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Subject: Desert Rock Energy Project BO - Cons. #22420-2004-F-0356

All:

I received a call from one of the consultants working on the Biological Assessment for the Desert Rock Energy Project. They have received the letter we wrote on July 2 requesting additional information for the consultation. During the conversation the consultant informed me that Sithe Global LLC did not want to request the additional information we requested regarding the effect of climate change, specifically: a) addressing in their analysis the results of modeling of future water availability; and b) the effects of any changes in hydrology and water resources of the San Juan River basin on Colorado pikeminnow, razorback sucker, bald eagle, and Southwest willow flycatcher.

The consultant informed me that Thomas A. Johns, Senior Vice President Development, Sithe Global LLC stated that Sithe Global had taken the issue back to "Washington, D.C." and that we would soon be instructed by "Washington" not to address or pursue the climate change questions.

I thought you should be aware of this conversation.

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Dave

Sithe and DPA are very concerned with [SIC] appears to be a lack of progress on the Desert Rock Biological Opinion. As you are aware the BA was mailed to you by BIA on April 30. In my meeting with you on May 24, I understand [SIC] that you had not yet completed your review of the BA, but based on your initial review you were going to request some changes to the BA related to the mercury deposition risk assessment of the rated [SIC] to greenhouse gas emissions. You indicated in that meeting that you would complete your review shortly. In a call with you the week of June 18 you informed me that a key employee in your office had been out of the office for a family emergency which has caused a delay but that the letter was going under internal review. I left a voice mail to get an update on July 10 and have yet to receive a response.

As we have discussed the BO is very important to the air permit process for the project and we would like to get this process completed as soon as possible. Would you please provide me with an update as to the status of your review? Is there anything we can [SIC] to help? Thanks
Tom

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