Notice of Availability for Public Review

Inyo County

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County of INYO

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Subject: Notice of Availability for Public Review

This is to advise that INYO COUNTY PLANNING DEPT. (Lead Agency) has prepared a

☒ Negative Declaration ☐ Environmental Impact Report

for the project identified below. As mandated by State law, the minimum public review period for this document is:

Negative Declaration	EIR
☐ 20 days (Negative Declaration was not submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)	☐ 30 days (Draft EIR was not submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)
☒ 30 days (Negative Declaration was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for review)	☐ 45 days (Draft EIR was submitted to the State Clearinghouse for a normal 45-day review)
☐ 21 days (State Clearinghouse granted a shortened review period for the Negative Declaration)	☐ 30 days (State Clearinghouse granted a shortened review period for the Draft EIR)

The document is available for review at 168 N. EDWARDS ST., INDEPENDENCE, & ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES (Location)

A public hearing has been scheduled with INYO CO. PLANNING COMMISSION (Hearing Body) to receive comments on the document.

Date: (NOT
Time: YET
Place: SCHEDULED)

The comment period for this document closes on NOVEMBER 24, 2010 (Date).

Testimony at future public hearings may be limited to those issues raised during the public review period either orally or submitted in writing by 5:00 p.m. the day the comment period closes.

Project Title: LITTLE LAKE SOUTH WIND PROJECT

Project Location – Specific: PEARSONVILLE AREA (SEE ATTACHED)

Project Description: *(brief)* (SEE ATTACHED)

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DRAFT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AND INITIAL STUDY

PROJECT TITLE: Little Lake South Wind Project: Conditional Use Permit #2010-06 and Height Variance #2010-02.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project, consisting of up to three meteorological towers, will be located on three, separate, potential sites. The sites are within an area (approximately 4,500 acres) of BLM land on Tax Assessor Parcels (from north to south) 037-150-03, 037-202-01 and 037-160-48. The towers will be located approximately ½ to 1 mile west of, and run parallel to, U.S. Highway 395 in southern Inyo County near the border with Kern county. The two southern most potential project sites are within the community of Pearsonville.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A proposal to install up to three meteorological towers to evaluate the wind resources on approximately 4,500 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) right of way (ROW). The towers will be used only to evaluate the potential of wind resources at the site for a sufficient amount of time in order to determine if the wind resources would support a wind energy project. If the site proves to be sufficient to support a commercial wind project, RES Americas Development Inc. would apply to BLM for long-term commercial wind energy development. Such a potential commercial project would happen in the future, as a separate project, and would be evaluated accordingly. The lease with BLM for the current project ROW expires August 2013. It is anticipated that the meteorological project will also end then. If the applicant decides to continue the project, a new lease agreement with BLM must be entered into, and will be subject to all pertinent regulations existing at the time of renewal.

The towers will be 8 inches in diameter and approximately 197-feet high. They will be secured with a temporary portable base and guy wires that are connected at four temporary earth anchors in four directions. The tower base will be approx. 2' X 2' and the guyed anchor points approx. 2'X12' will be fenced with 5-strand barbless wire.

Installation of the towers will entail transporting the masts with pick-up trucks via US-395 to a point approx. three miles north of Pearsonville. The trucks will then turn west on an existing dirt road. This road will be traveled to a point that is closest to the installation site. From this point the mast and all other required equipment will be transported by hand to the installation site. The pieces of the tower are 5' to 10' feet each. They will be laid on the ground and fitted together; then erected using a gin-pole and winch. Once vertical, the guy wires will be tensioned and a fence will be built around the mast base and guy wires.

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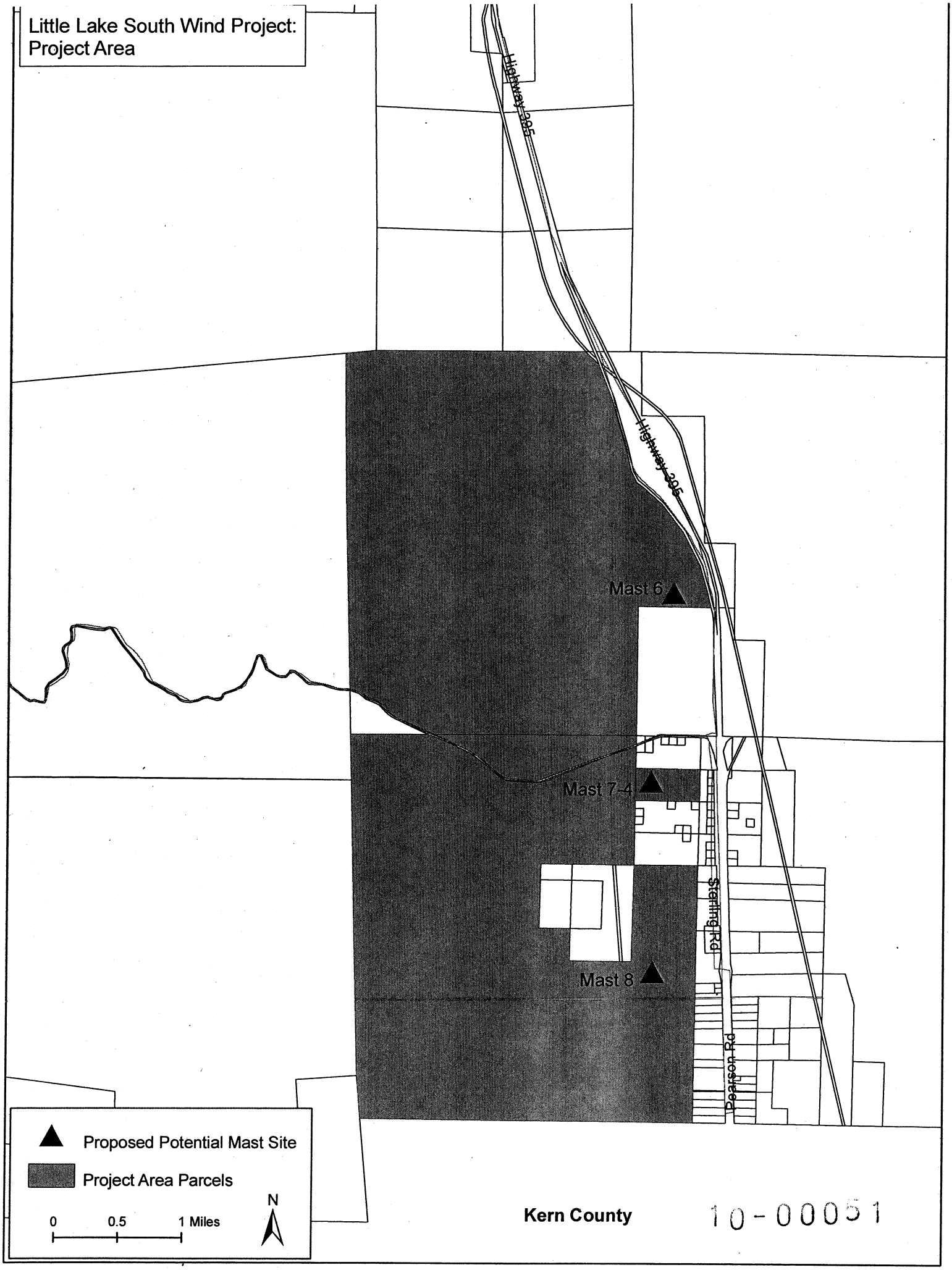
Little Lake South Wind Project:
Project Area
Highway 395
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Mast 6
Mast 7-4
Mast 8
Sterling Rd
Pearson Rd
Proposed Potential Mast Site
Project Area Parcels
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