

Mr. Secretaries

As the title of section 1813 refers to the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, One would hope the ROW study will also put a bigger emphasis on the Indian Communities needs for Energy and Economic Development. In the past the Tribes were just merely given small cash paid offs with no regards for their true value of what was taken and more importantly very little consideration for the energy needs or how energy could play into the Indian Communities future economic development needs.

Therefore as we study the assessment of the Tribal self-determination and sovereignty interests implicated by applications for the grant, expansion, or renewal of energy rights-of-way on tribal land, we ask that you also take into consider the following, but not limited to long term compensation concepts:

1. Such long term concept as the Indian Community's access to the ROW, mainly the transmission lines that will cross their lands not so much to just provide the Tribes with power to their people, but more so for access for the Tribes as they develop energy from their vast resources, such as coal, gas, sun, water and wind, they will need access to provide this energy through the ROW / transmission lines to the greater markets such as California and other big consumer districts.
2. As the Tribes have many natural resources, but lack the basic tool, Money! The Tribes need virtually free access to the ROW transmission line and ideas like tax credits to users of Indian energy as part of their compensation.
3. Furthermore in the Study, determining final locations of ROW / transmission lines we need to take into consideration location of Tribal natural resources so as to ensure the Tribes are not blocked from access or made to be too financially restrictive. Moving the ROW may cost a little more then the one site, but the cost can be considered part of the just compensation to the Tribes
4. The ROW grid / transmission line need to be sized beyond the needs of the non tribal producers and reserved, as part of the just compensation to accountant for the future development of the Tribes natural resources to produce and provide additional energy into the ROW transmission lines to the bigger public markets.

Far too long the Tribes have been left out of the America dream, we are now the poorest communities in America, Our lands and resources were taken without adequate compensations, our Tribal efforts have been blocked by lack of consideration and access. Therefore as the comments made above address and are relevant to all four major elements mentioned in the Section 1813 ROW study and the fact that the precedent has already been set with the National energy dam projects, that compensation to the Tribes can be more they just monetary, I urge you to consider all these out of the box far reaching compensation suggestions mentioned above.

Sincerely

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