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Ms. Lizana Pierce
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Golden Field Office
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Re: DOE Solicitation No. DE-PS36-03G09300
Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands

Dear Ms. Pierce:

This letter is in support of the proposed Wind Energy Demonstration Project on the Ft. Peck Reservation in Montana.

First let me say that this is an impressive collaborative effort among the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, the Foundation for the American Indian, the Ft. Peck Community College, the Montana-Dakota Utilities, and others. And I hope it will become the foundation for many similar projects.

Earth Policy Institute is dedicated to providing a vision of what an environmentally sustainable economy looks like and how to get there. Our goal is to raise public awareness to support an effective public response to the threats posed by population growth, rising CO₂ emissions, and the loss of plant and animal species that adversely affect the Earth. As a partner in the Green Power Partnership at EPA, we work to reduce emissions associated with conventional electricity generation by encouraging organizations to switch a specific percentage of their electricity to green power.

Some background on myself: I have authored 26 books on the environment, have received over 20 honorary degrees, and have been the recipient of numerous prizes and awards, including the 1987 United Nations' Environment Prize, a 1986 MacArthur Fellow, and the 1994 Blue Planet Prize for "exceptional contributions to solving global environmental problems." I was also given the U.S. Department of Agriculture Superior Service Award. I serve on over 23 Boards and Advisory Boards of environmental organizations, including the Environmental & Energy Study Institute, the Institute for Sustainable Development (Poland), the International Fund for Agricultural Research, the US-China Association for Environmental Education, the Eco-Policy Center at Rutgers University, the International Fund for China's Environment, the United Nations Foundation, the International Network of Green Planners, and Japan for Sustainability.

I believe that the development of renewables on Native Lands is vitally important, especially since Indian Lands occupy a substantial percent of the United States

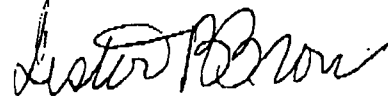
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(second only to the holdings of the U.S. Government). I see this project as having important sustainable impact and great potential for replication. The wind project at Ft. Peck could become the catalyst for significant global sustainable development. The Program's goals of establishing educational curricula for the environment, training, and mentoring programs should foster important environmental programs and partnerships to help insure progress in our global need to support climate change through responsible environmental practices. In addition, I believe the project will increase public awareness and support public policy that will enhance the building of an eco-economy, an environmentally sustainable economy, along with social programs for the Reservation.

I commend the goals of this Wind Energy Demonstration Project at the Ft. Peck Reservation and look forward to seeing its successful funding for its implementation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,



Lester R. Brown
President