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RE: Preliminary Energy Corridor Map

In response to the Preliminary Energy Corridor Map generated by the Department of Energy, we would concur with the comments of the Lassen Municipal Utility District contained in their letter of July 6, 2006.

Lassen County has adopted policies with regard to energy development transmission facilities and looks forward to reviewing and commenting on Department of Energy's plans for energy corridors that might be considered within Lassen County to meet the needs of this greater region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert K. Sorvaag". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Robert K. Sorvaag,
Director

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Enclosure

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**COMMENTS OF THE LASSEN MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT ON THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT
ENERGY CORRIDOR MAP**

The Lassen Municipal Utility District ("Lassen") submitted comments on the Department of Energy's plans for an Electric Transmission Congestion Study and possible designation of National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors ("NIETC's"), pursuant to Section 1221(a) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Lassen has reviewed the U.S. Department of Energy's, Department of Interior's, Department of Agriculture's and the Department of Defense's ("the Agencies") Preliminary Draft Energy Corridor Map, and submit the following comments on the Draft Map.

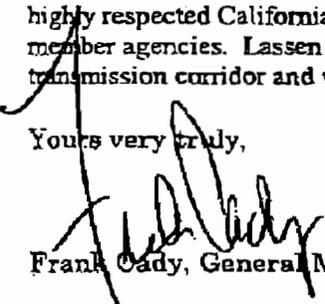
We are pleased that the Agencies have coordinated their efforts to designate certain corridors as essential to the public good. The nation, and the west in particular, has a glaring shortage of adequate transmission capacity that must be addressed in the near future.

Lassen previously commented on the need for a major east-west transmission tie from Northern California to Northeastern Nevada, and possibly on to Idaho and Wyoming. Such a line would greatly increase the ability to transfer new generation development, notably renewable energy, west into Northern and Central California.

Lassen believes the Agencies should re-examine the need for a Northern California to Northeastern Nevada high voltage transmission corridor. Such a corridor was previously proposed not only by Lassen, but by several entities, including the Transmission Agency of Northern California ("TANC").

Whereas Lassen is a small municipal utility district with limited high voltage transmission expertise, TANC is a highly respected California Joint Powers Agency that provides electric transmission facilities and services to its member agencies. Lassen participated with TANC and its members in selecting the proposed east-west transmission corridor and we strongly endorse it as our preferred route.

Yours very truly,


Frank Cady, General Manager