

Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration 86000 Highway 99 South Eugene, OR 97405

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In reply refer to:TERRProject:Alvey-Fairview No. 1 Rebuild

Dear Property Owner:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is responsible for maintaining the safe and reliable transmission of electricity across its transmission system that serves customers and communities like yours. After an extensive review process that began in 2011, BPA has decided to rebuild the Alvey-Fairview transmission line between Eugene and Coquille, in Lane, Douglas and Coos counties in OR. In order to make good decisions, BPA asked for the public's assistance in reviewing and analyzing this proposal. To avoid inconvenience to you and other local residents, there are no planned electrical outages as part of this work.

In 2014, BPA hired construction contractors Michels Power to complete the two year project. The 30 mile section of transmission line between the Reston and Fairview substations was rebuilt during the summer of 2014 (see attached map). The remaining section of transmission line between the Fairview and Alvey substations will be rebuilt by the end of summer 2015. We are writing to let you know that you are likely to see Michels construction crews and equipment working in your area throughout the summer.

Construction activities involve replacing old and worn wooden power poles with newer ones. The new wooden power poles will be placed in the same locations as the existing ones and will be similar in height to the existing ones, except where changes are needed to correct safety issues. Most activities will occur within the existing 125 foot wide right-of-way (ROW), including upgrading existing roads or developing new roads, and removing and replacing existing structures. In advance of construction occurring in your area, a Michels Power land liaison will contact you to share the current work schedule. You may experience short term local traffic delays as construction crews move equipment and materials from the roadway to the work sites along the transmission rights-of-way. Flaggers will direct traffic were necessary to ensure for public safety.

If you have any questions contact or for more information about the project, visit: <u>www.bpa.gov/goto/AlveyFairview</u>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dustin Smith at 541-988-7432, or by e-mail at <u>dtsmith@bpa.gov</u>, or toll free at 1-800-622-4519.

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