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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To: Parties Interested in the Proposed Bandon-Rogue Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Bonneville Power Administration BPA is proposing to rebuild the Bandon-Rogue 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, located in Coos and Curry counties, Oregon. This 46-mile long wood pole transmission line was constructed in the early 1950s. Most of the structures, conductor, and associated structural components (cross arms, insulators, and dampers) are physically worn and there are some places that are structurally unsound. Based on the deteriorated condition of this transmission line, there is a need to rebuild the line to maintain reliable electrical service and to ensure public and worker safety.

BPA conducted public meetings in February 2010 regarding the proposal, contacted interested parties with information on the proposed project, and accepted comments on the proposal. Since that time, BPA conducted an environmental review of the proposal and prepared a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA). The preliminary EA describes the proposed project, the no action alternative, potential environmental impacts, and proposed mitigation measures that could avoid or minimize those impacts. The preliminary EA also provides an assessment of the floodplains and wetlands in Coos and Curry counties that are potentially affected by the project.

This letter invites you to comment on the preliminary EA for the proposal and includes information on how to submit your comments. The EA is enclosed if you requested it during the scoping period. You can request a copy by calling the BPA toll-free document request line: 800-622-4520. The EA is also available online at www.bpa.gov/go/BRRP.

How to Comment - BPA is accepting comments on the preliminary EA through **February 25, 2011**. You may submit comments online at www.bpa.gov/comment, via mail to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, or by fax to 503-230-3285. Please reference "Bandon-Rogue Transmission Line Rebuild Project" on your comments. You also may call us with your comment toll free at 800-622-4519. BPA will post all comments in their entirety on BPA's website at www.bpa.gov/comment.

BPA will produce a final EA in winter or spring 2011. Based on the analysis in the final EA, BPA will either prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact or prepare an Environmental Impact Statement if there is the potential for significant environmental impacts.

For More Information - If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Kimberly St.Hilaire, toll free at 800-282-3713, directly at

503-230-5361 or by e-mail krsthilaire@bpa.gov. If you have other questions or would like more project information, you may call BPA toll free at 800-622-4519, e-mail me at etorth@bpa.gov, or call me at 360-619-6559. You may also visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/go/BRRP.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Erich Orth

Project Manager

Enclosures:

Comment Form

Bandon-Rogue Transmission Line Preliminary EA (if you requested a copy)

Postage-paid Envelope