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**NOTICE**

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**Notice of Temporary Suspension of Operations**

During the morning of November 21, 2016, wind turbine #126 of the Ocotillo Wind Project fell to the ground. Pattern Energy Group, LP (Pattern) contacted the El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to inform us of this incident and to apprise us that in an exercise of caution, turbine operations had been stopped at all 112 Siemens Energy SWT-2.3-108 wind turbines pending further inspection and investigation. There were no injuries as the result of this incident.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing this Notice of Temporary Suspension of Operations pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16 as a safeguard to ensure that the suspension of turbine operations remains in effect until such time as Pattern files a written request for permission to resume activities and the BLM issues a written notice to proceed with those operations.

Pursuant to 43 CFR 2807.16(c), you may file a written request for permission to resume activities at any time. The request should give the facts supporting your request and the reasons you believe that the BLM should lift the order. Enclosed is an example of a report that describes in sufficient detail the factors that caused the failure of a wind turbine on a wind project situated on public land in Wyoming. The report also details the corrective actions taken to ensure that a similar failure would not reoccur.

Thank you for your strict adherence with this order and for your continuing cooperation with the BLM. I can be reached at 760-337-4400 or please contact Carrie Simmons, BLM Assistant Field Manager, at 760-337-4437, if you have any questions.

  
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