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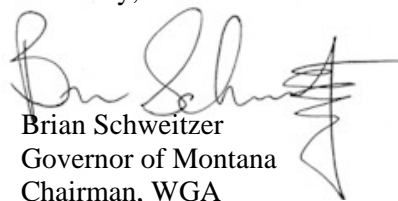
Dear Rob Kondziolka,

In my tenure as Chairman of the Western Governors' Association (WGA), one of my key directives is to facilitate the development of regional transmission. Overcoming obstacles related to building transmission will enable delivery of new renewable energy that can often be stranded within the current system. Through the Western Electricity and Coordinating Council and WGA, efforts are underway to assess regional transmission needs and develop strategies to build required transmission.

In Montana and throughout the West, one of the most frustrating issues developers can face is the daunting process of understanding how to facilitate and expedite transmission siting and permitting. By providing even this basic information, especially to potential small and medium developers, we can bridge the disconnect between project conception and the delivery of critical power to load centers.

The WGA staff has informed me that you have graciously volunteered to help us put together a basic interstate roadmap that will help developers navigate siting and permitting. Your offer, along with that of the members of the sub-regional planning groups, is welcome and brings real-life applicability to the project. With your guidance, this document will be a key starting point for assessing these opportunities. Again, thank you for your generous offer of assistance.

Sincerely,


Brian Schweitzer
Governor of Montana
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