



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Department of Energy regarding the DKRW Medicine Bow Fuel and Power Project. We appreciate hearing from you on this issue.

The Department's Loan Programs Office (LPO) administers Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, and currently manages a \$30 billion portfolio of clean energy and advanced vehicles projects. These projects include some of the world's largest solar, electric vehicle, wind, and geothermal facilities.

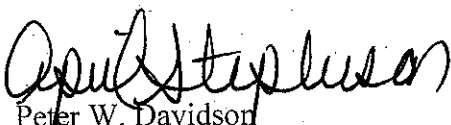
The LPO has an excellent track record in protecting taxpayers while achieving its mission of accelerating clean energy deployment across the United States. Once an application is received by the Department, it is not at liberty to discuss individual applications due to the sensitivity of the application process.

With any application to the loan guarantee program, there is no assurance that due diligence will result in issuing a loan guarantee. LPO's underwriting process for all applicants involves robust technical, financial, commercial, credit, environmental, and legal due diligence in order to offer the highest level of protection for the taxpayer and to ensure the fulfillment of LPO's statutory and regulatory requirements. In addition, the borrower and the Department must negotiate detailed terms and conditions of any loan guarantee, which must be satisfactory to the Department in its discretion.

The Department of Energy is committed to utilizing its authority under Title XVII to support the President's "all-of-the-above" energy strategy to accelerate the deployment of innovative energy projects and reduce the harmful emissions that contribute to climate change.

Thank you again for your interest in the program.

Sincerely,

for 
Peter W. Davidson
Executive Director
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