

PUBLIC MEETING FOR  
PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

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MEETING DATE:  
: October 26, 2005  
MEETING TIME: 2:00 p.m.  
Bureau of Land Management :  
U.S. Department of Energy  
U.S. Forest Service

MODERATOR:  
Scott Powers, BLM

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1 meetings necessary to help facilitate that process and  
2 just to look forward to participating. We will also  
3 submit formal comments as well to the panel. Thank you.

4 MR. POWERS: Thank you. Laura Nelson, Utah  
14:51:21 5 Energy Policy Advisor. UT07

6 MS. NELSON: Hi, I apologize for the late  
7 notice of making my comments. I will tell you my  
8 hesitation that we've only begun our preliminary review  
9 of this scoping process, and, you know, the implications  
14:51:42 10 of the designation of national interest energy  
11 corridors, and so, even though I am the Governor's  
12 Energy Policy Advisor, these are just simply my  
13 observations today.

14 First of all, we just -- and I'll make these  
14:51:58 15 brief. I would just encourage the agencies to give  
16 priority to protecting the existing rights-of-way from  
17 land uses that would limit the ability to expand energy  
18 transmission in those existing corridors. I'd also  
19 recommend that the agencies evaluate opportunities to  
14:52:21 20 expand electric transmission in existing corridors  
21 through the application of new types of technologies.  
22 We -- I would also recommend that this not be at the  
23 expense of looking at new potential rights-of-way and  
24 that you also review those.

14:52:40 25 There's a lot of uncertainty when it comes

1 to energy about future growth and demand, uncertainties  
2 about future location of new oil and gas resources, and  
3 the potential of new refineries. So while there are  
4 clear benefits, I think, of identifying and I would  
14:53:01 5 encourage the location -- identify the location of those  
6 new energy corridors, that you just be careful and  
7 flexible and responsive in the way that you do that.

8 And also, there, as I think, other parties  
9 have already noted here, it's not just federal land,  
14:53:21 10 there's a lot of nonfederal lands, and we do believe  
11 that if you coordinate with those other entities and  
12 closely coordinate with the state, that we can have a  
13 process that really fosters development of both  
14 renewable and nonrenewable energy sources.

14:53:39 15 So the bottom line, I just urge you to  
16 continue to communicate with the state officials through  
17 this process and the other state corridors that will be  
18 affected by this. Thank you.

19 MR. POWERS: Thank you very much. Those are  
14:53:57 20 the only people that we have record of that were willing  
21 to come up and make statements. Is there anybody else  
22 that would like to while we are still recording? If  
23 during the course of this afternoon there are other  
24 people that decide they want to, we can reconvene the  
14:54:17 25 formal side of this, but for now, we are going to stop

1 recording, and open it out to informal discussions.

2 (Closed at 2:54 p.m.)

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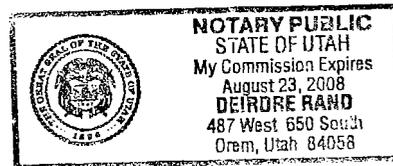
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Kris R. Hohenshelt  
Kern River Gas Transmission Company  
Scoping Comments  
Salt Lake City October 26,2005

Good Afternoon, My name is Kris Hohenshelt I am the manager of Land & Environment for Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

Kern River Gas Transmission Company owns and operates 1,679 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline through the states of Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and California. Approximately 850 miles are located on federally managed lands. Kern River transports a design capacity of 1.7 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas.

Kern River appreciates the opportunity to participate in this important endeavor being undertaken as mandated in the Energy Policy Act.

The study, hopefully resulting in the establishment of better defined and expanded energy corridors, is critical to the economy and well being of the western United States.

The proposed Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement should assess corridors with traditional multiple use principles – corridors that will accommodate not only electric transmission lines, but pipelines and other energy infrastructures as well. Corridors should also be established to accommodate not only multiple uses but also multiple numbers of facilities.

Some energy corridors have been established through land use planning documents on federal lands for years, but an intrinsic flaw in the process excludes corridor establishment on private, state and local lands. The Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement should address the establishment of contiguous corridors on a regional basis taking into account lands that are not federally managed. City and County governments must be involved and become firm stakeholders in the process. All too often energy interests are directed and counseled to utilize established corridors to then realize the fate that eventually the corridor does not exist when federal land interfaces with state, local and private urban development.

