quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 8; thence South 191.0 feet; thence East 228.0 feet; thence North 191.0 feet; thence West 228.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Except that portion of said premises, described as follows:

Beginning at a point 390.0 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section 8; thence East 206.00 feet; thence South 206.0 feet; thence West 206.0 feet; thence North 206.0 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Except that portion of said premises lying within Pekin Ferry County Road, and

Except that portion of said premises lying within County Road No. 25;

Except that portion conveyed to the State of Washington by deed recorded under Auditor’s File Nos. G 143551 and G 499101.

Except that portion conveyed to the State of Washington for Interstate 5.

Except that portion conveyed to James Fisher and wife, by instrument recorded under Auditor’s File No. G 699690, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, Clark County, Washington; thence North 200 feet; thence West 435 feet; thence South 200 feet to a point on the South line of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of said Section; thence East 435 feet to the Point of Beginning.

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That portion of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, Clark County, Washington; described as follows:

Beginning at a point 612 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 8, Township 4 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, Clark County, Washington; thence South 191 feet; thence East 228 feet; thence North 191 feet; thence West 228 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Except County Roads.

Also except that portion thereof conveyed to the State of Washington by deed recorded under Auditor’s File Nos. G 500929 and G 143551.

Dated: December 17, 2010.

Larry Echo Hawk,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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about 200 acres in size at each terminating point, a fiber optic network communications system, and two ground electrode facilities, each about 600 acres in size. When completed, this Project would transmit about 3,000 megawatts of electricity per year generated primarily from renewable resources at planned facilities in Wyoming.

The requested right-of-way width on Federal lands is 250 feet. The proposal would predominantly use steel lattice towers 100 to 180 feet in height with average spans between towers of 900 to 1,500 feet. Temporary access roads up to 24-feet wide would be required. Temporary workspace would be needed during construction for batch plant sites, structure work areas and materials storage, conductor tensioning sites, and vehicles and equipment. Proposed routes cross Federal, State and private lands and include portions of designated utility corridors on Federal land and parallel portions of existing overhead and underground utilities and roadways, as well as portions of undisturbed areas.

Under Section 402 of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (Recovery Act), 42 U.S.C. 16421a, Public Law 111–5, 123 Stat. 141, Div A, Title IV, 402 (2009) (adding Section 301 to the Hoover Power Plant Act of 1984, Pub. L. 98–381, Title III, 301), Western may borrow funds from the United States Treasury to construct, finance, facilitate, plan, operate, maintain, and/or study construction of new or upgraded electric power transmission lines and related facilities with at least one terminus in Western’s marketing area, that deliver or facilitate the delivery of power from renewable resources constructed or reasonably expected to be constructed after the date of enactment of the Recovery Act. Western is proposing to participate as a joint owner in the Project and as part of that proposal, Western is evaluating obtaining the ROWs necessary for those portions of the Project on private and State lands. Western may also apply for ROW grants over part of the Federal land and if this occurs, TransWest Express would concurrently modify its application to describe the remaining portions of the Federal land.

Actions that result in a change in the scope of resource uses, terms and conditions, and decisions of Federal agency land use plans may require amendment of those plans. Approval of this proposal may result in the amendment(s) of USFS Land Management Plans (LMPs) and BLM Resource Management Plans (RMPs). Because of the congestion in the Las Vegas, Nevada area an alternative may be considered that would require a National Park Service (NPS) Management Plan amendment to implement. As required by 43 CFR 1610.2(c), the BLM notifies the public of potential amendments to RMPs and, pursuant to 36 CFR 219.9, the USFS notifies the public of potential amendments to LMPs. Any authorizations and actions proposed for approval in the EIS will be evaluated to determine if they conform to the decisions in the referenced land use plans. If amendments are needed, the BLM and the USFS would integrate the land-use planning process as described in 43 CFR part 1610 and 36 CFR 219.8, respectively, with this EIS process as they proceed with NEPA compliance for the proposed Project. If the BLM or the USFS determine that plan amendments are necessary, compliance with NEPA for any land use plan amendments would occur simultaneously with the consideration of the Project.

The BLM plans that may be amended include those in the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area RMP, the Rawlins RMP, the Rock Springs RMP, the Kemmerer RMP, the Grand Junction RMP, the Glenwood Springs RMP, the Little Snake RMP, the White River RMP, the Cedar-Beaver-Garfield-Antimony RMP, the House Range RMP, the Warm Springs RMP, the Kanab RMP, the Moab RMP, the Price RMP, the Richfield RMP, the St. George RMP, the Vernal RMP, Beaver Dam Wash Area of Critical Environmental Concern RMP, the Ely RMP, the Calistheta RMP, and the Las Vegas RMP. The USFS Plans that may be amended include the Ashley National Forest Plan, the White River National Forest Revised Plan, the Dixie National Forest Plan, the Fishlake National Forest Plan, the Manti-La Sal National Forest Plan, the Uinta National Forest Plan, the Humboldt National Forest Plan, and the Toiyabe National Forest Plan. The NPS Plan that may be considered for amendment is the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Lake Management Plan. Only the BLM may amend a BLM RMP, while the USFS may amend a Forest Plan; and only the NPS may amend a National Park Service Plan. The NPS is not a formal a cooperating agency in this EIS so any plan amendment process it may undertake would be considered separately.

A Programmatic EIS was prepared by the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy for energy corridors in 11 western States and completed in January 2009. The Records of Decision for this Project designate energy transmission corridors and provided guidance, best management practices, and mitigation measures to be used for any power lines proposed to be constructed within the corridors. The Project proposes to use the corridors identified in the ROD to the maximum extent possible. No BLM plan amendments will be needed if the right- of-way remains within designated corridors.

The BLM and Western are joint lead agencies for this EIS as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5. Agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise have been invited to participate as cooperating agencies in preparation of the EIS. The following agencies have agreed to participate as cooperating agencies: The USFS, Intermountain Region; the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers South Pacific Division; Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region; the U.S. Navy Region Southwest; the States of Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada; Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, and Rio-Blanco counties in Colorado; Beaver, Duchesne, Emery, Juab, Millard, Plute, Sanpete, Uintah, Wasatch, and Washington counties in Utah; Lincoln and Clark counties in Nevada and the Little Snake River Conservation District, Medicine Bow Conservation District, Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District, and Sweetwater County Conservation District, Wyoming. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah, the Moapa Band of Paiute, and the Las Vegas Paiute Tribe are also cooperating agencies.

During the public scoping period, the BLM and Western will solicit public comments on behalf of all cooperating agencies regarding issues, concerns, and opportunities that should be considered in the analysis of the proposed action. Comments on issues and their impacts, or suggestions for additional or different alternatives may be submitted to the addresses listed in the ADDRESSES section. Documents pertinent to the ROW application for the project may be examined at:

- BLM, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.
- BLM, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 N. Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301.
- BLM, Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, Colorado 81625.
- BLM, Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506.
- BLM, Cedar City Field Office, 176 D.L. Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721.
The BLM, Western, and other cooperating agencies are expected to participate in the public meetings. The BLM, Western, and cooperating agencies will also provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

Because the proposed Project may involve activities and construction in floodplains or wetlands, this NOI also serves as a notice of proposed floodplain or wetland action, in accordance with DOE regulations for Compliance with Floodplain and Wetlands Environmental Review Requirements, 10 CFR 1022.12(a). The EIS will include a floodplain/wetland assessment and, if required, a floodplain statement of findings will be issued with the Final EIS or in the RODs issued by Western, the BLM, and the USFS, if any.

The BLM and Western will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 470f, as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3). Consultation with Native American Tribes will be conducted in accordance with applicable policies, and Tribal concerns, including impacts on Indian trust assets, will be given due consideration. Federal, State, and local agencies, along with other stakeholders that may be interested or affected by the BLM, USFS, or Western’s decisions on the project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request or be requested by the BLM and Western to participate as a cooperating agency.

Timothy J. Meeks,
Administrator, Western Area Power Administration.

Donald A. Simpson,
Wyoming State Director, Bureau of Land Management.

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development Tule Wind Project and San Diego Gas and Electric’s East County Substation Project, San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as a joint environmental analysis document for the Iberdrola Renewable/Pacific Wind Development Tule Wind Project (Tule Project) and the San Diego Gas and Electric’s (SDG&E) East County Substation Project (ECO Project) and by this notice are announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR.

DATES: To ensure that your comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR by close of business on February 16, 2011. The comment period began on December 23, 2010, with publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency. Recognizing that the public review period began during the holidays, the BLM has decided to extend the 45-day comment period cited in the EIA notice until close of business on February 16, 2011 (55 days total). The BLM and CPUC will hold two joint public informational workshop meetings on the projects; the first in Jacumba, at 7 p.m., on January 26, 2011, at the Jacumba Highland Center on 44681 Old Highway 80, Jacumba, California 91934, and the second in Boulevard, at 7 p.m., on February 2, 2011, at the Boulevard Volunteer Fire Department at 39223 Highway 94, Boulevard, California 91905. The public will be notified in advance of any updates or changes to these public meetings through local media, newspapers and the BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Tule Wind Project and East County Substation Project by any of the following methods:

• E-mail: catulewind@blm.gov.
• Fax: (951) 697–5299.
• Mail: ATTN: Greg Thomeson, BLM California Desert District Office (CDDO), 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, California 92553–9046.

Copies of the EIS/EIR are available on the BLM Web site at: https://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro and also from the CPUC and the CDDO at the above addresses and in the BLM El Centro.