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Congressman Paul Gosar  
2057 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Mike Levin  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

House Committee on Natural Resources  
Chairman Bruce Westerman and  
Ranking Member Raul Grijalva  
1324 Longworth House Office Building  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Westerman, Ranking Member Grijalva, Congressman Gosar and Congressman Levin:

Power Company of Wyoming LLC respectfully requests your support for moving legislation that provides a share of revenues from renewable energy projects on federal lands to the states and to the counties that host them. Both Congressman Gosar and Congressman Levin have introduced legislation that provides for revenue sharing and other public land renewable energy development provisions.

PCW is the owner of the Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project in Carbon County, Wyoming, which is located in part on federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. The fully permitted wind power project, now under construction, plans to add over 3,500 MW of nameplate capacity to Wyoming's power plant fleet. The State of Wyoming and Carbon County have been essential and supportive partners in this project.

Current federal law provides states with a significant share of revenue from royalties that the federal government collects for mineral leases on federal land. This "revenue sharing" model is critical to local governments that are providing services associated with development on and off federal land. Not only is it common sense to similarly share renewable energy federal fees with state and county governments, but also such a policy revision is widely supported by western governors, state legislators, county commissioners, project developers and the public.

Congressman Gosar's legislation (H.R. 8954) establishes a revenue sharing plan that would give 25% of revenues from wind and solar projects to host states and 25% to host counties. Congressman Levin's legislation (H.R. 9012) provides the same distribution of revenues to the host states and counties.

We support the provisions in both bills and encourage the House Committee on Natural Resources to quickly resolve differences in order to move forward legislation that would garner bipartisan support.

PCW has been an advocate of federal revenue-sharing with states and counties since 2016. We appreciate both Congressman Gosar and Congressman Levin for continuing their pursuit of an equitable revenue-sharing model for renewable energy projects located on federal land and hope this is the year that this important policy change can be made.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee  
Senator Cynthia Lummis  
Congresswoman Harriet Hageman