



**Department of Energy**  
Western Area Power Administration  
Rocky Mountain Customer Service Region  
P.O. Box 3700  
Loveland, CO 80539-3003

Dear Landowner:

Western Area Power Administration (Western) is proposing to participate with Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) in the Eastern Plains Transmission Project (EPTP). The EPTP would consist of approximately 1,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines and related facilities. Western has identified a number of alternative transmission line routes to evaluate in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) based on comments received during the public scoping period in August and September 2006. **You are receiving this letter because one of the newly developed alternative routes may affect your property.**

We would like you to review the enclosed information and provide comments to us. You may provide comments in writing, by phone, e-mail or fax at any time before the comment period ends on March 9, 2007. Along with this letter, we have included the following items:

- A map of all of the alternative routes that are part of the EPTP
- A detailed map that shows alternative routes that may be near your property
- A brochure that describes Western's process for acquiring rights-of-way from landowners
- A postage-paid comment form that you may use to provide comments to Western

Western will conduct 10 public meetings in February 2007. The dates and locations are provided below. We encourage you to attend one of these meetings to see how these new routes might affect your property. The objectives of the public meetings are:

- To demonstrate how comments made during scoping have been incorporated into the alternatives that will be evaluated in the EIS
- To provide an opportunity to review the alternatives.
- To provide information on the criteria and methods used for screening potential alternatives
- To receive comments on the alternatives selected for evaluation in the EIS
- To provide information on other alternatives suggested during scoping
- To provide updated information on any developments in project design, land acquisition, purpose and need, and other issues
- To provide project updates, such as the status of the EIS and the EIS schedule

The meetings will also provide an additional opportunity for the public to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may wish to attend one of these meetings to learn more about the project and provide additional input for the scope of the EIS. We are extending the scoping period for the EIS and, at the February public meetings, we will accept additional input for defining the scope of the EIS

Western will conduct these meetings as “open houses,” which means you may come at any time. There will be no formal presentation, but Western will have additional information available, and representatives will be available to discuss the project with you. Project representatives at the meetings will record verbal comments on maps, comment forms or flip charts. You may submit written comments at the meetings or by mail during the comment period. Additional opportunities to comment include e-mailing or phoning comments to Western.

Written comments, questions and information on the project may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to Mr. Jim Hartman, Environmental Manager, Western Area Power Administration, Rocky Mountain Region, P.O. Box 3700, Loveland, CO 80539; fax (970) 461-7213; or e-mail [eptp@wapa.gov](mailto:eptp@wapa.gov). For persons wishing to leave voice messages, the toll-free number is: (888) 826-4710. A Web site with additional information is located at: <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/eptp.htm>. You may provide your comments at the meetings or at any time before the end of the comment period, March 9, 2007.

**Meeting dates and locations.** All meetings, except the meeting of February 22 at the Hanover School, will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 7:00 pm. The Hanover School meeting begins at 4:00 pm and ends at 8:00 pm.

1. February 12, 2007, the Carroll Building, 418 Edison St., Brush, CO 80723
2. February 13, 2007, Limon Community Building, South Room, 477 D Avenue, Limon, CO 80828
3. February 14, 2007, Burlington Education and Community Center, 420 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Burlington, CO 80807
4. February 15, 2007, the Community Room at City Hall, 245 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Wray, CO 80758
5. February 16, 2007, Byers High School, Meeting Room #537/#538, 444 East Front St., Byers, CO 80103
6. February 19, 2007, Veterans Memorial Building, 207 North Main St., Lakin, KS 67860
7. February 20, 2007, Community Activity Building (CAB) @ the Wallace County Fairgrounds, Sharon Springs, KS 67758
8. February 21, 2007, Lamar Community Building, Multi-Purpose Building, 610 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Lamar, CO 81052

9. February 22, 2007, Hanover Junior/Senior High School, Cafeteria/Auditorium, 17050 South Peyton Highway, Colorado Springs (Hanover), CO 80928. NOTE: This meeting will begin at 4:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm.
10. February 23, 2007, McHarg Park Community Center Gym, 405 Second Street, Avondale, CO 81022

Sincerely,



T. Craig Knoell  
EPTP Project Manager