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In reply refer to: TEPL-TPP-1

To: People interested in the Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement Project. Based on the final EA, BPA is issuing a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and has made a decision to proceed with the project. This letter describes BPA's decision, the construction schedule, and how to obtain additional information.

Background: BPA will replace the conductor and associated hardware, remove electrical impairments and trees that pose a hazard to the transmission line, along with access road improvements on the first 66.5 line miles of the Big Eddy-Ostrander, No. 1 transmission line. The project will ensure the integrity and reliability of the transmission line by replacing components that are no longer produced and past their intended service life.

BPA prepared an EA to help the agency determine if the project would cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. BPA released the draft EA for public review and comment on March 27, 2025, and received comments from 12 entities. The final EA provides responses to those comments and minor revisions to the EA. Based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the project will not cause any significant impacts and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Decision: BPA has decided to construct the Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement project. Project construction is expected to begin in spring of 2026 and continue through 2030, with breaks in construction during seasonal restrictions.

Copies Available: The final EA, FONSI, and mitigation action plan are available on BPA's website www.bpa.gov/nepa/big-eddy-ostrander. If you previously requested a copy of the documents, they are enclosed. If you would like to obtain paper copies of any of these documents, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520; leave a request naming this project and providing your name and complete mailing address.

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Beth Belanger, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-7579, or by e-mail at babelanger@bpa.gov.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-418-1792, or by e-mail at tbedwards@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (if requested):

Final EA
FONSI/Mitigation Action Plan