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Thank you for your comment, Ted Uhlemann.

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Comment Submitted:

Kinder Morgan Inc. (KM) has reviewed the preliminary energy corridor maps posted on the West-wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS (PEIS) site. KM is in favor of the Optimization Criteria Alternative, as described in the 9/28/05 Federal Register Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement, Amend Relevant Agency Land Use Plans, Conduct Public Scoping Meetings, and Notice of Floodplain and Wetland Involvement. As such, KM offers the following recommendations for finalizing the energy corridor mapping.

Existing energy corridors should be included in the map. KM believes that this will expedite expansion projects along existing facilities. At the request of the BLM and Argonne National Laboratory, KM has provided certain KM pipeline route location data to Argonne, to facilitate accurately locating some of the proposed corridors.

New corridors should be developed to ensure network efficiencies and projected supply and demand. KM notes that the Colorado's Piceance Basin is one of the nation's biggest reservoirs of natural gas, with a potential to become the nation's largest gas supplier. As this resource is developed, a significant amount of production is expected to come out of Pitkin, Gunnison, and Delta Counties. Energy corridors should be established to facilitate/expedite pipeline projects transporting gas from this area.

Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act requires that agencies designate energy corridors for "oil, gas, and hydrogen pipelines and electricity transmission and distribution facilities..." and that agencies shall "...incorporate the designated corridors into the relevant agency land use and resource management plans or equivalent plans." KM recommends that CO2 pipelines be included, when identifying potential energy corridors, developing the PEIS, and incorporating the newly designated energy corridors into management plans.

KM understands that Agencies working on the PEIS are planning to include best management practices to streamline permitting new projects within energy corridors that are designated incorporated into land management plans. KM recommends that BMPs also include standard procedures for expediting agency authorization for ground-disturbing maintenance

activities.

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