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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: Parties interested in the Proposed Golden Hills Wind Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has been asked by BP Alternative Energy North America (a subsidiary of BP America Production Company) to interconnect up to 200 megawatts (MW) of electricity generated from their Golden Hills Wind Project in Sherman County, Oregon to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed interconnection and to explain how to comment on BPA's proposed action.

Background

BPA operates consistently with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's pro forma open access tariff. Under the tariff, BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of generation, to all eligible customers. BPA's practice is to grant interconnection to any eligible customer who complies with BPA's financial, technical and permitting requirements and undertakes appropriate mitigation activities. BPA also offers interconnection services subject to consideration of the environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

BP Alternative Energy proposes to independently build, own and operate the wind project and its associated ancillary facilities. BP Alternative Energy is seeking siting approval through the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), which has siting and approval jurisdiction over the proposed wind project. Oregon EFSC will hold public hearings on the proposal as part of the review process. BPA will parallel the EFSC review process and comments made to EFSC about the project will be considered by BPA in its decision making. More information on EFSC's process is available at http://egov.oregon.gov/ENERGY/SITING/review.shtml#Golden_Hills_Wind_Farm_Project.

Proposal

To interconnect this wind project, BPA proposes to install two breakers and associated disconnect switches and a substation dead end tower at Portland General Electric's existing Biglow Canyon Substation (see attached map). Most equipment would be located inside the existing substation control house. BPA would also purchase part of this substation including part of the control house. The boundary line would be in the middle of an existing trench on the property. BPA would expand the substation by about 1 acre to accommodate new equipment outside the control house. BPA would also need to string the final span of transmission line from the substation dead end tower to the last transmission line tower just outside the substation.

How to comment

BPA is accepting comments on its proposed action through June 30, 2008. Comments can be submitted on line at www.bpa.gov/comment, via e-mail to comment@bpa.gov, via regular mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office – DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428, or faxed to (503) 230-3285. You can also call us with your comments toll free at (800) 662-4519. Please reference the Golden Hills Wind Project with your comments. Please note that all comments will be posted in their entirety on BPA's Web site at www.bpa.gov/comment.

Schedule

BPA's proposed interconnection project is in the early stages of the environmental review. If BPA determines that the decision to interconnect this project is consistent with BPA's Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the Resource Contingency Plan EIS, BPA will prepare a record of decision (ROD) tiered to the BPA EIS and ROD.

A tiered ROD for the interconnection could be released following the EFSC review and approval of the wind project. Construction of BPA's proposed additions at Biglow Canyon Substation could begin in 2008, but will be closely tied to construction of the wind project.

For more information

If you have questions or would like more information about BPA's proposed interconnection of the wind project, please visit our Web site at www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/ or call us toll free at (800) 622-4519. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gene Lynard, 5/30/2008

Gene Lynard
Project Environmental Lead

Enclosures (2):

Map of the Proposed Golden Hills Wind Project
Comment Form