



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

### **To: People Interested in the Holcomb-Naselle Transmission Line Rebuild Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Holcomb-Naselle Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the expected environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

BPA is proposing to rebuild the 21-mile-long Holcomb-Naselle 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Pacific and Wahkiakum counties, Washington. Portions of the transmission line are in poor condition due to normal deterioration and aging. In addition, some of the existing roads used to access the existing line are in poor condition. BPA is proposing to replace many of the aged wood H-frame transmission structures, replace or install other line components, upgrade equipment at Holcomb and Naselle substations, install fiber optic cable on the transmission line, and improve portions of the access roads used to access transmission line structures. If BPA decides to proceed with the project, access road and transmission line structure work would likely begin in the spring of 2020.

**How to Comment:** The EA can be viewed at the project website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild). If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 57 pages), please call our toll-free line listed below.

Please send your comments on the EA by **August 22, 2019** and reference the Holcomb-Naselle Transmission Line Rebuild Project. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. 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  
**Online:** [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment)

**Schedule:**

Comment scoping period	February 20, 2018 - March 26, 2018
Draft EA available for public comment	August 7, 2019 – August 22, 2019
Final EA	Winter 2019 - 2020
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Winter 2019 - 2020
If decision to build, construction start	Spring 2020

**For More Information:** To find out more about the project, please go to BPA’s project website [www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild). If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Tish Eaton, toll-free at 800-282-3713, directly at 503-230-3469, or by e-mail at [tkeaton@bpa.gov](mailto:tkeaton@bpa.gov).

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please contact me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-619-6634, or by e-mail at [amloran@bpa.gov](mailto:amloran@bpa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



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**Enclosures:**

- Draft EA (if requested)
- Comment Form
- Return Envelope