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Dear Mr. Framel:

Following are the comments of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) on the proposed plan for Invenergy to develop and operate a commercial wind energy facility (Project) in Uinta County, Wyoming.

Our comments are specific to our mission: to be dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. The proposed project has the potential to affect our agriculture industry, our natural resources and the welfare of our citizens, it is important you continue to inform us of changes to the proposed project and provide us the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA supports responsible wind energy development on private lands that empowers private landowners the ability to sustain their private lands and the environment, maintain open spaces and support the local economies while protecting private property rights. However, we would strongly encourage Invenergy work closely with the private landowners to fully understand the operations and management of the private lands, and identify the potential requirements the landowners may need to continue managing their operations prior to construction. Private landowners are intimately familiar with the areas impacted by the proposed project and can assist in alleviating potential issues or the need for mitigation. It is also important to communicate with adjacent landowners and the public to learn of their concerns.

We encourage timely and successful mitigation and reclamation occur for the proposed project. This includes the monitoring and eradication of undesirable weeds throughout the project area. We suggest you coordinate with the affected landowners to develop the appropriate desired seed mix for reclamation on private lands.

In conclusion, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed wind energy project and will address the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality – Industrial Siting Application/Permit after it is submitted to the Industrial Siting Division.

Sincerely,

Doug Miyamoto
Director

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