

Public Meeting Summary

Meeting name: Douglas Community Conversation

Location: Douglas, Wyoming

Date: September 17, 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 125 people attended the meeting, including Mayor Marilyn Werner, Representatives Jim Anderson and Richard Cannady, Converse County Commissioner Ed Werner and Richard Grant with the Wyoming school board.

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: Leslie Blythe, 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:

- Are you connecting to wind farms? *If there is room on the line for wind generated transmission, yes. We have an open access transmission system and approved parties can transmit energy on the lines. Without partners we cannot build a larger transmission line system to accommodate future wind development.*
- Why can't you put the lines in the same corridor and put them next to each other? *This has to do with the reliability of our lines. We need the separation between lines to get the rating we want to the lines.*
- Can you put other transmission lines in that same 150 easement in the future? *No, we would need to go through a similar process for a different project.*
- Can we make amendments to the right of entry contract? For example if I allow you to come onto my land to do surveying, can I specify that you may not do studies if it has just rained really hard? I don't want my land damaged by trucks driving on it. *Yes, you may make those specifications on the right of entry contracts. Also if Rocky Mountain Power does cause damage to your property we will repair it.*