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To: People Interested in the Condon Wind Project

Bonneville Power Administration has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Condon Wind Project. The abbreviated Final EIS is made up of three parts:

- 1) an updated and corrected Summary of the Final EIS;
- 2) comments received on the Draft EIS and responses to them; and
- 3) changes and corrections to be made to the Draft EIS to make it final.

Since the changes and corrections to the Draft EIS are relatively minor, BPA has chosen to just print the changes to the Draft. The Final EIS includes both the abbreviated Final document (including this letter) and a copy of the Draft EIS.

Additional Changes

In addition to the changes noted in the Final EIS, the transmission line referred to in several places in the document as the Condon-DeMoss 69-kV transmission line should read *DeMoss-Fossil* 69-kV transmission line.

Proposal

BPA proposes to purchase the electrical output and provide transmission for the Condon Wind Project, a new wind energy project proposed by SeaWest WindPower, Inc., near Condon in Gilliam County, Oregon.

Background

The proposed wind project would be located on private agricultural land in Gilliam County, Oregon. The 38-acre project site is located within a 4,200-acre study area located on both sides of Oregon Highway 206, approximately 5 miles northwest of the town of Condon. The project would use 600-kilowatt (kW) wind turbines to convert energy in the winds to electricity that would be transmitted over the existing BPA transmission system. The project would consist of one or two phases: the first phase would use 41 wind turbines to yield a capacity of approximately 24.6 megawatts (MW). A second phase (if built) would use 42 wind turbines to yield a capacity of approximately 25.2 MW. For purposes of the Draft EIS, the size of the project is assumed to be 49.8 MW, built in two phases. The first phase is proposed for construction in late 2001; the second phase could be constructed during spring/summer 2002 or later.

Environmental Process

In May, we completed the Draft EIS for the Condon Wind Project and made it available for review and comment. In response to the comments we received, we have made some changes that are included in the abbreviated Final EIS.

A decision on which alternative Bonneville will adopt will be made and recorded in a Record of Decision. We plan to have the Record of Decision available in about one month.

To Receive a Copy

If you would like to view the abbreviated Final EIS, or the Draft EIS, please visit our web site at: www.efw.bpa.gov. For a printed copy, call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and the document(s) you desire, and your complete mailing address.

For More Information

If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-282-3713, call my direct number at 503-230-4386, or e-mail me at gddarr@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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