

August 26, 2008

David A. Bricklin
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RE: Wild Horse Wind Power Project

Dear Mr. Bricklin:

Thank you for your comments on behalf of Robert Kruse and Friends of Wildlife and Wind Power regarding the Wild Horse Project. I would like to respond to the conservation easement and land exchange issues you raised.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) does not intend to encumber the Common School Trust Lands within the project with a conservation easement. The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's Site Certificate Agreement does not require a conservation easement on state land. Council Order No. 814 acknowledged that the applicant was committed to voluntarily placing the project area into a conservation easement with a local land conservancy. However, this is not appropriate for DNR managed Trust Lands.

You also urged DNR to transfer two sections to Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) in the upcoming land exchange. The two parcels that you described to the west of the wind project were not selected for that exchange, I have passed your recommendation to our transactions program for future consideration.

Thank you for your interest in this project and the WDFW exchange.

Sincerely,

William O. Boyum
Southeast Region Manager

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Brent Billingsley, Columbia Basin District Manager
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