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Mr. Tom Hurshman
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RE: COMMENTS FOR THE OVERLAND PASS PIPELINE PROJECT

Dear Mr. Hurshman:

The Wyoming Pipeline Authority (WPA) is pleased to submit to the BLM comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Overland Pass Natural Gas Liquids Pipeline Project dated March 2007.

The WPA recommends that the **Proposed Action** be adopted for the Overland Pass Pipeline Project. Because existing NGL pipelines are operating at or near capacity, the Overland Pass Pipeline would address the needs of producers in Colorado and Wyoming by providing additional pipeline capacity out of the Rocky Mountain region to new and existing markets while also providing pipeline-to-pipeline competition to the Rocky Mountain markets.

The Overland Pass Pipeline project will primarily be located within an existing right-of-way (ROW) corridor. The Proposed Action is a better use of limited manpower and equipment resources because there would be less surface disturbance than the Southern Energy Corridor-Copper Ridge Bypass alternative. Construction and reclamation of the ROW would be less difficult with the Proposed Action and therefore less costly. Also there are fewer structures within 500 feet of the Proposed Action's ROW that would be affected.

The Proposed Action would require fewer access roads, paved road and waterbody crossings than the Southern Energy Corridor-Copper Ridge Bypass alternative. Hydrostatic testing and dust control would require less water usage with the Proposed Action.

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The Proposed Action also creates less acreage disturbance for threatened and endangered species than the Southern Energy Corridor-Copper Ridge Bypass alternative. This also includes no loss of big game crucial habitat.

The WPA also supports the Proposed Action due to the use of electric powered pump stations that will minimize impacts to air resources and not affect air quality during the operational phase. The use of electric pumps will also contribute to noise reduction during operations.

The WPA has been given the legislative authority to ‘finance, construct, develop, acquire, maintain and operate a pipeline system or systems within or without the state of Wyoming to facilitate the production, transportation, distribution and delivery of natural gas and associated natural resources produced in the state (including but not limited to propane, butane, ethane, methane, carbon dioxide, sulphur, helium, nitrogen, natural gas liquids, synthetic fuels, and water related to energy production)’.

The WPA appreciates the opportunity to submit these comments. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email at wyoingpipelinea@qwest.net or by telephone at 307-237-5009.

Sincerely,

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