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NEWS RELEASE:

Public interest provides another opportunity to comment on transmission line

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PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bonneville Power Administration will host an additional public meeting next week in Roseburg to discuss possible routes for a proposed transmission line, including routes that follow existing transmission corridors.

"BPA has received a lot of public interest in this project during the first five meetings. We want to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to be heard, so we've added another meeting," says project manager Lou Driessen.

BPA is proposing to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line to the southern Oregon coast. The line would reinforce BPA's electrical service to the region and transmit the power necessary for a steel mill that Nucor Corporation may build in the Coos Bay/North Bend area. One possible route follows an existing transmission line going west from the Dixonville Substation, located southwest of Roseburg, to Fairview and then northwest to Coos Bay. BPA has made no decisions about the transmission alternatives and invites the interested parties to a public meeting to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the entire proposed project.

Roseburg: June 24, 4 to 8 p.m.
Douglas County Library
Ford Community Room
1408 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.

People interested in the project may come to the open house meeting anytime between 4 and 8 p.m. to talk with staff from BPA, the state of Oregon, Nucor, PacifiCorp and the federal agencies working with BPA. Project materials, including maps, will be on hand.

BPA is committed to providing reliable transmission service to electric utilities in the southern Oregon coast area. Growth in the area will eventually require additional transmission capacity, whether or not the Nucor steel mill is built. The added capacity is required more immediately if Nucor decides to build a new steel mill.

The public may comment on the proposed project any time, but comments received before July 2 will be

considered as BPA prepares its draft Environmental Impact Statement. The draft should be available for review this fall.

For more information, check out the [South Oregon Coast Reinforcement Web Site](#).

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