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Milford Wind Corridor Project

Notice of Environmental Assessment Availability and Public Comment Period

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cedar City and Fillmore Field Offices announce the availability of a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the initiation of a 30-day public comment period for the Milford Wind Corridor Project. The project proponent is First Wind, LLC (formerly known as UPC Wind Management, LLC).

In September 2007, the BLM hosted several public scoping meetings to begin public discussions regarding this project and to obtain public comment and concerns.

A draft EA has been prepared by CH2M HILL environmental consultants under the direction of the BLM. The EA, which has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), analyzes possible impacts on the environment resulting from construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of the project.

The BLM will now host two additional open house sessions for the public to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the project and to share comments on the draft EA and draft FONSI. The meetings will be in an open house format. Representatives from BLM, CH2M HILL, and First Wind, LLC will be available to answer questions. The open house sessions are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the following dates at these locations:

- **Delta, September 24, 2008, at the Millard School District Boardroom, 285 East 450 North Delta, UT 84624**
- **Milford, September 25, 2008, at the Recreation Hall, 26 South 100 West, Milford, UT 84751**

The wind energy generation facility is proposed to be located approximately 10 miles northeast of Milford, Utah. The facility would generate up to 300 megawatts and would consist of up to 159 wind turbine generators located in parallel rows (arrays) spaced approximately 0.8 mile apart. Each wind turbine generator could be up to 80 meters (262 feet) tall with rotor (blades) up to 99 meters (328 feet) in diameter, for a total height from base to blade tip of 130 meters (426 feet). Power generated at the facility would be interconnected with the existing Intermountain

Power Project substation near Delta, Utah, by an 88-mile, 345 kilovolt (kV) overhead transmission line.

Electronic copies of the draft EA and draft FONSI can be obtained on the BLM, Utah Environmental Notification Bulletin Board at: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/enbb>. Paper copies are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- BLM, Fillmore Field Office, 35 East 500 North, Fillmore, UT 84631
- BLM, Cedar City Field Office, 176 East D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, UT 84721
- Milford Public Library, 400 South 100 West, Milford, UT 84751
- Delta City Library, 76 North 200 West, Delta, UT 84624

Copies of the draft EA and draft FONSI will be mailed to interested parties upon request. To request an electronic or paper copy please email the BLM Project Manager, Lucas Lucero at: Lucas_Lucero@blm.gov or call 702-515-5059.

The public comment period on the draft EA begins September 5, 2008, and ends October 6, 2008. Written comments may be submitted at the public meetings, by letter to the address below, or by e-mail to UT_Milford_Wind_Energy_Comments@blm.gov. Please include "Milford Wind Corridor Project" in your correspondence. All comments must be received on or before the close of business, October 6, 2008 to be fully considered. Comments submitted late will be considered to the extent feasible.

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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.

If you have any questions, please contact BLM Project Manager, Lucas Lucero at (702) 515-5059.