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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: **People Interested in the Nisqually Transmission Line Relocation Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), together with the Nisqually Indian Tribe, Fort Lewis and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is proposing to relocate two miles of transmission line corridor off the Nisqually Indian Reservation onto Fort Lewis in Thurston County, Wash. This letter explains the proposal, invites you to comment on the preliminary environmental assessment (EA) and includes information on how to submit your comments.

Background

Last October, BPA sent you a letter describing the proposed project and invited you to comment. BPA received comments from about 15 people. Those comments have been reviewed and potential project impacts have been analyzed and documented in a preliminary EA.

The preliminary EA describes the proposed project, explains the need for the proposal, describes existing environmental and social conditions, and provides analysis of the environmental impacts if the project were implemented. It also lists proposed mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. If you requested the preliminary EA during the scoping period, it is enclosed for your review. It can also be accessed on line at the web address below, by calling the toll free number below or picked up at the Nisqually Tribal Center, 4820 She-Nah-Num Drive S.E. Olympia, Wash. Your comments on the preliminary EA will enable BPA to determine if the resources that are important to you were sufficiently analyzed.

How to Comment

Comments on the preliminary EA will be accepted through Nov. 26, 2004. There are a number of ways for you to comment. You can mail the enclosed comment form to BPA, Communications – DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland OR 97293-4428, fax them to 503-230-3285 or send an email to comment@bpa.gov. Please include the name of this project with your comments.

Schedule

A final EA and decision regarding whether BPA will proceed with the proposal will be available by December 2004. If the decision is to proceed with the proposal, construction could start by spring 2005.

For More Information

If you need more information about the project, please call toll-free at 1-888-276-7790 or send me an email gobeck@bpa.gov. You can also access project information on the Transmission Business Line Web site at http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary O. Beck 10/18/04
Gary Beck
Project Manager

Enclosures:

Nisqually Transmission Line Relocation Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment (if requested)
Comment Form