



Westside Northern Intertie Gets New Lease on Life

Bonneville Power Administration

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Portland, Ore. - Bonneville Power Administration and Puget Sound Power & Light have agreed to carry out a joint project to increase the transfer capability of the Westside Northern Intertie.

The intertie links Northwest and British Columbia transmission systems permitting U.S. and Canadian utilities to exchange electricity.

BPA will build a 12-mile double circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between BPA's Custer and Bellingham substations and a 25-mile double circuit 230 kilovolt line between the Bellingham Substation and Puget's Sedro Woolley Substation. BPA will own, operate and maintain the new lines which will replace existing single circuit 230 kilovolt lines.

The total cost of the project will be \$33 million with BPA covering about 35 percent and Puget the remaining 65 percent.

The project will increase the maximum capability of the Westside Northern Intertie south of the U.S. - Canada border by about 850 megawatts. BPA and Puget will share the increased capacity equally.

"This increased capacity will improve the transmission reliability in Northwest Washington, and provides capability for expanded electricity trade between the U.S. and Canada," said Gary Fuqua, Senior Account Executive.

Construction will begin later this month and is expected to be completed in September 1997.

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