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Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper for one time.

#### Legal Notice

On September 22, 2010, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved an application, submitted by Montana Tie Ltd. and MATL LLP, co-permittees for the Montana Alberta Tie Transmission Line, to amend their Certificate of Compliance. The Certificate of Compliance authorizes construction and operation of the Montana portion of a 230-kV line between Great Falls and a substation near Lethbridge, Alberta.

The certificate amendment allows temporary construction activity in wetlands where there is no reasonable alternatives. The decision as to whether there is a reasonable alternative to temporary construction activity in wetlands would be made by DEQ's Director considering the recommendations of a State Inspector, MATL, the landowner, and other agencies having jurisdiction over wetlands.

MATL has agreed to offset any temporary disturbances that remain two and five years after construction by making a monetary payment to a recognized statewide wetland bank. Permanent guy wires and structures will continue to be prohibited in wetlands.

A person aggrieved by a final decision of DEQ on an application to amend a certificate may within 15 days appeal the decision to the Board of Environmental Review under Section 75-20-223(2), MCA.

The decision document is available for review at [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov). For more information contact Tom Ring at 406-444-6785.

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