00 for classroom time and \$100.00 per student for driving time. Boisen seconded. All aye.
14.22	Department	There was a board directive to survey area schools in regard to what they charge per student for driver education.
440.00	Department	Business Manager Swanson read a letter of resignation from Leanne Payne. Faulhaber made a motion to accept Leanne Payne's resignation at the conclusion of 2009-10 with many thanks for all her years of dedicated service to the district. Hank seconded. All aye.
417.83	Department	Spinar made a motion at 7:06 p.m. to go into executive session for personnel. Hank seconded. All aye.
417.84	Department	The board came out of executive session at 9:15 p.m.
235.77	Department	Faulhaber made a motion to rehire Superintendent Jones (2nd year of his two-year contract); Principal Nussbaum, Business Manager Swanson and Administrative Assistant Guindon with salaries and benefits to be set at a later date. Vissla seconded. All aye.
72.85	Department	There was a board directive to Superintendent Jones to advertise the Title I vacancy.
96.00	Department	
228.41	Department	
255.60	Department	
88.50	Department	
101.07	Department	
6.00	Department	
101.08	Department	
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Indian Country Today Representative

3/5/10
Date


Notary Signature

DANIEL A. STARK
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Oneida County
My Commission Expires 6/5/2010

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Or visit the Project Web site at:
www.wapa.gov/transmission/sdprairiewinds.htm

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Retraction of the Notice of Availability Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Modernization and Operation of the Saries Land Port of Entry, Cavalier County, North Dakota
A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP), OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS (OFO) PROJECT, UTILIZING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA) GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
U.S. Customs and Border Protection has recalled the Notice of Availability on the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Modernization and Operation of the Saries Land Port of Entry in Cavalier County, North Dakota, dated January 13, 2010.
Should you have any questions regarding the status of the Proposed Modernization and Operation of the Saries Land Port of Entry, please visit the Web site www.Recovery.gov.

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Notice of Availability Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Modernization and Operation of the Saries Land Port of Entry, Cavalier County, North Dakota
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS), U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION (CBP), OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS (OFO) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PMO), UTILIZING THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (NEPA) AND THE NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT (NHPA) GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announces the availability of, and invites public comment on, the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Land Port of Entry (LPOE) Modernization and Operation of the Saries Land Port of Entry in Cavalier County, North Dakota.

This EA is published in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality.
CBP proposes to modernize and operate the LPOE located at the international boundary with Canada on State Highway 20 near Saries, North Dakota using funding allocated for CBP-owned land port facilities appropriated in the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The proposed modernization activities will help CBP meet its border security mission and facilitate legitimate trade and travel, while encouraging a boost in national and local economies.

LPOE improvements would enhance site configuration and provide infrastructure that is adaptable to handle evolving inspection technologies, while maximizing officer safety and effectiveness.
For a 30-day period from January 27, 2010 to February 26, 2010 the Draft EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be available for public review and comment at the Wallisville Public Library, 1010 Central Avenue, Wallisville, ND, 58282; Cavalier County Library, 600 5th Avenue, Langdon, ND, 58249; Grand Forks City, 2110 Library Circle, Grand Forks, ND, 58201; Montana State Library, 1515 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59620-1800, and, Bottineau County Public Library, 314 5th Street West, Bottineau, ND, 58318; and, on the internet at <http://www.NorthernBorderNEPA.com>.
Comments should be submitted to Northern Border, PO Box 6760, Chamberlain, ND 58306-6760 or sent via e-mail to Comments@northernbordernepa.com by February 26, 2010.

Request For Proposals

Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
"A Drug & Alcohol Free Housing Program"
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
HUD ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE DOCUMENTATION
Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority seeks requests for proposals from consultants for HUD ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASE DOCUMENTATION in connection with HUD NAHASO funding allocations.
The project scope of work shall include the following:
• Evaluation of proposed sites for construction of affordable housing units.
• Completion of all documentation required for environmental assessments in an attempt to obtain a finding of no significant impact on the sites. Items including but not limited to:
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- Wetlands Protection
- Coastal Zone
- Sole Source Aquifers
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- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- Air Quality
- Farmlands Protection
- Noise Abatement and Control
- Explosive and Flammable Operations
- Toxic Chemical and Radioactive Materials
- Airport and Runway Clear Zones and Accident Potential Zones
- Environmental Justice
• Consultant will have availability of other tribal program agencies as necessary.
• Publication of Finding of No Significant Impact
• Preparation and submission of Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds to HUD.
Proposals shall include scope of work, proposed timeframe and compensation. Proposals will be evaluated by Puyallup Tribal Housing Board of Commissioners. Selection is subject to Indian preference.
Please submit proposals to the attention of:
Mr. Gregory Combs
Puyallup Tribal Housing Authority
2806 E. Portland Ave, Suite 200
Tacoma, WA 98404
Proposals may be submitted via mail, email and fax.
For complete proposal information, contact Kim Bautista at (253) 480-6882 or email kbautista@puyalluptribe.com

THE OWENS VALLEY CAREER DEVELOPMENT Center is seeking bids for RFP 09-10-103:
To provide one 48 by 60 foot office modular unit under Lease/rental agreement for a term not less than three years to be delivered, setup and utilized for office space in Big Sandy (Auberry), California. This project will not exceed \$180,000.00 for a three year term including set up and take down. This project will be funded entirely with Government Grant.
Bids will be received by OVCDC until 5:00 pm, local time, January 30, 2010 at Office of Purchasing/Contracts Administrator 2574 Diaz Lane (93514) or P.O. Box 847 (93515) Bishop, California. This Request for Proposals will remain open until awarded. To obtain a bid packet please visit ovcdc.com or contact the Purchasing/Contracts Administrator by telephone at: 760-873-5107 ext 274 or 275 or email contracts@ovcdc.com

AUDIT BIDS SOUGHT
The Cheyenne River Housing Authority (CRHA), located in Eagle Butte, South Dakota, is seeking Bids for a complete A-133 audit for the 2009 FY. For more information contact Jackie Longbrake, Finance Director, at (605) 964-4265. Bids may be sent to P.O. Box 480, Eagle Butte, SD 57625. Please denote "Audit Bid" on envelope. Bids will be accepted until February 1, 2010, 5:00 pm.

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Niwongwh xw Encwsh Stop The Violence Coalition, Inc. is requesting written proposals to provide an annual audit. The audit will include one year for fiscal year 10/01/09 to 9/30/09.
Closing date for proposed audit is January 31, 2010 by 5:00pm.
Proposals will be accepted from Indian as well as non-Indian owned Certified Public Accountant willing to submit a proposal.
For the complete Request for Proposal and requirements, please contact Sherry O'Roarke, 530-425-1462 ext #24, or write to P.O. Box 307, Hoopa, CA 95544, or sherryoroarke@yahoo.com by 5:00pm, January 31, 2010.



January 13, 2010

Gail Arnott
Wessington Springs Area Development Corporation
P.O. Box 132
Wessington Springs, SD 57382

Dear Gail Arnott:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the availability of the Proposed South Dakota PrairieWinds Project (Proposed Project) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). Western Area Power Administration (Western) and Rural Utilities Service (RUS) have prepared the DEIS to address their respective Federal actions on the Proposed Project. We invite you to review the draft environmental findings, and we need your comments to ensure we have addressed the relevant issues and alternatives. This letter also serves as an invitation for your agency to participate in our interagency meeting on February 11, 2010.

PrairieWinds SD1, Incorporated (PrairieWinds), a wholly owned subsidiary of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric), is proposing to construct a new 151.5-megawatt nameplate capacity wind energy facility at one of two locations in south-central South Dakota, either near the Town of Wessington Springs or near the City of Winner. Basin Electric has requested to interconnect the Proposed Project with the transmission system owned and operated by Western; Western is considering whether to grant or deny the interconnection request. PrairieWinds has requested financing for the Proposed Project from RUS; RUS is considering financing the Proposed Project. PrairieWinds and Basin Electric are collectively termed the "Applicants".

A copy of the DEIS for the Proposed Project has been sent to you under separate cover. If you have not received a copy, please contact **Ms. Liana Reilly** (see below). Comments can be submitted through the Project website, or sent by letter, fax or e-mail and must be received by **March 1, 2010**.

Written comments on the scope of the DEIS should be addressed to **Ms. Liana Reilly**:

Ms. Liana Reilly
Western Area Power Administration
P.O. Box 281213
Lakewood, CO 80228-8213
Fax: (720) 962-7263
E-mail: sdprairiewinds@wapa.gov
Website: <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/sdprairiewinds.htm>

For information on RUS financing, please contact:

Mr. Dennis Rankin
Rural Utilities Service – Utilities Program
1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 1571, Room 2244
Washington D.C. 20250-1571
Telephone: (202) 720-1953
Fax: (202) 720-0820
E-mail: dennis.rankin@wdc.usda.gov

Western and RUS invite you to attend an interagency meeting on February 11, 2010, to provide you input on the Proposed Project DEIS. During the meeting, we would like to discuss the project component details and obtain input on the draft environmental findings. The interagency meeting will be held at:

Rawlins Municipal Library
1000 East Church Street
Pierre, SD 57501
(605) 773-7421
Thursday, February 11, 2010
10 a.m. to 12 p.m. CST

Western and RUS have also scheduled an open house and public hearing to ensure that interested members of the public, potentially affected landowners and lessees, and Federal, state, and local agencies, and tribal representatives have an opportunity to provide input on the draft findings and alternatives considered in the DEIS. The open house and public hearing are scheduled for:

Cozard Memorial Library
110 E Lawler Ave
Chamberlain, SD 57325-1399
(605) 234-4414
Thursday, February 11, 2010
Open House: 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. CST
Hearing: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. CST

Western, RUS, and the Applicants' representatives will be available at the interagency meeting and public open house for one-on-one discussions, to provide information about the Proposed Project, answer questions, and take verbal and written comments from interested parties. The meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please contact **Ms. Liana Reilly** at **(800) 336-7288** if you need other accommodations to attend.

The Proposed Project would involve the installation and operation of a 151.5- MW wind-powered energy generation facility that would feature 101 wind turbine generators. Each turbine would have a hub height of 262 feet and a rotor diameter of 252 feet. The total height of each wind turbine would be 389 feet with a blade in the vertical position. The towers would be constructed of tubular steel, approximately 15 feet in diameter at the base, with internal joint flanges. The color of the towers and rotors would be standard white or off-white. During construction, a work/staging area at each turbine would include the crane pad and rotor assembly area, temporarily disturbing an area of approximately 500 feet by 500 feet, and permanently disturbing a 25-foot radius around each turbine. Ten additional turbine locations were identified and analyzed in the DEIS. These turbines may be utilized as contingent turbine locations for the Proposed Project if specific turbine locations are eliminated as a result of additional resource surveys and engineering siting, or they may be installed within the selected site at a later date, pending future load, transmission availability, and renewable production standard requirements.

Each wind turbine would be connected by a service road for access and a 34.5-kilovolt (kV) underground electrical collection system that would ultimately route the power from each turbine to a collector substation, where voltage would be increased for interconnection to Western's transmission system. Approximately 30 to 40 miles of new access roads would be built to facilitate both constructing and maintaining the turbines. Approximately 25 to 35 miles of existing roads would be used and, where appropriate, improved. The underground collector system trench would be approximately 60 miles long. The communication system would be located within the same trenches.

Two sites for the wind-powered generation facility are considered in the DEIS. One site is located on about 37,000 acres and is approximately 15 miles north of White Lake, South Dakota, within Brule, Aurora, and Jerauld counties. The other alternative site would be located within an area about 83,000 acres, and is about eight miles south of Winner, South Dakota, and is entirely within Tripp County.

The site that is approximately 37,000 acres near White Lake, South Dakota, would require one 34.5-kV to 230-kV collector substation as well as a 230-kV transmission line to interconnect to a new 230-kV interconnection point at Western's existing Wessington Springs Substation. The Wessington Springs Substation is located approximately nine miles from the proposed collector

substation. Regardless of route, the transmission line length would be approximately 11 miles. The proposed transmission line would be built using steel single-pole structures. The structures would be between 85 and 95 feet high with a span of about 800 feet.

The alternative site, approximately 83,000 acres near Winner, South Dakota, would require one 34.5-kV to 115-kV collector substation as well as a 115-kV transmission line to interconnect to a new 115-kV interconnection point at Western's existing Winner Substation. The Winner Substation is approximately 9 miles from the proposed collector substation. Depending on route, the proposed transmission line would be approximately 10 to 11 miles long. Other facilities necessary for this site would be similar to those described for the site above.

The no action alternative has also been considered.

We want to ensure that any important environmental concerns and natural resources and/or places of interest for your Agency within the project area have been considered and addressed in the DEIS. We appreciate receiving any comments that you have and we look forward to seeing you at the interagency meeting and/or public hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicholas J. Stas".

Nick Stas
Environmental Manager
Upper Great Plains Region
Western Area Power Administration

Agencies, Tribes, and Individuals who received the February 11, 2010, meeting invitation

Aurora County Weed Supervisor
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
Black Hills National Forest
Brule County Weed Supervisor and Highway
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe
County Courthouse
Crow Creek Sioux Tribe
Department of Energy
Ducks Unlimited
Farm Service Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency
Federal Highway Administration
Flandreau Santee Sioux Executive Committee
Fort Peck Sioux and Assiniboine Tribe
Ft. Pierre National Grassland
Gregory County Board of Commissioners
Intertribal COUP
Jerauld County Weed Supervisor
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe
Lyman County
National Park Service
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Nebraska National Forest Service
Nebraska Public Power District
Northern Cheyenne
Oglala Sioux Tribe
Plankinton City Hall
Rep for SD State Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin
Rosebud Sioux Tribe of Indians
Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska
Sierra Club
Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
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South Dakota Chapter Sierra Club
South Dakota Department of Transportation
South Dakota Dept of Agriculture
South Dakota Dept of Environment and Natural Resources

South Dakota Dept of Health
South Dakota Forest Service
South Dakota Game Fish & Parks
South Dakota Governor
South Dakota Highway Patrol
South Dakota Indian Affairs Commission
South Dakota Office of School & Public Lands
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
South Dakota Senator
South Dakota State Historical Society
South Dakota State Land Dept
South Dakota State Representative
South Dakota Transmission Authority
Spirit Lake Tribal Council
Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
State Historic Preservation Office
The Nature Conservancy
Three Affiliated Tribes Business Council
Tribal Historic Preservation Officers
Tripp County Weed Supervisor
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
U.S. Army Core of Engineers
U.S. Dept of Agriculture
Wessington Springs Area Development Corporation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Geological Survey
Upper Sioux Indian Community
Wahpetkute Band of the Dakota
Yankton Sioux Tribe

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Ms. Liana Reilly
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Lakewood, Colorado 80228-8213

Welcome to:

*South Dakota PrairieWinds Project
Draft Environmental Impact Statement*

Interagency Meeting



Welcome to:

*South Dakota PrairieWinds Project Draft
Environmental Impact Statement*

Open House and Public Hearing



Western's Role and Need for Agency Action

Who is Western?

- Agency within the USDOE
- Owns, operates and maintains transmission lines including lines near the proposed PrairieWinds project
- Markets federal hydroelectric power including power from power plants on the Missouri River

Why is Western involved?

- Evaluate interconnection request per its generator interconnection procedures
- Evaluate involvement
- Co-lead for NEPA process



RUS's Role and Need for Agency Action

Who is RUS?

- Formerly the Rural Electrification Administration
- Agency within the USDA
- Delivers USDA's Rural Development Utilities Programs
- Makes loans/loan guarantees for electric distribution, transmission and generation facilities, telecommunication facilities and water and waste water facilities

Why is RUS involved?

- Evaluate financing request
- Evaluate engineering and technical aspects of the project
- Co-lead for NEPA process



USFWS Role as a Cooperating Agency

Who is USFWS?

- Federal Agency that works to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats.
- They conserve wetlands, migratory birds and Federally-listed threatened/endangered wildlife by administering the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940 and the ESA.

Why is USFWS involved?

- USFWS will review the proposed wind turbine sites to identify and offset impacts to USFWS interests and trust resources throughout the project area.
- Cooperating agency for the NEPA process



Basin Electric's Project Objectives

Renewable Energy Goals

- **Meet current incentives/regulations that encourage or require power from renewable or low environmental impact resources**
- **Conform with proposals in Congress for national Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)**
- **Basin Electric needs additional renewable energy capacity to serve forecasted growth demands and meet state-mandated RPS**
 - **A 150 MW wind project was determined to be the best alternative to satisfy these requirements**
 - **Applicant – PrairieWinds SD1, Incorporated, a wholly owned subsidiary of Basin Electric**



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT PROCESS

Public Scoping and Interagency Communication Begin

Issue Notice of Intent

*April
2009*

Public Scoping Meetings

*April
2009*

**Identify Issues and Develop /
Screen Alternatives**

**Conduct Analysis on Feasible
Alternatives**

**Determine Impacts /
Evaluate Alternatives**

Issue Draft EIS for Review

*January
2010*

*Public Comment
Period*

**Prepare and Publish Final EIS
(opportunity for public review)**

*April /
May 2010*

Prepare Records of Decision

*June /
July 2010*

Initial Construction Step: Complete Foundation



Construction of Turbines



Tower Section Delivery



Setting the Base



Nacelle (includes Generating Components) and Turbine Module



Blade Installation

Completed Turbines



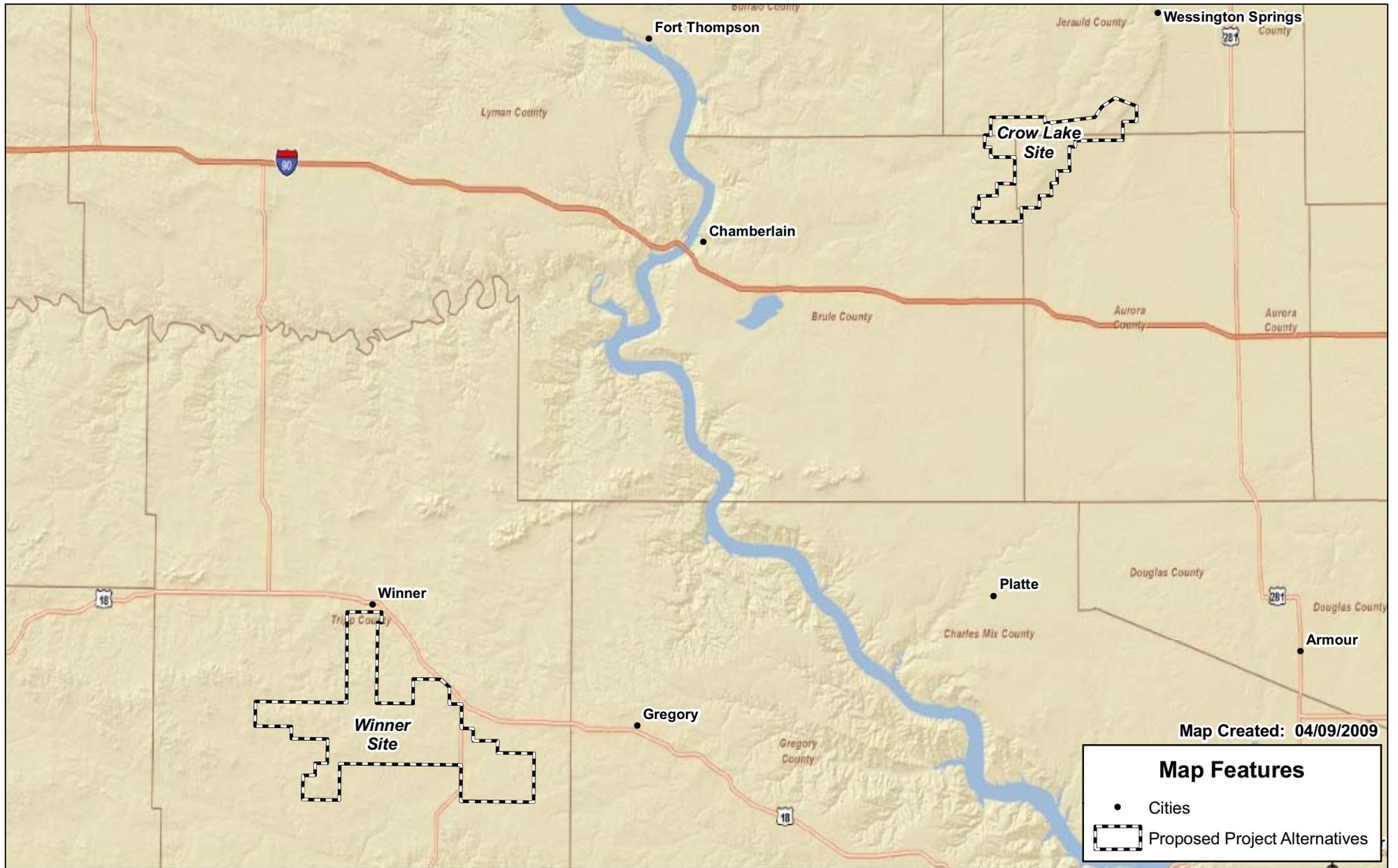


Table 2.4 Estimated Surface Disturbance Areas – Crow Lake and Winner Alternatives

Disturbance Type		Crow Lake Alternative Temporary (acres)	Crow Lake Alternative Permanent (acres)	Winner Alternative Temporary (acres)	Winner Alternative Permanent (acres)
Wind Turbine Generator Assembly Area/Pads		637	4.9	637	5.0
Crane Walks		282	N/A	530	N/A
Electrical Collections Lines (Underground)		105	N/A	198	N/A
Electrical Transmission Lines (Overhead)	Alternative 1	56*	0.13	42	0.12
	Alternative 2	53	0.13	56	0.18
	Alternative 3	55	0.13	NA	NA
Access Roads		255	126	1,710	254
Collection Substation		10	1.8	10	1.8
O &M Building		20	0.15	20	0.15
Temporary Lay Down Area		40		40	
Total Project Impacts (Max Preferred)		1,405	133	3,187	261
Total Alternative Area (acres within boundary)		37,000		83,000	

Note: Quantified impacts include the 101 turbine locations required for the Proposed Project plus the ten additional turbine locations that may be utilized as contingent turbine locations for the Proposed Project if specific turbine locations are eliminated as a result of additional resource surveys and engineering siting; or they may be installed within the selected site at a later date, pending future load, transmission availability, and renewable production standard requirements. This approach is conservative because it identifies a greater amount of disturbance than what would be required for the Proposed Project.

* Due to engineering considerations, the overhead transmission line location includes area outside of the Crow Lake Alternative boundary; this boundary will be revised to include the transmission line route in the FEIS.

