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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To Parties interested in the Alvey to Fairview Transmission Line Rebuild

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for our proposed Alvey to Fairview Transmission Line Rebuild. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the project next steps.

As you may know, BPA is proposing to rebuild the Alvey-Fairview 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between the cities of Eugene and Coquille in Lane, Douglas and Coos counties, Oregon. The 97 mile-long rebuild would include replacement of all wood-pole structures, including cross arms, cross braces, guy wires, anchors, insulator assemblies, and switches. Some existing access roads would be improved to accommodate construction equipment and some new road access would be acquired or constructed in areas where access is not available. The line would continue to operate at 230-kV.

Draft EA

The draft 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 or eliminate those impacts. The EA is available for review and comment at the project webpage: www.bpa.gov/goto/AlveyFairviewRebuild. If you would like a hard copy (about 200 pages), please call our toll-free document request line 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the full project name, your name and complete mailing address.

How to Comment

Please send comments you have on the EA by March 3, 2014. When using one of the methods below, please refer to the full project name.

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Toll-free: 800-622-4519

Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 **FAX:** 503-230-4019

Portland, OR 97291-4428 Internet: www.bpa.gov/comment

Next Steps

We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantial comments in the final EA. If BPA decides to implement the proposed project, the final EA and a finding of no significant impact would likely be available in Spring 2014.

For More Information

You may visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/AlveyFairviewRebuild. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Doug Corkran, at 503-230-7646, or by e-mail at dfcorkran@bpa.gov. If you would like more project information, please call me, Richard Heredia, at 360-619-6398, or rhheredia@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-282-3713.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Heredia

Richard Heredia BPA Project Manager

Three enclosures (if requested):

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