



Department of Energy
Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
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Dear Customers and Interested Parties:

This letter is to notify you of the proposed Upper Badlands Wind Farm Project (Project) and to request your input on the Project. The Project would involve construction of a 300 megawatt (MW) wind farm generating facility that includes approximately 95 turbines and associated pads. Other Project components would include an underground power collection system, a new substation, a new overhead transmission line, access roads, and a maintenance and operation center. The Project would be located on 33,000 acres of privately owned land approximately 1 mile north of Lindsay in Dawson County, Montana (see enclosed map).

The Project would interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Dawson to Fort Peck 230-kilovolt Transmission Line. As a result, WAPA will provide federal oversight of the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed Project on resources such as wetlands, vegetation and wildlife, cultural and recreation resources, as well as other social, economic, and environmental effects.

WAPA is announcing a public scoping period for the Project. The scoping period provides an opportunity for the general public, government agencies, and tribal governments to identify issues and alternatives that will help WAPA define the scope of the EA. One public scoping meeting (open house format) will be held to provide an opportunity for interested parties to discuss the Project with resource specialists and to submit comments. The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the Dawson Community College Library.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to:
Western Area Power Administration
Attn: Ms. Christina Gomer
2900 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101
- By phone to (406) 255-2811
- By email to gomer@wapa.gov
- In writing at the public scoping open house meeting:
Thursday, October 11th, 2018
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 pm
Dawson Community College Library
300 College Drive
Glendive, MT 59330

For your input to be considered during preparation of the draft EA, WAPA requests comments by November 10, 2018. If you have any questions, or need more information about the Project, please contact WAPA using the methods listed above. Thank you for your time and interest in the project.

Sincerely,



Christina Gomer
NEPA Coordinator

Enclosure