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Western Area Power Administration
Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region
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Dear Interested Parties:

This letter is to update you on the proposed Philip Wind Project (Project) and to request your input on the Project. Philip Wind Partners LLC's proposed Project would involve construction of a 300-megawatt (MW) wind farm generating facility that includes approximately 90 turbines (up to 6.1 MW each) and associated pads. Other Project components would include an underground power collection and communication system, a new substation, a new overhead transmission line, access roads, and a maintenance and operation center. The Project would be located on private land approximately thirteen (13) miles north of Philip, in Haakon County, South Dakota (see enclosed map).

The Project would interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) existing Oahe to New Underwood 230-kV transmission line. As a result, WAPA will provide federal oversight of the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA evaluates 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 requesting your review and comment on the draft Environmental Assessment (EA), which is available for download at the following website:

<https://www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/ugp/environment/philipwind/>

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to:
Western Area Power Administration
Attn: Mr. John Russell
2900 4th Avenue North
Billings, MT 59101
- By voicemail hotline by calling (605) 409-5116
- By email to nepa@wapa.gov with Philip Wind EA in the subject line

For your input to be considered, comments must be received no later than March 16th, 2024. If you have any questions or need more information about the Project, please contact WAPA using the methods listed above or visit the Project website, also listed above. Thank you for your time and interest in the Philip Wind Project.

Sincerely,

John Russell
Environmental Manager

Enclosure

1. Preliminary Project Map
2. Draft EA Comment Form