



## Department of Energy

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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

### **Dear neighbors and parties interested in the McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project:**

The Bonneville Power Administration is considering building a new 500-kilovolt transmission line that had been scheduled for construction six years ago and then put on hold. This letter provides information about the project and gives notice of two upcoming public meetings.

### **Project information**

In 2002, BPA decided to build the McNary-John Day Transmission Line Project, a new 79-mile high-voltage transmission line that would be located next to existing lines in Oregon and Washington between BPA's McNary and John Day substations (see enclosed fact sheet). BPA prepared an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act to support this decision. Although BPA decided to build the project, we put it on hold due to changing energy market conditions. Recently, BPA received requests from power generators for use of the transmission system in this area. The requests require this line, and we are now considering moving forward with the project.

To support this consideration, BPA is preparing a supplement analysis under NEPA to determine whether the environmental analysis in the 2002 EIS remains valid. BPA will make a decision on next steps after the supplement analysis and a financial review are complete. In the next few months, you may see BPA representatives along the existing transmission line corridor updating environmental and survey information.

### **Public meetings**

BPA invites you to attend an upcoming public meeting to learn more about the project and to let us know if you have any information that we should consider in the supplement analysis. BPA representatives will be available to talk about the project and answer questions at two meetings on:

#### **Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

4 to 7 p.m.  
Paterson School Library  
51409 West Prior Road  
Paterson, WA 99345

#### **Thursday, November 6, 2008**

4 to 7 p.m.  
Roosevelt School Gymnasium  
615 Chinook Avenue  
Roosevelt, WA 99356

### **How to comment**

BPA is accepting comments through **November 20, 2008**. You may submit comments online at: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, or via fax to (503) 230-3285. You also may call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference the "McNary-John Day Project" with your comments. Please note that BPA will post all comments in their entirety on BPA's Web site at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

**For more information**

If you would like more information about the project, including past letters and environmental documents, please visit our Web site [www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/). You may also contact BPA toll free by calling (800) 622-4519 or by e-mail at [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov). Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mark Korsness, 10/21/08*

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Enclosure:  
Fact sheet and map