



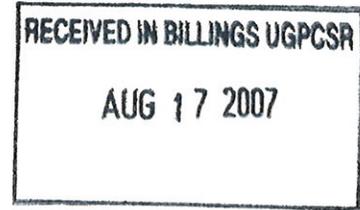
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Mr. Roger J. Harris, Regional Manager
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Western Area Power Administration
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Re: Crow Tribe's Letter of Interest on Post-2010 Resource Pool
72 Fed. Reg. 34,680 (June 25, 2007)

Dear Mr. Harris:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of interest on the proposed Post-2010 Resource Pool allocations. The Crow Tribe supports the allocation of an additional resource pool increment of up to 1 percent from the post-2010 resource pool, provided it is used for one of the following:

- (1) An equitable adjustment to the Crow Tribe's allocation from the Post-2000 Resource Pool. I have previously made a request for such an adjustment in connection with our comments on Western's draft report pursuant to Section 503(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (see copy of letter dated May 31, 2007 attached). We understand that the current Post-2010 Resource Pool allocations are intended primarily for eligible new customers. However, the degree of inequity in the Crow Tribe's initial allocation compels an adjustment, and this new allocation provides an opportunity to make such an adjustment in a well-reasoned and orderly manner, possibly including other existing recipients of inequitable allocations.
- (2) For use in firming output from Wind Power projects developed by Indian Tribes within the Region. This would enhance the value of the wind power resource and better enable them to be used within the local region. However, we believe that this use should be limited to projects developed in active partnership with, or with the express approval of, the Tribe on whose Reservation the project is located. It should not be available to private wind developers who happen to be operating on an Indian Reservation.

If Western decides not to allocate the proposed additional resource pool increment for one of the purposes described above, the Crow Tribe would be opposed to additional allocations of Federal power. That is because any such additional allocations will be deducted pro-rata from the Tribe's existing allocation, which is already woefully inadequate.

We have reviewed this Letter of Interest with our local power supplier, Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Inc., and have been authorized to represent that Big Horn concurs with our comments.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment, and look forward to continued discussions with Western on these matters.

Sincerely,



Carl E. Venne, Chairman

cc: Mr. Casey Munter, Manager
Big Horn County Electric Cooperative, Inc.