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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEPP-TPP-2

To: People interested in the Allston to Astoria Rebuild Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to rebuild two existing transmission lines in your area. This letter explains what is being proposed, outlines our anticipated environmental review process and schedule, and requests your comments.

Proposal: BPA proposes to rebuild its existing approximately 22-mile-long Allston to Driscoll No. 2 and the approximately 21-mile-long Driscoll to Astoria No. 1, 115-kilovolt transmission lines (see enclosed project map). Together, the proposed rebuilding of the two lines is referred to as the Allston to Astoria Rebuild Project. The lines are located in Clatsop and Columbia counties and cross sections of lands owned by the State of Oregon. The Allston-Driscoll No. 2 and Driscoll-Astoria No. 1 transmission lines, have been in service for around 70 years and are rapidly approaching the end of their service lives. The lines are experiencing performance issues due to age, inadequate design, and overall condition which results in continued loss of service. The lines need to be rebuilt to ensure reliable electric service and the safety of the public and transmission workers.

Along both lines, the work would include replacing the existing conductors, H-frame wood pole structures, wood monopoles, selected steel structures, and all hardware. The transmission line rights-of-way would be cleared of certain vegetation and danger trees would be removed. In addition, access roads would be improved and reconstructed; and a small amount of new roads would be constructed.

The proposed project would also involve work within BPA's Allston and Clatskanie Public Utility's Delena substations.

Environmental Review and Surveys:

To understand the potential environmental impacts of this proposal, BPA may prepare an environmental assessment (EA). If BPA determines that an EA should be prepared, the EA will describe anticipated impacts to natural and human resources and include mitigation measures that would help avoid or minimize impacts. **We are asking for your comments to help determine the issues that should be addressed in the environmental review.** During this process, BPA will work with Federal, state, and local agencies, Tribes, potentially affected landowners, and other interest groups. The proposed schedule for the environmental review process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	May 6, 2022 – June 6, 2022
EA determination (if warranted)	Summer 2022
Draft EA available for public comment (if warranted)	Fall 2022
Final EA (if warranted)	Spring 2023

Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)
If decision to build, construction start

Summer 2023
Fall 2023

How to Comment:

If you have any concerns regarding the project, please send your comments by **June 6, 2022** and reference the Allston to Astoria Transmission Line Rebuild Project. All comments will be available on the project website at www.bpa.gov/nepa/allston-to-astoria. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019
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Online: <https://publiccomments.bpa.gov/OpenCommentListing.aspx>

For More Information: BPA staff or contractors are already in the area conducting engineering and environmental surveys. If we need to enter property where we do not have existing access rights, we will contact property owners for permission through a separate mailing. Please note that separate from this process, regular line and vegetation maintenance activities may continue to occur along the line to keep it safely operating.

If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Laura Roberts, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-5073, or by email at laroberts@bpa.gov.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number above, directly at 503-230-5889, or by email at mhnadeau@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Nadeau
Mark Nadeau
Project Manager

Enclosures:
Project Map
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