



Wind Project Evaluation Issues **for BLM Land Managers**

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	DEVELOPER A	DEVELOPER B	NOTES
DEVELOPER BACKGROUND			
Formation, corporate structure of developer (Type of company)			
Financial condition of developer, including financial backing			
Development relationships: Will developer have partnerships with other companies during the development phase? Are they a predeveloper?			
What type of supply agreements are typically used by the developer? (number of units, forward pricing arrangements, which manufacturer(s))			
Is the developer involved in any known litigation?			
DEVELOPMENT HISTORY			
Number of projects developed or co-developed (locations, number, size)			
Number of projects currently operating (locations, number, and size)			
Status of projects undertaken, percentage of those which are operating			
Have past projects been sold? When in the development/ operation process were they sold? Why and to whom?			
Financing of development, construction and operations for projects			
Equipment used and supply arrangements for other projects			
Location of any projects currently being pursued by developer			
Intended power purchaser for other projects			
Developer's priority for proposed project			
Experience of individual developer			
Experience with developing projects on public lands			
PROJECT PARTICULARS			
Target project size			
Total acreage required			
Total acreage obtained			
Intended number of megawatts on property			

Target operation date			
Intended power purchaser			
Is this project a staged project?			
Project sale plans and possibilities			
Possible interference with mineral extraction, livestock grazing, recreational, or other uses			
Consistency with existing land uses			
DEVELOPMENT STATUS			
Timeline and plan for wind assessment and meteorological tower installation			
Resource information (e.g. capacity factors, insulation level)			
Avian study			
Other necessary studies (archaeological, environmental, soils, etc.)			
Preapplication Meetings			
EIS/Environmental Assessment			
Demonstration of financial and technical ability to construct, operate, and maintain facilities (43 CFR 2804.12 (a)(5))			
Plan of Development (POD)			
TRANSMISSION			
Transmission route			
Timeline and current status of transmission studies			
Capacity on lines			
Required upgrades			
Rights of way required, and rights of way already secured			
EQUIPMENT			
Turbine manufacturer			
Turbine size (MW)			
Order status of equipment			
Intended owner/operator of project			

RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT			
Restricted to wind only? (e.g. no separate transmission easement or easement for other forms of energy production)			
Effect on mineral rights and mineral development			
Release of property not developed			
Development milestones			
Participation in siting determinations and restriction of area of development			
Reimbursement of legal fees?			
Development covenants (e.g. minimum MW to be installed on property)			

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