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In reply refer to: TFHQ-TPP-3

To: People interested in the Hills Creek-Lookout Point No. 1 Transmission Line Rebuild

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) for the proposed Hills Creek-Lookout Point No. 1 Transmission Line Rebuild. An environmental assessment for the project was previously completed in 2017. The SEA has been prepared to analyze potential impacts of project activities that were not included in the original proposed action and environmental assessment. The SEA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts that the additional project activities would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the SEA, and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The SEA can be viewed at the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/HillsCreekLookoutPoint. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 50 pages), please call our toll-free line listed below.

Please send your comments on the SEA by **November 1, 2021** and reference the Hills Creek-Lookout Point No. 1 Transmission Line Rebuild. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Toll-free: 800-622-4519
Public Affairs – DKE-7 FAX: 503-230-4019

Portland, OR 97291-4428

Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted) Fall 2021
If decision to build, construction start Fall 2021

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

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-619-6571, or by e-mail at jtflansburg@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeffrey Flansburg
Jeffrey Flansburg
Transmission Project Manager

Enclosures:

Supplemental EA (if requested)