

Public Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Wheatland Community Conversation

Location: Wheatland, Wyoming

Date: September 14, 2009

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose and introduction: The Gateway West Transmission Line Project team hosted a public meeting to update attendees on project progress, new conceptual routes, answer questions, collect comments and document concerns. The meeting was facilitated by Bob Taranatola, Rocky Mountain Power consultant.

Notification and attendance: Approximately 1,500 landowners and residents along the two-mile study corridors within the segments 1E/1W area were notified by mail and invited to attend. Posters announcing the meetings were posted in key community businesses. Approximately 60 people attended, including Platte County Commissioner Dan Kirkbride, Albany County Commissioner Jerry Kennedy and Aaron Clark from the Wyoming Governor's office.

Format: Project staff were available at a sign-in table and encouraged attendees to take informational materials and complete comment forms. Project staff also provided general information about the project, answered questions and helped identify specific parcels on landowner maps. Presentations included:

- Welcome and introductions: Matt Grant, RMP
- Project overview: Bob Tarantola, RMP
- Routing overview: Pam Anderson and Aaron Gibson, RMP
- Questions and answers: facilitated by Bob Tarantola, RMP

Key questions and themes:

- How much capacity is left on your transmission lines? I am involved with wind energy and we need a way to transmit it. *There is some room available. Our lines are open access transmission lines, so if there is room on the line you can submit an application to use that space to transmit your wind energy.*
- Why can't you follow the existing transmission line corridor along I-25 instead of creating a new one? *That corridor does not meet our needs. It adds too many additional miles to the transmission line, which would not be cost effective to the project.*
- Is there a set amount of money that you will pay for an easement? *We pay fair market value for an easement to use the property. Landowners retain ownership of their property.*
- It is difficult to impossible to drive on my property, if you decide to build a line there how will you be able to access the line? *We built transmission lines over mountains and rough terrain often, but if there is something specific we should be aware of, we request landowners and other stakeholders submit comment forms to us.*