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Johari and all-

I have been comparing this PA with the finalized PA for Gateway West I provided to NRC previously.

The first WHEREAS clause in the Gateway West PA states:

*"WHEREAS, Idaho Power Company and PacifiCorp (doing business as Rocky Mountain Power), collectively known as the Proponents have applied for and the following federal agencies are considering the issuance of federal right-of-way (ROW) grants and associated permits for the Gateway West Transmission Line Project (Undertaking): Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS), the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), and the National Park Service (NPS). These agencies (federal agencies) are Signatories to this Programmatic Agreement (PA); and"*

The seventh WHEREAS clause addresses the lead federal agency issue:

*"WHEREAS, for purposes of the Undertaking, the BLM Rawlins Field Office is lead for compliance with Section 106 on behalf of the federal agencies (36 CFR 800.2(a)(2)) and is the primary contact for all parties to this Agreement and Indian tribes; and"*

I believe this is the appropriate way to handle the federal agencies signatories / lead federal agency designation.

Based on this, I think BLM should be added to the following WHEREAS clause in the Ross Project Programmatic Agreement.

***WHEREAS, the NRC, WYSHPO, ACHP, and Strata are collectively hereafter called "Signatories;" and***

Thanks,

Rick

On Thu, Nov 21, 2013 at 11:08 AM, bschiffer <[bschiffer@wwcengineering.com](mailto:bschiffer@wwcengineering.com)> wrote:

Johari--

Please see the attached two word documents providing some minor suggestions on the draft PA and Appendix A. We have not had time to work through all of the late day BLM documents. However, we look forward to the call and getting this agreement finalized.

Ben

On 11/20/2013 12:42 PM, Moore, Johari wrote:

Good afternoon,

During the 11/14/13 webinar to develop the Ross Project Programmatic Agreement (PA), we discussed and proposed revisions to the appendices, the draft “whereas” clauses, and the draft stipulations. In preparation for the next scheduled webinar (Thursday, 11/21), which is currently the last scheduled webinar, the NRC was to revise the language in these sections of the PA per the comments provided. Attached, please find the current draft of the PA, which includes revisions to the “whereas” clauses and the draft stipulation language. Also, attached, please find the draft appendices to the PA, which include revisions based on the comments received to-date.

We welcome you to provide your comments on all sections of the draft PA and appendices (you may send comments to me or to the group via email). In addition, we invite you to join us this Thursday, 11/21/13, at our next webinar where we are planning to discuss the revisions to the PA and appendices. Given that tomorrow’s webinar is currently the last scheduled webinar, we will also discuss the path forward for completing the PA and we encourage those of you that have not been able to attend a webinar to join us tomorrow. Each of the Ross Project Consulting Tribes will be invited to sign the final PA as a Concurring Party. I have attached the webinar agenda, which includes the date/time and call in information.

For your information, the NRC has invited the following parties to participate in the webinars and the development of the PA:

BLM

WYSHPO

ACHP

Strata Energy, Inc.

Ross Project Consulting Tribes

Crook County Museum District

Alliance for Historic Wyoming

National Park Service (Devils Tower)

The following parties participated in the webinars on the dates shown:

NRC - 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14

BLM - 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14

WYSHPO - 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14

ACHP - 10/24, 11/7, and 11/14

Strata Energy, Inc. - 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma THPO – 11/7 and 11/14

Chippewa Cree Tribe THPO – 11/7

Northern Cheyenne Tribe THPO – 11/7

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes THPO – 11/7

National Park Service (Devils Tower) – 11/14

Thank you,

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