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111 Garryowen Road
Miles City, Montana 59301-0940
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July 19, 2004

Dear Interested Public:

Enclosed is a copy of the Powder River Gas, LLC – Coal Creek Project Plan of Development Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Draft MPDES Permit. The analysis for this Environmental Assessment was conducted in a collaborative effort between the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation (MBOGC) and the Bureau of Land Management – Miles City Field Office (BLM). These documents and their supporting technical reports are available at www.mt.blm.gov/mcfo/.

The agencies are soliciting comments on the EA and draft permit for a period of thirty (30) days, ending August 24, 2004. In addition, a public hearing for review of the Draft MPDES Permit is scheduled for August 24, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bicentennial Library, Colstrip, Montana.

If you wish to participate in the review process, please submit all comments on the EA in writing to:

Bureau of Land Management
Miles City Field Office
Attn: Powder River Gas-Coal Creek POD
111 Garryowen Road
Miles City, MT 59301-0940.

Please submit all comments on the MPDES Permit in writing to:

Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Protection Bureau
Attn: Diane McKittrick
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shane Findlay, BLM Natural Resource Specialist (406) 233-3640, Tom Ellerhoff, MDEQ Environmental Program Manager at (406) 444-5263, or Tom Richmond, MBOGC Administrator at (406) 656- 0040.

Sincerely,

David Jaynes
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