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August 15, 2007

Tom Schroeder  
Industrial Siting Division, Dept. of Environment Quality  
Herschler Building, 4-W  
122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Laramie Economic Development Corporation (LEDC) has been a strong supporter of diversifying the base of core industries in our community and those communities around us. For that reason, LEDC strongly supports the proposed Medicine Bow Fuel & Power plant (a coal-to-liquids project) being developed in Carbon County, WY.

LEDC understands that the company already has options on the land, secured the feedstock (coal) to generate its primary product (low sulfur diesel) and has a contract with Sinclair to purchase this product. LEDC is lending its support to help facilitate the review process and urge a positive consideration in the permitting of this plant.

With Coal mining as one of Wyoming's greatest natural resource and with our rich history in Wyoming and Carbon County, Carbon County and Albany County can be at the forefront of introducing a new technology in the U.S.

The following information makes a great reason for our support of this project and we urge you to support it, too.

- Initial production will be 13,100 barrels per day of refined liquids. This diesel will be used by Sinclair to meet its marketing needs in the Rocky Mountain region – domestic resources creating a domestic transportation fuel source.
- The investment that will be made for this project cost is substantial - approximately \$2 billion – and can be very significant for our community. Millions of dollars will be spent in the region on goods and services in support of the project.
- Construction will require about 2,000 workers. Job training programs will be developed to enhance local hiring.
- A full-time workforce of about 300 will be required for the plant and the mine. Again, job training will be incorporated as needed, and partnerships will be made with the University of

Wyoming for internships and job placements. This is significant for the young people in our region – the jobs will range from wage to salary and provide new opportunity here at home.

- The company is making headway in the permit process. An air permit application was filed with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality in June, and the company is preparing the Industrial Siting Permit Application and a County Conditional Use Permit.
- Carbon County is already showing support by helping facilitate necessary road upgrades to the site. Our early support of this type of infrastructure development will enable the company to begin work soon after the necessary approvals are received.
- Company representatives are working closely with local and state officials and maintain an active line of communication. They have held one-on-one meetings with local leaders, county agency meetings, community meetings, and more are planned. This is the type of new development we need – new technology and new jobs by a company who seeks our opinion.
- A series of agency and community meetings were held in mid-July in Rawlins, Laramie and Cheyenne in support of the Industrial Siting Application process and the company was very forthcoming in providing available detail on the project and answering questions. The reception to the company's presentation was very positive and the local communities are showing their support.
- Environmentally, the design of the plant is sound, incorporates the best available control technology, and it will have the ability to capture the carbon dioxide from the process which could be used in enhanced oil recovery efforts in the region. Thus, benefits to the Wyoming energy industry can be truly significant, not to mention to our tax base.

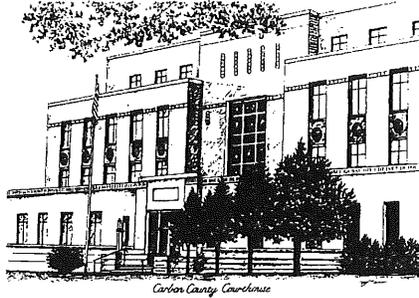
LEDC believes that this project can take such an important domestic fuel source and create the right investment that will lessen our dependence on foreign fuel sources. LEDC would appreciate your support of this important new project, for the sake of Albany and Carbon County, for Wyoming and for the US.

Sincerely,



Karen Saunders,  
Chairman

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Terry Weickum  
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## BOARD OF CARBON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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September 14, 2007

Mr. Tom Schroeder  
Industrial Siting Division,  
Department of Environmental Quality  
Herschler Building 4-W  
122 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

The Board of Carbon County Commissioners strongly urges a positive consideration in the permitting of Medicine Bow Fuel and Power's proposed coal-to-liquids plant for development near the town of Medicine Bow, WY in Carbon County.

As evidence of this support, this Board has recently sponsored a Wyoming Business Council grant application in the amount of \$1.9 million to improve the roads leading to the proposed facility site. Early support of this type of infrastructure development will enable MBFP to begin construction soon after successful permits are received.

DKRW and MBFP representatives have been working closely with county officials and maintain an active line of communication. This is the type of new development we need - new technology and new jobs by a company who seeks our opinion.

As the first of its kind, this project is noteworthy not only to Carbon County, but to the State of Wyoming and the entire United States. Therefore we strongly encourage the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council to approve the permits requested by Medicine Bow Fuel and Power to proceed with development of this facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Weickum'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Terry Weickum on behalf of  
The Board of Carbon County Commissioners



**Carbon County  
Economic Development Corporation**

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September 12, 2007

Mr. Tom Schroeder  
Industrial Siting Division, Dept. of Environmental Quality  
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Cheyenne, WY 82002

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

The Carbon County Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) has been a strong supporter of diversifying the base of core industries in our county and the state of Wyoming. For that reason, CCEDC strongly supports the Medicine Bow Fuel and Power coal-to-liquids plant being proposed for development near the town of Medicine Bow, WY in Carbon County.

With a proposed construction workforce of nearly 2,000 and an estimated permanent operational workforce of 300, the long-term economic effect on Carbon County will be immense. This project will diversify an energy-based industry that has a long history of development in Wyoming and Carbon County.

The CCEDC encourages the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council to approve the permits requested by Medicine Bow Fuel and Power to proceed with development of this facility.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Ducker  
Executive Director

September 14, 2007

Mr. Tom Schroeder  
Industrial Siting Division  
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122 W 25<sup>th</sup> Street  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002

Dear Mr. Schroeder,

Greetings from Carbon County! Your office will soon be reviewing an application from Medicine Bow Fuel and Power, operating as DKRW, to open an innovative coal-to-liquids plant in Carbon County. Your work, ensuring that the natural environment of Carbon County, including wildlife habitat and water quality, is protected, is likely the most crucial in the entire permitting process.

When officials from Medicine Bow Fuel and Power presented their project to the citizens of Carbon County, they listed protection of the natural environment as one of the key components of their project. Safety concerns for their labor force were also at the top of their list.

The Carbon County Higher Education Center in Rawlins is anxious to work closely with DKRW to help them develop this new technology in ways that respect and maintain the natural and cultural environment of Carbon County. The project introduces a novel approach to diversifying our nation's energy needs and will be a significant addition to the contribution Carbon County already makes to that effort. The labor force will be working with new technologies which opens doors for new educational opportunities in the county, and that is a good thing.

It is rare that a community like ours has the opportunity to be on the cutting edge of new technologies. The coal-to-liquid process has precedents, but there is nothing quite like it in the region and it will create a different mix of skills and employment opportunities than we currently have in the county. This will help diversify the labor force in ways that will benefit the entire county. I urge the Industrial Siting Council to approve the requested permits so that DKRW can get on with the development phase.

Sincerely,

David Throgmorton, Ph.D.  
Executive Director