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Ms Jean Preister, Administrative Officer  
City of Lincoln - Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Room 210  
Lincoln, NE 68516

Re: Lincoln Electric System - Central Lincoln Reliability Project  
Early Project Coordination

As the electric utility for the City of Lincoln, Lincoln Electric System (LES) strives to provide reliable and low-cost energy to our customers. At the heart of maintaining that service is a reliable transmission and distribution system that delivers electricity upon customer demand. An integral part of that system is a 34-year-old, 115kV underground transmission line operating between 20<sup>th</sup> & Pioneers and 29<sup>th</sup> & Leighton that is nearing the end of its projected life. This line delivers power to an existing substation at 30<sup>th</sup> & A.

LES is launching the Central Lincoln Reliability Project to identify a new transmission line route to meet the growing demand for electricity in central Lincoln and to improve reliability. We are proposing that the first line segment be constructed by 2013, and are seeking input from your agency about this project.

The routing of the new 115kV line to the 30<sup>th</sup> & A substation is the main purpose of this project. The end points for this new line will be moved from substations at 29<sup>th</sup> & Leighton and 20<sup>th</sup> and Pioneers to new locations at 56<sup>th</sup> & Everett and 17<sup>th</sup> & Holdrege. These new interconnection points will increase capacity and improve reliability for LES's customer/owners across central Lincoln as this area grows and is redeveloped. This project will also connect to a new substation at 21<sup>st</sup> & N St.

The routing study for the Central Lincoln Reliability Project is very early in the planning process and route alternatives have not been established. Both overhead and underground lines will be considered for this project. In order to determine feasible and responsible route alternatives, LES requests your review of the project as it pertains to resources which your agency holds, either by jurisdiction or by an interest of any kind. A map is enclosed that identifies a broad data collection area.

The information you provide will be considered in a multi-tiered route evaluation process that will consider all identified route constraints. We are confident that through our extensive evaluation process, a route can be identified that minimizes adverse affects, while maintaining reliable electric service to our customers in central Lincoln.

If applicable, LES will seek on-going feedback from your agency as the Central Lincoln Reliability Project progresses. Please address all correspondence to Mr. Quinn Damgaard, 8404 Indian Hills Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68114. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Damgaard at (402) 399-1041.

Thank You,



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*Please direct all correspondence to the Central Lincoln Reliability Project Consultant at:*

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