HOUSE BILL NO. HB0040

Eminent domain-wind energy collector systems.
Sponsored by: Joint Judiciary Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to eminent domain; extending the moratorium on the exercise of the power of condemnation for wind energy collector systems; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 1-26-815(d) is amended to read:

1-26-815. Right of eminent domain granted; ways of necessity for authorized businesses; purposes; extent.

(d) No person qualified to exercise the condemnation authority granted by this section, except a public utility that has been granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to W.S. 37-2-205, shall exercise the authority for the erection, placement or expansion of
collector systems associated with commercial facilities generating electricity from wind. The prohibition imposed by this subsection shall be effective immediately and shall end June 30, 2013-2015 or upon the effective date of legislation establishing additional conditions for the use of condemnation authority for the erection, placement or expansion of collector systems associated with commercial facilities generating electricity from wind, whichever occurs earlier. As used in this subsection, "collector systems associated with commercial facilities generating electricity from wind" means the conductor infrastructure, including conductors, towers, substations, switchgear and other components necessary to deliver power from any commercial facility generating electricity from wind up to but not including electric substations or interconnections facilities associated with existing or proposed transmission lines that serve load or that export energy from Wyoming.
Section 2. This act is effective immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming Constitution.