

# Gateway West Transmission Line Project

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## Regulations for Filing a Valid Land Use Amendment Protest

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CHAPTER II-BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Subpart 1610--Resource Management Planning

Sec. 1610.5-2--Protest procedures.

(a) Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process.

(1) The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Director. The protest shall be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency published the notice of receipt of the final environmental impact statement containing the plan or amendment in the Federal Register. For an amendment not requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement, the protest shall be filed within 30 days of the publication of the notice of its effective date.

(2) The protest shall contain:

- (i) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;
- (ii) A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- (iii) A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested;
- (iv) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- (v) A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong.

(3) The Director shall promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

All protests, including the follow-up letter (if e-mailing or faxing) must be in writing and mailed to the following address by **May 28, 2013**:

Regular Mail:

Director (210)

Attention: Brenda Williams

P.O. Box 71383

Washington, D.C. 20024-1383

Overnight Mail (non-USPS delivery service):

Director (210)

Attention: Brenda Williams

20 M St SE, Room 2134LM

Washington, D.C. 20003

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, be advised that your entire protest – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For more information on the protest process refer to the Dear Reader letter at the beginning of the FEIS or visit: [www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning\\_overview/protest\\_resolution.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/planning/planning_overview/protest_resolution.html).

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