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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: Parties Interested in the Morrow Flat Substation and Transmission Line Improvement Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to construct a new substation and improve two existing transmission lines in Morrow, Gilliam, and Umatilla counties, Oregon. This letter explains our proposal and invites you to attend a public meeting.

Project Description – BPA proposes to construct a new 230/115-kilovolt (kV) Morrow Flat Substation approximately 1.5 miles east of Boardman. (Please see enclosed map.) The 17.5 acre substation would be located in an area zoned for industry adjacent to the existing BPA transmission lines.

BPA's McNary-Boardman and McNary-Jones Canyon 230-kV transmission lines would be connected to the proposed substation and would require some improvements. The line improvements would include the addition of overhead protective groundwire one mile on either side of the substation and reconstruction of 18 lattice-steel transmission towers. In addition, work may include changes to some insulators that connect the conductors to the towers, reconstruction of steel towers or grading of the ground under the line in some areas. These line improvements would ensure that the conductor would not sag too close to the ground and would meet operational standards for safety. BPA may also need to improve existing access roads or acquire rights to develop new access roads to transmission line towers that are difficult to access.

The project would help serve increased energy demand from existing development, food processing plants, and new data centers in the Boardman area.

Public Meeting and Comment – BPA is reviewing the potential environmental impacts of the project and has scheduled a public meeting to answer questions and accept comments on the project.

December 4, 2013
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
SAGE Center Auditorium
101 Olson Road
Boardman, Oregon 97818

We do not plan to give a formal presentation, so you may come at any time during the scheduled meeting. If you can't attend the meeting, please send comments to us by **December 31, 2013** and reference "Morrow Flat Substation and Transmission Line Improvement Project." All comments we receive will be available on our project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/MorrowFlat. There are several ways that you can comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration

Public Affairs – DKE-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

FAX: 503-230-3285
On-Line: www.bpa.gov/comment
E-Mail: comment@bpa.gov

Next Steps – Starting this winter and next spring you may see BPA staff or contractors in the area as they conduct engineering and environmental surveys. BPA plans to complete the environmental analysis, which will likely be documented in a categorical exclusion, by summer of 2014.

For More Information – You may visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/MorrowFlat. If you would like more project information, please call me at 360-619-6398, or cmburke@bpa.gov. You can also reach me toll free at 1-800-282-3713. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charla M. Burke

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