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Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development

MS 2749 ATTN: Section 1813 study

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please allow this letter to provide comments to you on the work plan for the Study of Energy Rights-of-Ways on Indian Land which will be conducted pursuant to Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah & Ouray Reservation is one of the largest land based and energy resource tribes in the country. Ute Energy, LLC is the commercial arm of the Ute Indian Tribe.

We would like to be included in your pre-scoping discussions under your work plan, and would appreciate receiving monthly updates on the progress of your study, perhaps through an email list or informal electronic newsletter. You can reach me at (435)722-0291 or via email at cuch@uteenergy.com or contact Maxine Natchees Tribal Chairman (435) 722-5141 or via email at maxinen@utetribe.com for further discussion.

Your work plan appears respectful of the tribal consultation process, and appears to be workable with the short time frame for the study. We propose that in addition to an email list or informal electronic newsletter, you hold the scoping meeting and working groups and any other study related meetings with the ability to participate by telephone bridge. We would also appreciate an agenda and presentation materials being emailed to interested parties, or available on the web prior to the meetings. Many tribal officials and entities will not be able to attend all of these meetings but we would like to have a broad perspective on these issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cameron Cuch, Analyst
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