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Ms. Julia Souder, Western Regional Coordinator
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability
Room 8H-033
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20585

Re: Comments on the Preliminary Draft Map(s) of Potential Energy Corridors for the
Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) developed in conjunction with the
Corridor Study required by Section 368 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005

Dear Ms. Souder:

We have previously commented on this proposal last November. The tracking number for that comment is 80048. We appreciate being kept informed of the progress of this Study and the development of the Programmatic EIS.


We are writing for two reasons: First, we wish to support the comments being submitted by the Southwest Area Transmission Group (SWAT). We wish to emphasize that this mapping project should include all existing corridors currently in use and all existing corridors designated by federal agencies and/or state utility commissions through their respective state siting processes. You can't know what you need if you don't know what you have. Second, we wish to emphasize the point that any corridor designation by the agencies involved in this process should show the entire corridor, if used, that would be necessary in order for the corridor designation in this Study to make sense. This may involve showing corridors that are not within the purview of the action agencies or within the direct scope of evaluation under this Environmental Impact Statement. But designating partial corridors that don't connect to transmission nodes, regardless of the energy source, make no sense. Moreover, in this EIS, the agencies are required to assess the cumulative impact of their proposed actions. Designation of partial corridors does not do that. Nor does it inform the public nor those potentially impacted about the true consequences of any of these proposals.

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We have to have the energy. We have to have the transmission. We also have to have an environmental impact statement process that can withstand attack because it is properly inclusive not only of the actions the agencies can take but the consequences of those actions that logically fall from them.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important undertaking.

Sincerely,
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