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Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration

memorandum

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEC-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Business Plan EIS (DOE/EIS-0183/SA-04)

TO: Scott Wilson – PT-5
Customer Account Executive

Proposed Action:

Klondike Wind Project – Power Purchase Agreement, Contract Number 02PB-11093.

Proposed By:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Northwestern Windpower, LLC.

Location:

Near Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon.

Description of the Proposed Action:

BPA proposes to purchase 24 megawatts (MW) of wind power from the Klondike Wind Project for a term of 20 years.

Analysis:

The existing 24-MW Klondike Wind Project, owned and operated by Northwestern Windpower, LLC is located approximately 7 miles east of the City of Wasco in Sherman County, Oregon. The project already interconnects with the Federal Columbia River Transmission System on BPA's DeMoss-Maupin 69-kv transmission line. Within two years of the execution of the contract, the Point of Delivery may be shifted within the existing developed substation facilities.

The purchase of renewable resources was analyzed in BPA's Resource Programs Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (DOE/EIS-0162, February 1993) and BPA's Business Plan Final EIS (DOE/EIS-0183, June 1995) and documented in the accompanying Records of Decision (RODs). BPA's Resource Programs ROD contemplated the purchase or acquisition of renewable resources to meet load obligations. The Business Plan ROD, which identified the Administrator's decision to be Market-Driven, committed BPA to offer power from renewable resources to its utility customers. The purchase of the output of the Klondike Wind Project is consistent with both the Resource Programs and Business Plan RODs. The execution of this power purchase agreement itself would not have any environmental effects.

Findings:

As documented in this Supplement Analysis, the potential impacts of entering into a 20-year Power Purchase Agreement with Northwestern Wind Power for the 24-MW output of the Klondike Wind Project are within the scope of BPA's Resource Programs and Business Plan EIS and consistent with the Resource Programs and Business Plan RODs. There are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA documentation is needed.

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