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To: Parties interested in the Rebuild of the Libby (FEC) to Troy Section of the Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Rebuild of the Libby (FEC) to Troy Section of the Libby-Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line project in Lincoln County, Montana. This letter describes BPA's decision, the project schedule, how to obtain copies of documents, and how to contact us if you have questions. If you requested a copy of the ROD, it is enclosed.

Decision

BPA has decided to implement the Proposed Action with the Kootenai River Crossing realignment option as identified in the Rebuild of the Libby (FEC) to Troy Section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0379, May 2008). The project involves rebuilding a 17-mile-long section of BPA's Libby to Bonners Ferry 115-kilovolt transmission line at the same voltage and same number of circuits as the existing line (one). The Kootenai River Crossing realignment option will move the Kootenai River line crossing about 0.75 mile east of the existing crossing. The ROD further discusses this decision and explains the factors that were considered in reaching the decision. The ROD also discusses and addresses public comments on the Final EIS that were received by BPA.

Schedule

Project construction will commence sometime after contract terms are determined and other permits and approvals are granted. You will receive notice once the timing for construction is determined.

Additional information

If you would like additional copies of this ROD or the EIS, both documents are available on BPA's Web site: http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Libby/. You may also call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project and your complete mailing address. If you have questions about this project you may contact me toll free at (800) 622-4519 or by email at kmrobinson@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirk Robinson
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Enclosure:
Record of Decision (if requested)