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### Wyoming-Colorado Intertie Offers Remaining Capacity

**CHEYENNE, Wyo.** – In late August 2008, the Wyoming-Colorado Intertie (WCI) project announced the successful results of its open season capacity auction for firm transmission rights for a new 345-kV line that would link Wyoming with Colorado. As noted in that announcement, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc and GreenHunter Wind, LLC were awarded a total of 585 MW of capacity on the WCI line, or about 70% of the line's full capacity. The remaining unsold capacity, 265 MW, is now being made available on an application basis in conformity with the WCI Open Access Transmission Tariff that is posted on the WCI website. Qualified applicants will be awarded capacity at the posted minimum price after a posting period of 30 days following the submittal of a completed application, unless applications exceed the 265 MW available which will trigger an auction process. Interested parties are encouraged to examine the materials related to Requesting Available Capacity posted on the first of the two WCI websites: [www.WCIntertie.com](http://www.WCIntertie.com) and [www.wyia.org/wci](http://www.wyia.org/wci).

The WCI Project is a public/private development partnership involving the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA), Trans-Elect Development Company LLC (Trans-Elect), and the Western Area Power Administration (Western), with Trans-Elect leading the development effort. The partnership was first announced September 27, 2005.

Trans-Elect, based in Bethesda, Maryland with regional offices in Denver and Chicago, formed in 1999 as the first independent transmission company in North America to

pursue the development of independently owned electric transmission with the twin objectives of increasing the reliability of the system and lowering costs to consumers.

Created in 2004 by the State of Wyoming, the WIA's mission is to diversify and expand the state's economy through improvements in Wyoming's electric transmission infrastructure to facilitate the consumption of Wyoming energy. The Authority can participate in planning, financing, constructing, developing, acquiring, maintaining and operating electric transmission facilities and their supporting infrastructure. Legislation provided the WIA with bonding authority, and other powers, to promote transmission development in the state and throughout the region. It also provided the State Treasurer, with the approval of the State Loan and Investment Board, the authority to invest in WIA bonds.

Part of the U.S. Department of Energy, Western annually markets and transmits more than 10,000 megawatts of power from hydroelectric power plants owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineers in 15 central and western states. Western is the operator of the transmission lines that currently link Colorado and Wyoming.

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