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Via Electronic and U.S. Mail

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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

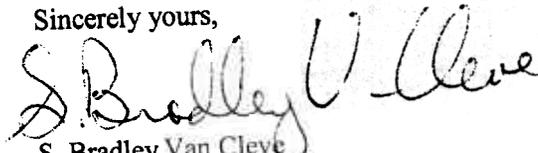
Dear Ms. Eissler:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, please provide us with a copy of Bonneville Power Administration's ("BPA") agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation commemorated on January 16, 2004, regarding the extension of BPA's power line right-of-way easements across the reservation. For your convenience, I have attached a copy of the front page of BPA's February 2004 Journal, which refers to the agreement in the article called "BPA, Umatilla tribes sign agreement."

Please send the requested document to the address listed above. I am willing to pay search and copy charges up to \$100. Please contact me for further authorization if these charges will exceed \$100.

If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to call. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,


S. Bradley Van Cleve

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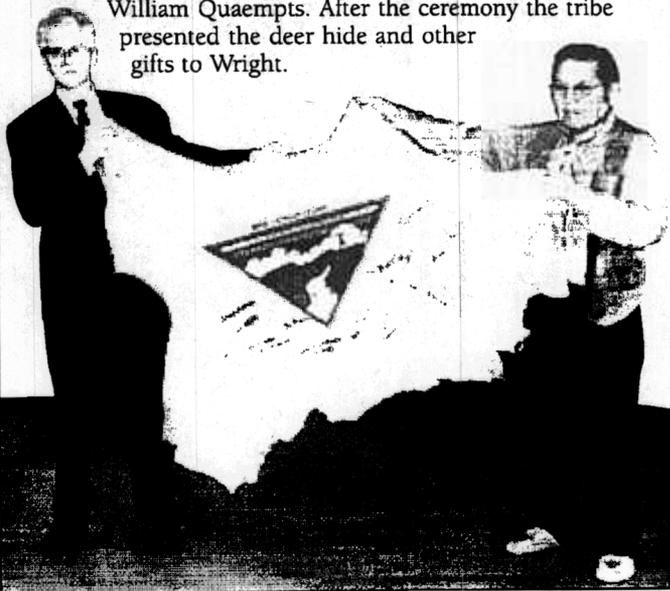
Antone Minthorn, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, and Steve Wright, BPA administrator, commemorated an agreement on Jan. 16 to extend BPA's power line right-of-way easements across the reservation.

"We appreciate BPA's efforts in finishing this agreement," Minthorn said. "Besides fairly compensating the individual tribal landowners for the use of their lands, the agreement will assist in developing our economic development opportunities on the reservation."

"This agreement reflects a spirit of cooperation in meeting the needs of both the tribe and BPA," said Wright. "We look forward to continuing a long and positive relationship with the Confederated Tribes as they develop economic opportunities for their members."

The agreement, negotiated over several years, renews BPA's easements for 20 years with an option to renew at the end of the period should the parties so chose. In return, BPA will provide payments to land owners and economic development services for the tribe.

During the commemoration, held at the tribal longhouse near Pendleton, Ore., tribal leaders, Wright and BPA staff signed a deer hide to mark the occasion. Wright and Les Minthorn, treasurer of the Board of Trustees for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation, displayed the deer hide, (see photo) which features a BPA logo, hand painted by tribal member William Quaempts. After the ceremony the tribe presented the deer hide and other gifts to Wright.



BPA cleared of market manipulation

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has cleared BPA of any allegations of market manipulation during the 2001 West Coast energy crisis.

The Commission agreed to dismiss a "show cause order" that would have required BPA to explain whether particular energy transactions involved Enron-like gaming strategies. In its ruling, the Commission confirmed the earlier FERC staff conclusion that BPA did not engage in such strategies.

"People have a right to expect that a federal agency will serve the public interest broadly and ethically," said Steve Wright, BPA administrator. "This decision affirms that BPA met that standard during a very challenging time."

During the energy crisis, BPA helped the state of California avoid shortages and blackouts where possible, while protecting the interests of Northwest ratepayers.

Market manipulation allegations arose after California energy entities gave information to FERC suggesting widespread gaming of the California energy market by a large number of utilities and marketers from Jan. 1, 2000, to June 20, 2001. This was a period when Western power supplies ran short and prices shot up to unprecedented levels.

The Commission's latest order clears BPA and 22 other utilities and marketers of all allegations of engaging in gaming activities during this period.

Settlement fails to earn regional approval

A deadline passed on a proposed settlement that could have brought wholesale power rates down several percentage points. The region's utilities did not settle lawsuits over the level of BPA benefits going to the residential and small-farm consumers of the region's investor-owned utilities.

Formal support came from 86 public utilities (which included some non-litigants) and five expressed opposition. Since unanimous support from the litigants was required, the settlement did not succeed.

