

Statement of Adverse Energy Impact

Description of Action/Decision:

1. Location: X Township, Y Range/ _____ County/ State of _____
2. Date: 10/14/2001
3. General Description: Denial/delay of a Right-of-Way (ROW) approval due to a proposed crossing of prairie dog colonies in known black-footed ferret habitat.
4. Acres impacted: 10,234

Rationale for Decision (Policy, Regulation or Law):

The BLM is prohibited from approving any activities which will have an adverse effect on a threatened or endangered species by The Endangered Species Act of 1969, as amended. The USFWS has provided a formal Biological Opinion which required certain mandatory mitigating measures. This is a requirement of Section 7 consultation (see 40 CFR 402).

As a result of that opinion, I have decided not to approve the pipeline in the proposed corridor as submitted by the applicant. Instead, I will allow the applicant to either: 1) modify his/her submission to one of the alternatives in conformance with the Biological Opinion, 2) submit a new alternative route, or 3) withdraw his/her application.

Alternatives Considered:

1. Rerouting the pipeline
2. Alternative types of pipeline placement, e.g., laid on the surface versus buried.
3. Other mitigation alternatives as proposed by the USFWS

Energy Impact (Development, Production or Transmission):

Development- There will be additional delays in field development and production due to a lack of adequate transmission facilities. Depending upon the response of the applicant, my decision may delay development several months or longer.

Transmission- There may also be possible timely and costly delays due to necessity of rerouting the proposed pipeline

Energy loss- There is a potential loss of _____ MMCF/day for _____ months/years.

Authorized Officer/BLM Jurisdictional Office:

John Smith, Field Manager, Somewhere Field Office

Today's Date: November 19, 2001