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Thank you for your comment, Patrick Navratil.

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Comment Submitted: July 10, 2006

Julia Souder VIA Email
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RE: West - Wide Energy Corridor Programmatic EIS

Dear Ms. Souder,

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (Anadarko) applauds the agencies and supports your directive to enhance access potential in the West and additionally appreciates the opportunity to comment on the referenced project. As stated in our November 22, 2005 comments, Anadarko and its subsidiaries have considerable interests in Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah — both as a landowner and as a lessee of federal minerals — in the proposed analysis area that will be affected by the outcome of this planning effort. Anadarko owns what is commonly referred to as the "land grant strip," which is almost 700 miles long and 40 miles wide. The strip passes through southern Wyoming and portions of Northeast Colorado and Utah. The land grant strip was created by Congress in 1862 and generally consists of a checkerboard pattern of federal and fee ownership of the surface and

minerals. Therefore, BLM's decisions made in this area will have impacts over a vast amount of private interests. Further, APC owns a large number of federal leases and other interests in these states outside of the land grant strip which could potentially be impacted by this Programmatic EIS (PEIS).

Anadarko has active interests in oil and gas exploration and development, coal and trona mining and other potential projects which could be impacted by the designation of the corridor. As shown, on the Wyoming Preliminary Draft Map of Potential Energy Corridors on Federal Lands, one of the corridors generally parallels Interstate 80 and for the most part would be located on surface lands and/or mineral estates owned by Anadarko. As a result, the ability to manage the surface estate or develop the mineral resources, currently or in the future, could be impaired.

As stated in comments provided in November, 2005, Anadarko believes the formation of regional workgroups to review and approve corridors in detail is a prudent course of action. Absent detailed proposed locations, it is difficult to draw a conclusion of support or opposition. Anadarko, hereby, requests an opportunity to review the corridor placement, specifically, on lands or mineral estate which it owns. This early interaction could prevent issues from being raised in the draft EIS process.

Anadarko also has concerns on the status of non-federal lands designated within the corridor. Will these lands be deemed inaccessible for other possible uses? Conversely, with non-federal lands being designated as a preferred corridor, access agreements could be inflated as a result.

Lastly, Anadarko would like to submit for review and consideration the inclusion of an alternate corridor into the Big Horn basin. The currently proposed corridor in this area traverses the eastern boundary of the basin. Anadarko would like to suggest a western route as more oil development potential exists in this area. The attached map more clearly identifies Anadarko's suggested route.

Anadarko, as previously mentioned, owns significant holdings in Wyoming and the placement of the proposed corridor directly affects those holdings. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me at 832/636-2612 or Patrick_Navratil@anadarko.com.

Respectfully

ANADARKO PETROLEUM CORPORATION

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Attachment: Anadarko Proposed Big Horn Basin Corridor

Questions about submitting comments over the Web? Contact us at: corridoreiswebmaster@anl.gov or call the Preliminary Draft Corridor Map Webmaster at (630)252-6182.

