



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: TEP-CSB-2

**To Parties interested in the Proposed Interconnection of the Leaning Juniper III - Jones Canyon Substation Expansion Wind Interconnection Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has been asked by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Iberdrola) to interconnect up to 200 megawatts of electricity generated from their proposed Leaning Juniper III Wind Power Project in Gilliam County, Oregon, to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS). As a federal agency, BPA must consider the environmental impacts of its decision to interconnect under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed interconnection and explain how you may comment on the project or contact BPA with questions.

### **Background**

Iberdrola proposes to independently build, own, and operate the Leaning Juniper III Wind Power Project and its associated facilities. To site its proposed wind project, Iberdrola applied for site certification through the State of Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) and received approval on September 21, 2007.

To move the power generated by its proposed wind project to its customers, Iberdrola requested interconnection of its project to BPA's transmission system. BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of generation, to all eligible customers on a non-discriminatory and first-come, first-served basis, subject to an environmental review under NEPA. As a part of the BPA NEPA review for the proposed interconnection, BPA is asking for your comments about the proposed interconnection. BPA does not propose to purchase any of the power produced by this wind project

### **Proposal**

BPA is proposing to interconnect the Leaning Juniper III Wind Project into the FCRTS. To interconnect the wind project, BPA would need to expand its existing Jones Canyon Substation in Gilliam County (see attached map). The proposed substation expansion would require about 1 acre of land. BPA currently owns this land.

**How to comment**

BPA is accepting comments on Iberdrola's proposed interconnection and the substation expansion through **February 2, 2009**. *Comments can be submitted online at:* [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, or faxed to (503) 230-3285.

You also may call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference "Leaning Juniper III Wind Power Project" with your comments. Please note that BPA will post all comment letters in their entirety on BPA's Web site at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

**Schedule**

BPA plans to complete its environmental review by spring 2009. If BPA determines that the decision to interconnect Iberdrola's proposed wind project is consistent with BPA's Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (BP EIS), BPA will prepare a record of decision (ROD) tiered to the BP EIS and its associated ROD. If there is a decision to proceed, BPA would offer Iberdrola a Large Generator Interconnection Agreement for interconnection of Iberdrola's proposed wind project to BPA's transmission system.

**For more information**

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy M. Freel January 5, 2009

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Enclosures:  
Project Vicinity Map  
Comment Form