

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
113th Congress Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

05/07/14 Oversight Hearing on “Keeping the Lights On and Reducing Catastrophic Forest Fire Risk: Proper Management of Electricity Rights of Way on Federal Lands”

For Individuals:

1. Name:

2. Address:

3. Email Address:

4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: Michael E. Easley

2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: Powder River Energy Corporation,
Wyoming Rural Electric Association

3. Business Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

4. Business Email Address: [Information redacted for privacy]

5. Business Phone Number: [Information redacted for privacy]

For all Witnesses

Name/Organization: Michael E. Easley/Powder River Energy Corporation

Title/Date of Hearing: House Committee on Natural Resources Oversight/May 7, 2014

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Mr. Easley earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He also graduated from the Ken Blanchard School of Business receiving an Executive MBA.

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Mr. Easley holds a P.E. in Electrical Engineering.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Mr. Easley is currently the CEO of Powder River Energy Corporation located in Sundance, Wyoming. He has over 30 years of experience working in the electric cooperative industry. He has worked in the field as a transmission design engineer as well as performed the duties of Chief Operating office and VP of System Operations at cooperatives in Oklahoma, Alaska and Michigan. Mr. Easley currently serves on the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA) and has served as its chairman since 2004. The WIA is a state instrumentality charged with the responsibility of diversifying the state's economy through the development of transmission and advanced coal to electricity projects.

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and/or other agencies invited)* that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

Mr. Easley has not received any federal grants or contracts in the current year or for the previous four years.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

There have been no lawsuits filed by Michael Easley in the current year and in the last four years.

f. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against you by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

There have been no lawsuits filed against Michael Easley in the current year and in the last four years by the federal government.

g. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

Witnesses Representing Organizations

Name/Organization: Michael E. Easley/Powder River Energy Corporation

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h. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

CEO of Powder River Energy Corporation, Chairman of Wyoming Infrastructure Authority, Chair of Wyoming Rural Electric Managers Committee

i. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

1. The Smart Grid Information
 - a. Award ID: DE-OE0000358
 - b. Amount of Grant: \$2,554,807
2. Rural Business and Cooperative Service Grant
 - a. Case No: 59-006-961453675 – 2013
 - i. Amount of Grant: \$35,000
 - b. Case No: 59-017-961453675 – 2011
 - i. Amount of Grant: \$18,119
3. Powder River Energy Corporation regularly receives grants of right of way for easements crossing federal lands.

j. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

There have been no lawsuits filed by Powder River Energy Corporation in the current year and in the last four years.

k. A list of all federal lawsuits filed against the organization(s) you represent at the hearing by the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit, the subject matter of the lawsuit, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits were filed.

There have been no lawsuits filed against Powder River Energy Corporation in the current year and in the last four years by the federal government.

l. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

Please see attached forms for 2010, 2011 and 2012.