

Milford Wind Corridor Project Scoping Notice

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Cedar City, Utah—September 7, 2007— CH2M HILL environmental consultants is providing this notice on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Cedar City and Fillmore Field Offices of the BLM, announce the scoping period for the Milford Wind Corridor Project Environmental Assessment (EA). Project information is available online at <https://www.blm.gov/ut/enbb> or at the Cedar City Field Office at 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah, and at the Fillmore Field Office at 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah.

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The scoping period provides an opportunity for the public to identify issues or alternatives that should be addressed in the EA. The public scoping period begins on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, and ends on Wednesday, October 24, 2007. Three public scoping meetings will be held to provide an opportunity for the public to submit scoping comments on the proposal in person and to talk to staff working on the project and to resource specialists. The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations and times:

Date	Time	Location	Street Address
September 25, 2007	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Cedar City Public Library East Room	303 North 100 East, Cedar City, Utah
September 26, 2007	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Millard School District Boardroom/Classroom	285 East 450 North, Delta, Utah
September 27, 2007	6:00 to 8:00 pm	Milford Recreation Hall	26 South 100 West, Milford, Utah

The project area encompasses lands in Townships 15 through 27 South, Ranges 5 through 11 West, Salt Lake Base Meridian, in Beaver and Millard Counties. The project is located on BLM-administered lands, lands administered by the State of Utah, and privately held lands.

Milford Wind Corridor, LLC proposes to build a wind energy facility with a nominal generating capacity of 300 megawatts (MW) near Milford, Utah. The principal components of the wind energy facility include: between 120 and 188 wind turbine generators, an underground power collection system, a connector road system, and an operations and maintenance facility. The wind turbines would be arranged in parallel rows (arrays) oriented west-northwest to east-southeast and approximately 1 mile apart. Spacing of the wind turbines along the arrays would be determined by the type of wind turbines selected. Wind turbine towers would be up to 80 meters (263 feet) high, and wind turbine rotors would be up to 99 meters (325 feet) in diameter, for a total height from base to blade tip of 130 meters (approximately 425 feet). The connector road system would run along the turbine arrays, and the underground power collection system would be installed along the side of the connector roads. The operations and maintenance facility would occupy about 2 acres.

Electrical power from the proposed Wind Energy Facility would interconnect to the existing Intermountain Power Plant (IPP) substation near Delta, Utah, by means of a new, approximately 90-mile-long overhead transmission line crossing predominantly public lands. The principal components of the transmission line include: an electrical substation, approximately 90 miles of transmission line, and an interconnection facility (i.e., switching station) at the IPP substation. The transmission line would follow one of two alternative routes. The applicant's proposed route would travel west from the wind energy facility to a point west of Utah State Route 257, which it would follow generally north-northeast, diverging east, north, and then west around Delta, Utah, to its interconnection at the IPP substation. The BLM will also analyze an alternative route that would generally parallel the existing IPP transmission line. Steel H-frame towers would support the transmission line cables. The transmission line towers would be spaced at approximately one-quarter-mile intervals within a permanent transmission line right-of-way. The wind energy facility substation would occupy an area of approximately 10 acres or less. A power interconnection bay is available at the IPP substation.

Construction of the Milford Wind Corridor Project is proposed to begin in June 2008.

The BLM will conduct an EA under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the potential effects on the environment of construction and operation of the proposed Milford Wind Corridor Project. The analysis will include the area of the proposed wind energy facility, the applicant's proposed transmission line route, and an alternative transmission line route. The EA will be tiered to the Programmatic EIS on Wind Energy Development on BLM-Administered Lands in the Western United States (U.S.D.I. 2005).

The BLM welcomes your comments and asks that submitted comments be as specific as possible. Comments will be accepted at the scoping meetings, by letter at the address below, or by e-mailing UT_Milford_Wind_Energy_Comments@blm.gov. Please refer to Milford Wind Corridor Project in your correspondence.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment -- including your personal identifying information -- may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to have your personal identifying information withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Send all comments by close of business Thursday, October 25, 2007, to:

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