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To: Parties interested in the electrical interconnection of the Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared the enclosed Record of Decision (ROD) for the electrical interconnection of the Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). This ROD documents BPA's decision to offer Puget Sound Energy Inc. (PSE) a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement for interconnection of up to 1250 megawatts (MW) of power into the FCRTS. This decision is consistent with and tiered to BPA's Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0183 June 1995) and the Business Plan Record of Decision (BP ROD, August 15, 1995).

Background

PSE plans to develop its Lower Snake River Wind Energy Project in Garfield and Columbia counties, Washington. PSE has received a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the portion of the Wind Project in Garfield County, and is in the process of receiving a CUP for the portion in Columbia County. BPA is responding to PSE's request to interconnect up to 1250 MW of power from the Wind Project to the FCRTS, which is owned and operated by BPA. The requested interconnection will be provided at a new interconnection facility, the Central Ferry Substation, that will be built by BPA within the Wind Project area at a point along BPA's existing Little Goose-Lower Monumental 500-kilovolt transmission lines that pass through this area (see enclosed Project Map). Construction of this substation will begin this spring, and is expected to be completed by the end of 2011.

For more information

If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at (800) 622-4519, or e-mail at jl Luiz@bpa.gov. If you would like a copy or additional copies of this ROD, please visit our Web site at http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Central_Ferry_Substation_Project/ or you may call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520. Leave a message naming this project, along with your name and complete mailing address. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:
ROD (if requested)
Project Map