

agency's comments must also be sent to the Applicant's representatives.

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*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Solicitation of Interest for New Transmission Capacity Between Wyoming and Colorado

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Request for Statements of Interest.

**SUMMARY:** The electricity corridor between southeastern Wyoming and northeastern Colorado has experienced a transmission constraint for a number of years. This constraint is designated in the Western Electricity Coordinating Council's Path Rating Catalog and referenced in this notice as "TOT 3."

To examine possibilities for relieving the TOT 3 constraint, the Western Area Power Administration (Western) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA) and Trans-Elect, Inc. (Trans-Elect). Under this MOU, Western is soliciting expressions of interest from entities desiring transmission rights on a new line potentially to be built across TOT 3.

**DATES:** To be assured of consideration, all Statements of Interest should be submitted in a non-confidential manner and received at Western's Rocky Mountain Regional Office by December 15, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Statements of Interest should be mailed to: Mr. Robert Kennedy, Restructuring Manager, Rocky Mountain Region, Western Area Power Administration, 5555 East Crossroads Boulevard, Loveland, CO 80538. Statements of Interest may also be faxed to (970) 461-7423 or e-mailed to [rkennedy@wapa.gov](mailto:rkennedy@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** TOT 3, a long-recognized transmission constraint between Colorado and Wyoming, has been the subject of many studies and reports over the past several years. Most recently, the September 2004 "Rocky Mountain Area Transmission Study" (RMATS) report identified TOT 3 as a transmission expansion project that, if and when completed, could bring substantial benefits to the area by encouraging the siting and construction

of low-cost clean coal and wind projects in Wyoming to serve the electricity needs of customers along Colorado's Front Range. Such a project is supported by Wyoming's Governor David Freudenthal, the Wyoming Congressional delegation, and the wide range of stakeholders that comprised the RMATS effort. However, due to economic and operational factors, interest from entities willing to fund transmission capacity expansions across TOT 3 has been significantly less than that envisioned by the RMATS participants. To encourage interested entities to consider participating in the TOT 3 expansion, Western entered into a MOU with WIA and Trans-Elect as part of a collaborative attempt to examine possibilities for constructing such a project.

The three MOU parties represent a diverse range of stakeholder interests. Western, a power marketing administration within the Department of Energy, has extensive experience in transmission operations, construction, and maintenance across its 15-state service territory. Western has general authority under the Department of Energy Organization Act to construct, operate, and maintain transmission lines and related facilities, and is a partial owner of the existing transmission capacity across, and the path operator of, TOT 3. WIA was formed in June 2004 by the State of Wyoming to facilitate expansion of the state's transmission system, including TOT 3, and has been granted bonding authority by the State legislature for that purpose. Trans-Elect is an independent transmission developer, owner, and operator. Trans-Elect previously partnered with Western on the Path 15 transmission expansion project in California.

Western is issuing this notice to solicit the interest of entities desiring new transmission capacity across TOT 3. WIA and Trans-Elect will contribute the funding and staffing necessary to conduct (1) coordination meetings among interested entities, and (2) feasibility studies that may be generated as a result of those meetings. Western has agreed to provide technical assistance for the feasibility studies, but has no project-related funding commitments.

Specifically, Western seeks to identify all entities interested in acquiring transmission rights on a new 500-megawatt line potentially to be built across TOT 3, the cost of which was estimated by the RMATS study to be \$318 million for a 345-kilovolt project. Interested entities should submit

Statements of Interest including the following information:

1. Name and general description of the entity.
2. Name, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address of the entity's primary contact.
3. Amount of transmission rights the entity may desire if and when the project is completed.

Western will compile and forward all Statements of Interest to WIA and Trans-Elect. Accordingly, to be assured of consideration, Statements of Interest should be submitted in a non-confidential manner as discussed previously.

Dated: November 3, 2005.

**Michael S. Hacskeylo,**  
*Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC); Notification of Advisory Committee Meeting of the CASAC Ozone Review Panel

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public meeting of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel (Panel) to conduct a peer review of the *Air Quality Criteria for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (Second External Review Draft), Volumes I, II, and III* (second draft Ozone AQCD, August 2005); and a consultation on the *Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Policy Assessment of Scientific and Technical Information* (first draft Ozone Staff Paper, November 2005) and two related draft technical support documents, *Ozone Health Risk Assessment for Selected Urban Areas: First Draft Report* (first draft Ozone Risk Assessment, November 2005) and *Ozone Population Exposure Analysis for Selected Urban Areas: Draft Report* (first draft Ozone Exposure Assessment, October 2005).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 9 a.m. (eastern time) on Tuesday, December 6, 2005, through 3 p.m. (eastern time) on Thursday, December 8, 2005.

**LOCATION:** The meeting will take place at the Hilton Durham near Duke University, 3800 Hillsborough Road, Durham, NC 27705, Phone: (919) 383-8033.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who would like to submit written or brief oral comments; or wants further information concerning this meeting, should contact Mr. Fred Butterfield, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board (1400F), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; via telephone/voice mail: (202) 343-9994; fax: (202) 233-0643; or e-mail at: [butterfield.fred@epa.gov](mailto:butterfield.fred@epa.gov). General information concerning the CASAC or the EPA SAB can be found on the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background:** Section 109(d)(1) of the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act) requires that EPA periodically review and revise, as appropriate, the air quality criteria and the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for the six "criteria" air pollutants, including ambient ozone. EPA is in the process of updating, and revising where appropriate, the air quality criteria document (AQCD) for ozone and related photochemical oxidants published in 1996. Under CAA sections 108 and 109, the purpose of the revised Ozone AQCD is to provide an assessment of the latest scientific information on the effects of ambient ozone on the public health and welfare, for use in EPA's current review of the NAAQS for ozone. In January 2005, EPA's National Center for Environmental Assessment, Research Triangle Park, NC (NCEA-RTP), within the Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD), made available for public review and comment a First External Review Draft of a revised document, *Air Quality Criteria for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants (First External Review Draft), Volumes I, II, and III*, (EPA/600/R-05/004aA, bA, and cA, first draft Ozone AQCD, January 2005). Detailed summary information on EPA's first draft Ozone AQCD is contained in a previous EPA **Federal Register** notice (70 FR 4850, January 31, 2005).

EPA is soliciting advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a peer review of the second draft Ozone AQCD. The CASAC, which is comprised of seven members appointed by the EPA Administrator, was established under section 109(d)(2) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. 7409) as an independent scientific advisory committee, in part to provide advice,

information and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of issues related to air quality criteria and NAAQS under sections 108 and 109 of the Act. The CASAC is a Federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The CASAC Ozone Review Panel complies with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. This meeting is a continuation of the CASAC Ozone Review Panel's peer review of the current draft Ozone AQCD. The Panel met in a public meeting on May 4-5, 2005 to conduct its initial peer review of the first draft Ozone AQCD. The report from that meeting, dated June 22, 2005, is posted on the SAB Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac\\_ozone\\_casac-05-010.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac_ozone_casac-05-010.pdf).

In addition, pursuant to sections 108 and 109 of the CAA, EPA is in the process of reviewing the ozone NAAQS, which the Agency most recently revised in July 1997. EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), within the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), has developed a draft updated Staff Paper for ambient ozone as part of its review of the ozone NAAQS. This draft Ozone Staff Paper evaluates the policy implications of the key scientific and technical information contained in the current draft Ozone AQCD and identifies critical elements that EPA believes should be considered in its review of the ozone NAAQS. The Ozone Staff Paper is intended to "bridge the gap" between the scientific review contained in the Ozone AQCD and the public health and welfare policy judgments required of the EPA Administrator in reviewing the ozone NAAQS. EPA is soliciting early advice and recommendations from the CASAC by means of a consultation on the first draft Ozone Staff Paper and the first drafts of the Ozone Exposure Analysis and Risk Assessment.

**Technical Contact:** Any questions concerning the second draft Ozone AQCD should be directed to Dr. Lori White, NCEA-RTP, at phone: (919) 541-3146, or e-mail: [white.lori@epa.gov](mailto:white.lori@epa.gov). Any questions concerning the first draft Ozone Staff Paper and the first drafts Ozone Exposure Analysis and Risk Assessment should be directed to Dr. Dave McKee, OAQPS, at phone: (919) 541-5288, or e-mail: [mckee.dave@epa.gov](mailto:mckee.dave@epa.gov).

**Availability of Meeting Materials:** The second draft Ozone AQCD (EPA 600/R-05/004aB, bB, and cB, August 2005) can be accessed via the Agency's NCEA Web site at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=137307>. The first

draft Ozone Staff Paper, the first drafts of the Ozone Exposure Analysis and Risk Assessment, and additional staff technical support memos referenced in the draft Ozone Staff Paper can be accessed via the Agency's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s\\_o3\\_index.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/naaqs/standards/ozone/s_o3_index.html) in the "Documents for Current Review" section under "Staff Papers" and "Technical Documents," respectively. In addition, a copy of the draft agenda for this meeting will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab> (under the "Agendas" subheading) in advance of this CASAC Ozone Review Panel meeting. Other meeting materials, including the charge to the CASAC Ozone Review Panel, will be posted on the SAB Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/sab/panels/casacorpnel.html> prior to this meeting.

**Procedures for Providing Public Comment:** The SAB Staff Office accepts written public comments of any length, and will accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The SAB Staff Office expects that the public will not repeat previously-submitted oral or written statements. **Oral Comments:** Requests to provide oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or regular mail) and received by Mr. Butterfield no later than November 29, 2005 to reserve time on the meeting agenda. Opportunities for oral comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker. **Written Comments:** Written comments should be received in the SAB Staff Office by December 1, 2005 so that these comments may be made available to the members of the CASAC Ozone Review Panel for their consideration. Comments should be supplied to Mr. Butterfield at the contact information provided above, in the following formats: one hard copy (original signature optional), or one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file format: Adobe PDF, WordPerfect, MS Word, or Rich Text files (in IBM-PC/Windows 98/2000/XP format)).

**Accessibility:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Mr. Butterfield at the phone number or e-mail address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 8, 2005.

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