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Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First St., NE
Washington, D.C. 20426

Docket Number, P-14370

Ms. Bose:

Following are the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) comments pertaining to the preliminary permit for the Deer Creek Hydroelectric Project near Powell Wyoming.

Our comments are specific to our mission: dedication to the promotion and enhancement of Wyoming's agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life. As this proposed decision affects our agriculture industry, our natural resources, and the welfare of our citizens, it's important you continue to inform us of proposed actions and decisions and continue to provide the opportunity to express pertinent issues and concerns.

The WDA appreciates the efforts of the Willwood Irrigation District to develop a hydroelectric power plant through utilization of existing infrastructure. The proposed project does not require new roads or dams to be constructed limiting the amount of disturbance for this project. The only disturbance would be the construction of 3 ½ miles of three-phase transmission line which will interconnect with Pacific-Corp's existing three-phase line. A beneficial impact will be the creation of additional clean energy. This project is intended to utilize water resources for public benefit by incorporating a new renewable energy source with other energy sources already produced in Wyoming.

In conclusion, the WDA supports this project and looks forward to continued cooperation on proposed actions and decisions.

Sincerely,

Jason Fearneyhough
Director

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CC: Governor's Policy Office
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