

Appendix K

Power Company of Wyoming Public Meetings and Presentations Summary

49 held by Dec. 17, 2013

An abbreviated list available at <http://www.powercompanyofwyoming.com/about/timeline.shtml>

Date	Public Meetings
2008: 6 meetings	
August 16-19	4 BLM public scoping open house meetings: Meetings were held Aug. 16 in Saratoga from 9:30 a.m.-noon; Aug. 16 in Rawlins from 3 p.m.-6 p.m.; Aug. 18 in Rawlins from 5 p.m.-8 p.m.; and Aug. 19 in Baggs from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. to introduce the wind project and gather public comments for consideration in the Environmental Impact Statement. A Notice of Intent to prepare a project EIS and an EIS to amend the Rawlins Resource Management Plan was published July 25, 2008, in the <i>Federal Register</i> and in local media. According to BLM, "Additionally, scoping letters were mailed on July 25, 2008, to over 600 interested parties including federal, state, and local agencies and tribes. The letters included a description of the proposed project, the scoping statement, and a project location map." Subjects addressed at the scoping meetings included wildlife resources, visual resources, construction processes, and multiple other topics related to wind energy.
Oct. 7	Carbon County Commission open meeting in Rawlins: PCW representatives introduced and described the wind energy project.
Oct. 8	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open meeting in Rawlins: PCW representatives introduced and described the wind energy project.
2009: 6 meetings	
March 17	Sweetwater County Commission open meeting in Green River: Introduced and described the PCW wind energy project.
April 7	Carbon County Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Presented and responded to questions on a range of project development matters, provided project updates.
April 7	Rawlins City Council open meeting in Rawlins: Introduced and described the PCW wind energy project, provided project updates.
June 1	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Described the wind project, provided an update on project status and development.
June 25	Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District public open house meeting in Saratoga: Displayed a booth about PCW's proposed wind project and provided comprehensive project handouts and materials to open house attendees.
July 15	Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District open board meeting in Saratoga: Presented a project overview including discussing wildlife conservation, visual simulations, socioeconomic benefits and other subjects.
2010: 5 meetings	
Feb. 2	Saratoga Town Council open meeting in Saratoga: Introduced the PCW wind energy project, discussed community benefits, invited all to attend upcoming open houses.
March 17-18, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.	2 PCW public open houses and dinners: Held March 17 in Saratoga and March 18 in Rawlins so the community could learn more about the PCW project, ask questions, and provide comments. Nearly 200 people attended these events. Multiple ads placed in Rawlins/Saratoga papers to notify the public, and notices sent to local elected officials. Presentation included taxes and jobs estimates, visual simulations, wildlife conservation, wind energy facts and related information.

April 28	Voices of the Valley community group open meeting in Saratoga: Presented a project overview, reviewed the project status, and outlined the project's conservation measures and socioeconomic benefits to the community. The Voices of the Valley speaker series was widely advertised and promoted in Carbon County.
June 16	Carbon County Council of Governments open meeting in Saratoga: Presented about the PCW wind project and discussed taxes and jobs benefits, visual simulations and estimated project timeline. CCCOG's formal members are representatives of various County departments and all incorporated Carbon County cities and towns.
2011: 6 meetings	
Jan. 18	Rawlins City Council open meeting in Rawlins: Provided multiple project development and socioeconomic benefits updates.
March 7	Carbon County Economic Development Corporation open meeting in Rawlins: Presented about the project and its current development status.
March 22	Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District open meeting in Rawlins: Meeting to gather feedback for the SERCD "Long Range and Natural Resource Management Plan 2012-2017"; PCW hosted an informational display and provided a presentation about the wind project and its comprehensive conservation plan to meeting attendees.
Aug. 22-23, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	2 BLM open house meetings to present Draft EIS information and gather feedback: Meetings held Aug. 22 in Rawlins and Aug. 23 in Saratoga. Meetings were widely publicized through a Notice of Intent published July 22 in the <i>Federal Register</i> , local newspaper and radio stories, local advertising by PCW, and direct-mail postcards mailed by PCW to all 5,000+ Carbon County households using the best available mailing list from the U.S. Postal Service. A range of information was presented including wildlife resources, cultural resources, visual resources, socioeconomic benefits and construction/reclamation practices.
Oct. 17	Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation District open board meeting in Saratoga: Presented a project overview and responded to questions related to Visual Resource Management and Visual Resource Inventories.
2012: 14 meetings	
Jan. 18	Carbon County Council of Governments open meeting in Rawlins: Provided project development and status updates. CCCOG's formal members are representatives of various County departments and all incorporated Carbon County cities and towns.
April 30	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Described the wind project and provided an update on the project's status.
May 17	Sinclair Town Council open meeting in Sinclair: Described project and the facilities proposed in the Sinclair vicinity, such as the O&M center and rail facility.
June 1	Carbon County Economic Development Corporation annual board of directors open meeting near Saratoga: Presented about the project and its development status.
Sept. 4	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open work session in Rawlins: PCW outlined the project's components and walked Commissioners through details of the Conditional Use Permit application, submitted in July 2012. Legal notice published.
Sept. 9	PCW open house meeting in Baggs, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., promoted via letters of notice and media outreach.
Sept. 10	PCW open house meeting in Medicine Bow, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., promoted via letters of notice and media outreach.
Sept. 10	PCW open house meeting in Laramie, Albany County, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., promoted via letters of notice and media outreach.
Sept. 17	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Meeting to

	consider and discuss PCW's application for a Conditional Use Permit. Legal notice published.
Sept. 18-19, 4:30 p.m-7:30 p.m.	2 PCW public open house meetings and dinners: Held Sept. 18 in Rawlins and Sept. 19 in Saratoga. Multiple ads placed in Rawlins/Saratoga/Baggs papers to notify the public, and notices were sent to local elected officials and media.
Sept. 24	PCW open house meeting in Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., promoted via letters of notice and media outreach.
Sept. 25	PCW open house meeting in Casper, Natrona County, 4 p.m.-7 p.m., promoted via letters of notice and media outreach.
Oct. 2	Carbon County Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Board hearing to consider PCW's application for a Conditional Use Permit. Legal notice published.
2013: 12 meetings	
Feb. 5	Carbon County Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Presented project overview and permitting timing updates to new 5-member commission.
Feb. 5	Rawlins City Council open meeting in Rawlins: Presented project overview and permitting timing updates to new 7-member council.
March 19	Carbon County Commission open meeting in Rawlins: Presented project overview and permitting updates.
March 19	Saratoga Town Council open meeting in Saratoga: Presented project overview and permitting timing updates to new 5-member council.
Sept. 19	Sinclair Town Council open meeting in Sinclair: Updated on the first Site-Specific EA forthcoming with facilities proposed in the vicinity, such as the rail.
Sept. 23-24, 4 p.m.-7 p.m.	2 BLM public scoping meetings to present Site-Specific EA1 information and gather comments: Meetings held Sept. 23 in Saratoga and Sept. 24 in Rawlins. Meetings were publicized through Sept. 9 BLM news release, local newspaper and radio stories, website notices, storefront flyers and social media. PCW publicized these events as well.
Dec. 2	Carbon County Planning & Zoning Commission open meeting in Rawlins: PCW provided its annual project update per the terms of the Conditional Use Permit.
Dec. 16-17, 4-6:30 p.m.	2 BLM public scoping open house meetings to present Site-Specific EA2 information and gather comments: Meetings held Dec. 16 in Rawlins and Dec. 17 in Saratoga. Meetings were publicized through Dec. 6 BLM news release, local newspaper and radio stories, website notices, storefront flyers, social media. PCW publicized these events as well.
Dec. 16-17, 4-6:30 p.m.	2 USFWS public scoping open house meetings to present eagle permit application information and gather comments: Meetings held Dec. 16 in Rawlins and Dec. 17 in Saratoga. Meetings were publicized through Dec. 3 USFWS news release, local newspaper and radio stories, website notices, storefront flyers, social media. PCW publicized these events as well.

Other in-person outreach activities include:

- PCW was one of a handful of major companies participating in the first “Rawlins Industry Roundtable” event, held **June 15, 2011**, and hosted by the Carbon County Economic Development Corporation. More than 60 people attended this daylong open meeting, including representatives from the BLM Rawlins Field Office, Wyoming Industrial Siting Council, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Carbon County Commission, Carbon County Planning, City of Rawlins, Carbon County School District #1, Office of the Governor,

Wyoming State Senator Larry Hicks, Wyoming State Representative Don Burkhart, and people from multiple local businesses. PCW described its wind energy project, provided project updates and answered questions, and helped sponsor the luncheon costs. PCW also sponsored, attended and spoke at the **May 20, 2013**, Industry Roundtable in Rawlins, which included a similar broad range of community stakeholders. PCW was not able to attend the **2012** meeting but provided written information and project updates to organizers in advance of the meeting.

- Since 2008, Power Company of Wyoming representatives have reached out to seek comments and feedback from the offices of the county assessor, county treasurer, county attorney and county roads; the Carbon County library; the Carbon County Higher Education Center; the Carbon County Museum; Memorial Hospital of Carbon County; Rawlins DDA/Main Street; the Rawlins-Carbon County Chamber of Commerce; the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce; the Wyoming Business Council; the Carbon County office of Wyoming's Department of Workforce Services; Wyoming Game and Fish Department; University of Wyoming's School of Energy Resources and Wind Energy Research Center; and several members of the Wyoming State Legislature, including the Carbon County delegation, to build awareness about the wind project and to answer questions from these leaders and organizations.
- PCW has presented about its project to local school classes and service clubs, sponsored and participated in multiple local community events, talked with representatives of wildlife and environmental organizations, and outlined the project to local businesses, in addition to participating in a number of wind energy-related briefings and events at a statewide Wyoming level. Just a few specific examples include:
 - PCW representatives hosted an informational exhibit, answered questions and were available to take comments and feedback at three consecutive Carbon County Higher Education Center events called the "Celebration of Wind." These annual events were held in Rawlins on **April 24-25, 2009**; **May 14-15, 2010**; and **May 21, 2011**. These events were well-publicized in advance both by CCHCC and via newspaper ads placed by PCW.
 - PCW was the co-presenting sponsor of two consecutive "Saratoga Bullfest" events and hosted an informational booth, **Aug. 21, 2010**, and **Aug. 20, 2011**. Cooperating sponsors included the Carbon County Visitors Council and Saratoga Lions Club.
 - PCW representatives talked about the wind project at the "Wind Road Show," held in Rock Springs, Sweetwater County, on **Aug. 31, 2010**. The event was hosted by the Wyoming Power Producers Coalition, the American Wind Energy Association, the Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce, and other sponsors.
 - PCW hosted about 30 Teton Science Schools Camp students and staff from Saratoga during a daylong ranch tour and interactive wind energy project demonstrations on **July 16, 2013**, working with Saratoga science teacher and camp organizer Josh Sandlian.