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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People Interested in the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project

We are writing to update you on the status of the environmental review for the Kangley-Echo Lake Transmission Line Project.

Proposal: BPA proposes to construct a nine-mile long transmission line in central King County, Washington. The new line is needed to maintain reliable, high-voltage transmission in the Puget Sound area and to meet U.S. treaty obligations with Canada.

Background: BPA would like to tap the existing 500-kilovolt (500-kV) Schultz-Raver Number 2 Transmission Line, near the community of Kangley, Washington. This new transmission line would connect to the Echo Lake Substation, near the City of North Bend. The proposed location for the new line is immediately adjacent to and east of a portion of BPA's Raver-Echo Lake 500-kV Transmission Line. Echo Lake Substation would be expanded by about three acres to accommodate the new transmission line.

Environmental Review: BPA released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment in June 2001. We received over 700 comments. Issues raised in the comments included the following: the need for the project; the alternatives considered; impacts to the Cedar River Watershed and water quality; fish and wildlife concerns; cultural resources; and other subjects. We are responding to these comments and incorporating new information into a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

We originally planned to release the FEIS this month. However, due to the volume of comments and requests for additional information, we now expect that the FEIS will be released in the spring. We will notify you when it is available and will send a copy to you, if you requested one. The DEIS and other documents are available online at <http://www.efw.bpa.gov/cgi-bin/PSA/NEPA/SUMMARIES/KangleyEchoLake>. The FEIS will also be available online.

For More Information: If you need more information or have any questions, please call Lou Driessen, Project Manager, or Gene Lynard, Environmental Project Lead, at BPA's toll free number: 1-800-282-3713.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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