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BLM RELEASES FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR LAVA RIDGE

June 6, 2024 — TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Magic Valley Energy, an affiliate of LS Power, crossed a major development milestone for the Lava Ridge Wind Project with the Bureau of Land Management’s release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). The Final EIS encapsulates years of stakeholder engagement, data collection and analyses, the development of alternatives and mitigation, and responses to comments from the public on the proposal.

“While we are continuing our review of the document, Magic Valley Energy is pleased to see that the Final EIS includes a new agency preferred alternative that appears to strike an appropriate balance between the protection of environmental resources and the need for additional domestic energy production,” said Luke Papez, senior director of project development for LS Power. “The new preferred alternative points to the benefits of a collaborative process. Input from stakeholders has deeply shaped the new alternative that benefits Idaho’s future while keeping Lava Ridge viable.”

The agency preferred alternative significantly reduces the number of proposed turbines and focuses development in areas further away from the Minidoka National Historic Site, as well as minimizes encroachment on important migratory areas for big game. Public comments on the Draft EIS that expressed concerns the project might impact the groundwater aquifer, grazing, and existing land uses have been analyzed in detail. The Final EIS shows the agency preferred alternative can be implemented in a safe and responsible manner.

Since first proposing the facility, Magic Valley Energy has made significant changes in response to input solicited from Idaho residents, including a commitment to set aside a power purchase option for Idaho customers. Additional changes to input received include substantial opportunities for grazing permittees to enhance the value and legacy of local ranching families, reduced project footprint and tiered construction phases to minimize impacts to wildlife, as well as preservation of cultural resources.

“Our goal is to meet rising energy demand while forging strong relationships and partnerships within the local community,” said Papez. “This goal is crucial to ensure sustainable and beneficial development for the Magic Valley region of Idaho.”

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