



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: TEPF-TPP-1

### To: People interested in the Shelton-Fairmount Transmission Line Rebuild and Fiber Optic System Replacement Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Shelton-Fairmount Transmission Line Rebuild and Fiber Optic System Replacement Project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. The project's potential environmental impacts are also compared with those of a No Action Alternative under which there would be no transmission line rebuild nor replacement of the fiber optic communication system. This letter requests your comments on the EA, and outlines the next steps for the project.

**How to Comment:** The EA can be viewed at the project website at [www.bpa.gov/nepa/shelton-fairmount](http://www.bpa.gov/nepa/shelton-fairmount). If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 116 pages), please call our toll-free line listed below.

Please send your comments on the EA by **September 8, 2023** and reference the Shelton-Fairmount Transmission Line Rebuild and Fiber Optic System Replacement Project. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

<b>Mail:</b> Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	<b>Toll-free:</b> 800-622-4519 <b>FAX:</b> 503-230-4019 <b>Online:</b> <a href="http://www.bpa.gov/comment">www.bpa.gov/comment</a>
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**Schedule:** The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period	March 23 through April 22, 2022
Draft EA available for public comment	August 9, 2023 through September 8, 2023
Final EA	Winter, 2023-2024
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Winter, 2023-2024
If decision to build, construction start	Spring 2025

**For More Information:** If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Mike O'Connell, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-7692, or by e-mail at [mjoconnell@bpa.gov](mailto:mjoconnell@bpa.gov).

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call Scott Lissit, Project Manager, at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 503-230-5057, or by e-mail at [salissit@bpa.gov](mailto:salissit@bpa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Emmanuel Jaramillo

Emmanuel Jaramillo

Supervisory Electrical Engineer

**Enclosures:**

Draft EA (if requested)

Comment Form

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