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RE: 2017 Solar Eclipse Planning

Dear Utilities:

On August 21, 2017, there will be a total solar eclipse crossing over 12 states, including Wyoming. Specifically in Wyoming, the eclipse will cover nine counties, the Wind River Reservation, 93 communities, including 30 municipalities. The path of total solar eclipse across the state is approximately 105 miles wide with the eclipse entering near Jackson and exiting east of Torrington (traversing from northwest to southeast). The rest of the state will experience a partial eclipse. Wyoming's population is expected to possibly double from August 17-23, 2017, due to the influx of tourists to witness this event.

State and local government personnel have been working diligently with Homeland Security preparing for this exciting event. One area of concern is Wyoming's utility industry. The Commission is asking each utility to the extent possible to not schedule any planned outages affecting commercially populated areas (hotels, motels, restaurant areas) or commencing any construction that may affect major travel arteries, from August 17-23, 2017, especially in the eclipse's path of totality (see attached map).

In addition, utilities are advised to increase security during this event. The threat of protestors (environmental activists, anti-fracking activists, etc.) during this time is a possibility. The Commission asks each utility to be aware of the possibility and have a plan in place, should it encounter any threats during this event. Please keep in mind there has not actually been any threats, but as part of the planning phase for this event, preparing for a worst-case scenario is optimal, with the hopes that absolutely nothing goes wrong.

If your company needs additional information on this event, this web site <http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/states/WY.htm> is a good resource. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Commission. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in preparing for this exciting event for the state!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrell Zlomke".

Darrell Zlomke
Commission Administrator

