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In reply refer to: KEC-4

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Re: FOIA ~~03-036~~ 04-001

Dear Ms: Hoyos:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 16, 2003, and designated as FOIA #03-036.

As requested, enclosed is a copy of the environmental document completed for the Sno-King Tap on the Monroe-Sammamish Transmission Line in Washington State. The Categorical Exclusion addressing the proposed action, the SnoKing Tap Relocation, was prepared in July 2003, for the construction of a new three-pole transmission structure to allow the relocation of the tap for the Monroe-Sno-King Transmission Line from the existing 230 kV Monroe-Sammamish Transmission Line to the existing the Echo Lake - Monroe 500 kV Transmission Line.

A second Categorical Exclusion, also attached, was prepared in June 2000 for the installation of the 500 kV transformer at the Sno-King Substation.

Although not responsive to this request, BPA has located an "Environmental Statement" (ES) prepared by BPA in December 1970 for its Fiscal Year 1972 Proposed Program. This ES is one of BPA's first documents prepared under the then newly-enacted NEPA. There is no environmental analysis of the Monroe-Sno-King Transmission Line in this ES because the decisions to build and ultimately operate the Monroe-Sno-King Transmission Line with a 500 kV capacity, and to initially operate it at 230 kV, were made before the passage of NEPA on January 1, 1970. While the actual operation of the line at 500 kV is a recent event, the agency's decision to do so dates back to the late 1960's with the original planning, design and construction of the line.

There will be no charge to fulfill your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert W. Beraud". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Robert W. Beraud
Manager, Environmental Analysis - KEC