



Department of Energy
Grid Deployment Office
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Lauren Boebert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Boebert:

Thank you for your February 10 letter to Secretary Wright. I am responding to your request to extend the comment period for Phase 3 of the National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor (NIETC) designation process, pertaining to the proposed Southwestern Grid Connector Corridor.

We are committed to public engagement as a part of the NIETC designation process. In response to requests to provide additional time to comment, on Friday, February 14, the Department of Energy announced that it will extend the formal public comment period for another 60 days through April 15, 2025. We are also conducting our own internal review of the status of the program.

Thank you for raising my attention to this issue. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Mr. Shawn Affolter, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

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