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Michael S. Hacskaylo, Administrator
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Re: Request to Western to Facilitate TOT 3 Upgrade

Dear Administrator Hacskaylo:

Wyoming needs Western's help to facilitate the TOT 3 Upgrades that have been identified in the Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study (RMATS).

We appreciated hearing your remarks at the RMATS Stakeholder meeting on September 26, 2004 in Salt Lake City. Among other things, you described the work that Western accomplished, under direction from the Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham, to facilitate the upgrade of Path 15 in California. As you know, that upgrade involved Western setting the table and facilitating discussions among utilities, merchant transmission developers, state officials and others and has resulted in Path 15's successful upgrade, dedicated last year. As we understand it, Western is justifiably proud of its work on Path 15, did not require either additional authorization or appropriations to do the work, and received 100 MW of the new capacity for its trouble.

I am asking that you bring this model of Western's facilitation leading to utility and merchant investment in new transmission to bear on TOT 3, the transmission constraint that Western operates between Wyoming and the growing Denver electric market.

I also understand that WAPA has plans to upgrade its 45 year old 115 kV lines from Seminoe, Wyoming to Ault, Colorado, but budget constraints are delaying this upgrade. Southeast Wyoming is one of the prime wind areas in the nation and significant amounts of wind power development are currently being constrained due to lack of adequate transmission out this area.

My staff is working to set up a meeting in the next few weeks to address this important issue. I am asking that you help us plan this meeting, work toward a series of

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interactions with concerned utilities and other parties, and pledge to do everything within Western's considerable abilities to achieve additional transmission for Wyoming's energy resources to access the Denver market at the earliest possible time.

Please contact me or my energy advisor, Steve Ellenbecker, as soon as possible to discuss planning for such a meeting.

Thank you in advance for a positive response to this request.

Best regards,

Dave Freudenthal
Governor

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