



Department of Energy

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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

Dear neighbor,

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) owns and operates two high-voltage transmission lines located near your property, Santiam-Toledo No. 1 and Albany-Burnt Woods No. 1. Both of these lines are important components of BPA's transmission system in the mid-Willamette Valley. They enable BPA to meet its commitment to provide reliable, low cost and safe transmission products and services to its customer utilities in the area, including Consumer Power Inc., Central Lincoln PUD, and PacifiCorp.

We are writing to neighbors and other parties interested in the two lines because sections of each are in need of pole replacements and other upgrades that will maintain their reliability and safety. In addition, we plan to make improvements to the access roads for these lines to ensure that we are able to maintain the lines appropriately in the future.

This letter briefly describes the project, pre-construction activities, provides a construction schedule, and explains how you can contact at BPA if you have any questions or concerns.

Schedule and environmental review

The purpose of this project is to maintain the reliability and safety of the lines by replacing the wood poles that have gradually deteriorated due to exposure to the elements and normal wear and tear.

BPA is currently conducting surveys along the rights-of-way for these two lines. You may see BPA employees or contractors along the rights-of-way. In addition, BPA will begin analyzing any potential environmental impacts access road upgrades beginning this summer, and will analyze potential environmental impacts of the pole replacement activities beginning this fall.

BPA is aware that the federally threatened Kincaid's lupine, endangered Fender's blue butterfly, and candidate species Taylor's checkerspot exist along the transmission lines. BPA is coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that impacts from the pole replacements are minimized and that habitat is restored after construction.

Construction schedule

Once environmental review is complete, the associated project activities can begin. Maintenance and construction of the access roads is scheduled to begin this summer. The pole replacements would not begin until 2009 after the review of potential impacts is complete.

For more information

Please understand that BPA does everything possible to mitigate the negative impact of its work on surrounding property. In addition, BPA and its representatives respect the private property rights of its neighbors along its rights-of-way. If you have questions about this project or how it may impact your property, you may call BPA toll free at (800) 622-4519 or our realty specialist Dustin Smith at (541) 988-7432. Additional project information is available on BPA's Web site at www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary O. Beck, 7/1/2008

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