

Welcome to BPA's

Libby (FEC) to Troy

115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild
Project

Open House Meeting



Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.** **Welcome & Open House**
Review information at tables, ask questions of BPA staff
- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.** **Overview Presentation**
BPA Staff will speak and answer questions
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.** **Open House**
Review information at tables, ask questions of BPA staff



How to Participate

- Listen to the presentation by BPA staff who will explain the proposal and answer your questions.
- Ask for more information on specific topics at the different stations.
- Fill out and submit a comment form.
- Ask to be put on the mailing list to stay informed.



Proposed Schedule

Public Meeting for Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)	Aug. 15, 2007
Public Comment	Comments due Sept. 4, 2007
Danger Tree Marking	Summer 2007
Right-of-Way and Access Road Surveying and Staking Activities	Through Nov. 2007 and Spring 2008
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) Available	Winter 2008
Record of Decision	Spring 2008
Vegetation Management (Right-of-Way Clearing and Danger Tree Clearing)	May 2008
New Road Construction and Reconstruction of Existing Roads	May – Nov. 2008
Transmission Line Construction	May – Nov. 2008

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Project Purpose

- **BPA is proposing to rebuild a 17-mile-long section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kV transmission line.**
- **Currently, the condition of many of the wood poles and cross arms are very poor and in need of immediate repair.**
- **Additionally, the existing conductor and fittings are in critical condition and in need of replacement.**
- **The project is needed to continue to provide safe and reliable transmission service to the local communities, and to anticipate needs for the future growth of the area.**



Project Description

BPA is considering three alternatives:

- **Proposed Action: Rebuilding the line in-kind, as a single-circuit 115-kV wood and steel pole H-frame line with some single steel poles;**
- **Alternative 1: Rebuilding the line as a double-circuit 230-kV steel pole line;**
- **No Action Alternative: The existing 115-kV line would not be rebuilt.**



Project Description (cont.)

The proposed project would be located primarily within BPA's existing transmission line corridor with three potential realignments:

- **Pipe Creek Realignment Option: One to avoid immediately adjacent residences along Kootenai River Road near Pipe Creek;**
- **Quartz Creek Realignment Option: A second to bypass landowners in the Bighorn Terrace subdivision;**
- **Kootenai River Crossing Realignment Option: A third to avoid the Kootenai Falls area by moving the river crossing approximately 3/4 mile east of the present crossing of the Kootenai River.**



Project Description (cont.)

BPA's preferred alternative is the Proposed Action (rebuild to single-circuit 115-kV) with the Kootenai River realignment option.

- **Rebuilding the line as a single-circuit 115-kV line would occur within the existing transmission line corridor except where the line crosses the Kootenai River.**
- **The Kootenai River crossing realignment option was identified to minimize visual, cultural, and fish and wildlife impacts to the Kootenai Falls area. The realignment option would move the river crossing about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to the east and away from Kootenai Falls. If constructed, the new transmission line crossing would no longer be visible from the falls.**



For More Information

Web site:

http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Libby/

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How to Comment

Please reference "Libby (FEC) to Troy Proposed Rebuild" in all communications.

Write: Bonneville Power Administration
Communications Office – DKC-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

Online: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>

E-mail: comment@bpa.gov

Call: (800) 622-4519

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Last day to comment: Sept. 4, 2007

Comments and responses to them will be made part of the final EIS.

*All comments will be posted in their entirety on BPA's Web site at
http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/public_affairs/Comment_Listings*

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