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Mark,

Western Area Power Administration requests a different Point of Interconnection location for the Sweetland Wind Farm than the two current proposals.

The original proposed location is in the center of a field with no existing road access. WAPA does not construct new facilities in a location without readily available and maintained access due to the continued need to perform routine maintenance and timely access when the line is tripped out of service during inclement weather. WAPA will continue to own and operate the switching station far longer than the expected life of the Sweetland facilities and must be able to access the station in a reliable manner to perform these functions. Locating the station on a public road is the best option to achieve this goal.

Although the second location proposed was located on a road, it was not an improved or maintained road. WAPA is of the opinion that this road will not be passable in inclement and wet conditions due to the existing proximity of trees and the slope of the minimal road bed.

WAPA has proposed two potential sites that are located near the intersection of public roads 372nd Avenue and 209th Street. Although these proposed locations are not within the existing project area, they are located within the half-mile buffer zone around the project area. One site is located on the June & Aimee Anderberg property and the other site is located across 372nd Avenue on the Wayne & Joan Horsley property. Both property owners are participants in the wind farm development. As a result, they may be willing to cooperate by selling a portion of land to WAPA for the switching station.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Messegee".

Lori Messegee
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