

## **Department of Energy**

Western Area Power Administration Upper Great Plains Customer Service Region P.O. Box 35800 Billings, MT 59107-5800

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Dear Customers and Interested Parties:

This letter is to notify you of the proposed Campbell County Wind Farm 2 (Project) and to request your input on the Project. The Project would involve construction of a 98.9 megawatt wind farm generating facility that includes a total of 29 turbines and associated pads. Other Project components would include an underground power collection system, a new collector substation, a new overhead transmission line less than 750 feet in distance, access roads, and other ancillary facilities. The Project would be located on private land approximately three (3) miles south of Pollock, in Campbell County, South Dakota (see enclosed map), and proposed to begin construction in 2025.

The Project would interconnect with Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA) Bismarck to Glenham 230-kV Transmission Line at WAPA's existing Campbell County switchyard. As a result, WAPA will provide federal oversight of the preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA will evaluate the environmental effects of the proposed Project on resources such as wetlands, vegetation and wildlife, cultural and recreation resources, as well as other social, economic, and environmental effects.

WAPA is announcing a public scoping period for the Project. The scoping period provides an opportunity for interested parties to identify issues and alternatives that will help WAPA define the scope of the EA.

The public scoping meeting will be held virtually over Zoom on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. CST. The scoping meeting will be an opportunity for interested parties to discuss the Project with resource specialists and submit comments. To learn more about this project and to share your ideas, join us at:

Video (preferred): https://west-inc.zoom.us/j/88602690297 Meeting passcode: 642 677

Call in only: Phone: (+1) 669-900-6833 Webinar ID (access code): 886 0269 0297

The public meeting presentations will be recorded and made available for the public on WAPA's website, located at the following address: http://www.wapa.gov/regions/UGP/Environment/Pages/Campbell-County-2.aspx Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

- By mail to:
  - Western Area Power Administration 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Attn: Mr. John Russell 2900 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Billings, MT 59101
- By phone by calling: (307) 632-3147
- By email to <u>NEPA@wapa.gov</u>
- By participating in the virtual public scoping meeting, at link provided above.

For your input to be considered during preparation of the draft EA, WAPA requests comments be postmarked no later than **December 2, 2022**. If you have any questions, or need more information about the Project, please contact WAPA using the methods listed above. Thank you for your time and interest in the Project.

Sincerely,

Christina Gomer NEPA Coordinator

Enclosures - 3 Project Area Map Virtual Meeting Instruction Sheet Comment Form