



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to:

### **To: Parties interested in the Proposed Interconnection of the Montague Wind Power Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has been asked by Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Iberdrola) to interconnect up to 404 megawatts of electricity generated from the Montague Wind Power Project in Gilliam County, Oregon, to BPA's transmission system. 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 this proposal or contact BPA with questions.

#### **Background**

On September 10, 2010, Iberdrola received approval from the State of Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) to construct and operate the Montague Wind Power Project. Iberdrola will independently build, own, and operate the Montague Wind Power Project and its associated facilities. To move the power generated by its Project to its customers, Iberdrola has requested interconnection of its Project to BPA's transmission system. BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of electrical generation, to all eligible customers on a non-discriminatory and first-come, first-served basis, subject to an environmental review under NEPA.

#### **Proposal**

BPA is proposing to allow the interconnection of the Montague Wind Power Project to the to its transmission system at the existing Slatt Substation in Gilliam County, Oregon (*see attached map*). To interconnect the proposed Project, BPA would need to expand this substation by approximately one acre. BPA currently owns this land. BPA does not propose to purchase any of the power produced by this wind project.

#### **How to comment**

As a part of the NEPA review for the proposed interconnection, BPA is asking for your comments on the proposed interconnection including the proposed Slatt Substation expansion. BPA is accepting comments through **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012**.

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) 230-4019.

You also may call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference “*Montague Wind Power Project*” with your comments. Please note that BPA will post all comments on its website at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

**Schedule**

BPA plans to complete its environmental review by summer 2012. If BPA determines that the decision to interconnect Iberdrola’s proposed 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 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.bpa.gov/go/montague](http://www.bpa.gov/go/montague).

Thank you for your interest in this Project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Amy Freel*

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