

ADDENDUM TO

**Protocol Among the Members of the Western Governors' Association,
The U.S. Department of the Interior,
The U.S. Department of Agriculture,
The U.S. Department of Energy, and
The Council on Environmental Quality**

**Governing the Siting and Permitting of
Interstate Electric Transmission Lines in the Western United States**

This ADDENDUM TO PROTOCOL GOVERNING THE SITING AND PERMITTING OF INTERSTATE ELECTIC TRANSMISSION LINES IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES is entered into this 15th day of April, 2004 by and among the Canadian Province of Alberta and the members of the Western Governors' Association, The U.S. Department of the Interior, The U.S. Department of Agriculture, The U.S. Department of Energy, and The Council on Environmental Quality (collectively, the "Original Signatories").

WHEREAS,

- A. Beginning in June 2002 and thereafter, the Original Signatories entered into an agreement (the "Protocol") to establish a framework that will enable affected states, local governments, federal agencies and tribal governments to participate in a systematic, coordinated, joint review process for siting and permitting of interstate transmission lines in the Western Interconnection.
- B. The Protocol is intended to increase the efficiency of the siting process by including all affected governmental entities with authority for siting and permitting interstate transmission facilities. It is the intent of Western Governors to work with the appropriate local governments, federal land management agencies, and tribal governments and solicit their participation on Project Teams established under this Protocol.
- C. When linked with a pro-active regional transmission planning and implementation process that considers transmission and non-transmission alternatives and appropriate systems for financing new transmission and alternatives, a coordinated, interstate joint review of proposed interstate transmission facilities will enable identification and consideration of interstate needs, facilitate the construction of needed transmission, and ensure that the public interest is protected.

D. The Western Governors have recognized the western continental implications of the Protocol and with notice to the other Original Signatories have sought the cooperation of the Provinces of Alberta and British Columbia (The Protocol, section F. 1.).


NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the provisions set forth below regarding the Province of Alberta, the undersigned Premier hereby agree as follows:

1. To undertake best efforts to cooperate with the Original Signatories in meeting the objectives listed in the Protocol recognizing, without altering, diminishing, or expanding the existing jurisdiction, statutory and regulatory responsibilities and authorities or budget processes of the Province of Alberta.
2. To undertake best efforts to assist the Original Signatories in the implementation of the Protocol, in particular, by naming appropriate Provincial representatives to serve as a liaison to the Project Teams established under the Protocol in the case of transmission projects that potentially affect transmission facilities in Alberta.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the day and date first written above.



Ralph Klein
Premier of Alberta



Bill Richardson
Governor of New Mexico
Western Governors' Association Chairman



Bill Owens
Governor of Colorado
Western Governors' Association Vice-Chairman