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To Jerome Ford/ARL/R9/FWS/DOI@FWS
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Subject Re: Wind Energy Update 5/14/07 []

Jerome,

Got your voice mail message from yesterday. Since what I sent you are all public documents, no need to ask for permission to use them. But I appreciate the consideration.

I realize you were under the gun yesterday to get the time line out per D's request and I also realize this is a highly complex and confusing issue and you're new to the initiative. However, a gentle request: in the future, please give us an opportunity to review similar documents for correctness. There are several errors in the time line which may confuse those new on the scene (e.g., D. created Wind Turbine Siting Working Group, not Sec.; Canadian workshop was for Service feedback on Canada's then developing guidance based on our "model;" wind-wildlife meetings w/ FWS participation in late 2005 were all in U.S. and were very much based on GAO's draft and then final recommendations to FWS; might explain who was involved, what resulted, and why "Collaborative" threatened by FACA lawsuit). Since I'm assuming there will be detailed background and briefing papers on various aspects of land-based wind energy development for Service involvement in FACA, what you sent out as a preliminary overview is fine.

As the wind-wildlife national rep on the National Wind Coordinating Cmt. since 1997, and as a Service scientist who works most closely with our Regional ES, Mig Birds, and OLE folks, please be aware that there has been a bit of frustration from WO and Regional offices regarding the selection process for the FACA committee. Realizing the Service's "wind worker bees" were not privy to the 60-some FACA nominees, we still feel a considerable lack of involvement in helping select the final FWS recommended slate of nominees before it goes to DOI and the WH. It is especially frustrating that the facilitator (whom I know well but who is representing industry) knows who we are nominating before the Service's key wind staff know. Of particular concern, for example, are 2 of the NGOs who are essentially "missing in action" regarding an understanding of wind development, impacts to wildlife, and a cogent environmental position on wind energy [REDACTED]. Two of the wind industry representatives are virtual unknowns to those of us working with industry -- Ridgeline and BP Alternatives. We have no bat representation on the FACA committee, a major shortcoming [REDACTED] himself). We lack eastern representation from the States (huge issues w/ bat mortality and potential raptor issues). Vermont would be an excellent addition. Recognizing that the nominee list may have been limited, consultation with those who have worked most closely with these individuals would have been appreciated. After all, we want the best recommendations out of a balanced group as we can get, and we're going to have to work with this FACA team for at least the next 2 years, well into the next administration.

This FACA effort is supposed to be co-led by DMBM and DHRC - [REDACTED] last Friday. I would hope we could do a better job of interacting since we all need to be "reading from the same sheet of music" once the starting gun is fired. I provide these suggestions in as constructive way as I can. Respectfully submitted, -A-

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Good afternoon everyone.

I just wanted to touch base with you after Friday's conference call in order to keep everyone up to speed. Also, you will find an attachment that represents a condensed timeline of events leading up to the development of the FACA Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee (Committee).

Friday, May 8, 2007

Mrs. Abby Arnold, a facilitator for the resolution firm Resolve, summarized the results of her contacts with Service staff and FACA Guidelines Committee selected nominees. Questions/comments ranged from mitigation and technical issues to specific questions about the role of the Committee, technical committee(s), Department, Service, etc. These questions will be addressed during the first in-house meeting of Service employees. That means you all. We are optimistic that the in-house meeting will take place by mid summer.

Secondly, there were a couple of selected nominees that had yet to be contacted about their potential service on the Committee. After this has been completed, the list of nominees will be forwarded through the surnaming route for the Secretary's review and approval. The goal is to have the selected nominee list circulating by May 21, 2007.

Lastly, Mrs. Arnold will submit her final report to me later this week. After the report has been approved, I will send all of you an electronic copy. In addition to her report, I will attach a copy of the matrix that we used to rate the nominees' knowledge and experiences. The matrix will be void of names however. To supplement this document, I will provide some additional descriptors that will clarify elements within some of the criteria.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to give me a call. If I do not know the answer, then I will surely get you one as soon as possible.



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