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### **To: Parties interested in BPA's Olympic Peninsula Reinforcement Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to upgrade about 14.5 miles of an existing 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between Olympia and Shelton substations on the Olympic Peninsula (see enclosed map). The new transmission line is needed to improve reliability to the loads we serve on the Peninsula by increasing voltage stability. BPA is starting the environmental review for the project and would like your comments.

#### **Project Description**

BPA is proposing to replace a portion of the existing 115-kV line with a double-circuit 230-kV line (see enclosed map). The double-circuit 230-kV line would be on metal structures that would be taller than the existing 115-kV wood poles. The new line would connect with an existing BPA 230-kV line that runs between Olympia Substation and Satsop. The new line would be on existing BPA right-of-way for almost its entire length. Where the line approaches Shelton Substation, BPA may need to purchase new right-of-way. New equipment would also be added inside the existing fenced electrical yards at Olympia and Shelton substations. If BPA decides to build the new line project, construction could begin in late 2007.

#### **Public Scoping Meetings**

BPA is hosting two public meetings to answer questions about the project and take comments. The meetings will have an open house format, with BPA representatives available to provide information and answer questions. The meeting schedule is below. Comments on the scope of the environmental review are due January 24, 2007.

##### **Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007**

4 - 7 p.m.  
Black Lake Elementary School Library  
6345 Black Lake Belmore Road SW  
Olympia, Wash., 98512

##### **Thursday, Jan. 11, 2007**

4 - 7 p.m.  
Shelton Civic Center  
525 W Cota  
Shelton, Wash., 98584

#### **How to Comment**

If you cannot come to the public meetings or prefer to submit your comments in writing, you can mail the enclosed comment form to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, send an e-mail to [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov), submit your comments on-line at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>, or fax comments to

(503) 230-3285. You also can call us toll free with your comment at (800) 622-4519. Please note all comments will be posted in their entirety on BPA's external Web site; however, no personal names will be attached to scoping comments.

### **Next Steps**

BPA is preparing an environmental assessment (EA) to assess the potential impacts of the construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed transmission line. BPA will use information collected at the public meetings and during the scoping period to focus our environmental review.

The EA should be available for public review and comment in summer 2007. Please return the enclosed post card if you want to receive a copy of the document. The document will also be available at local libraries and on BPA's Web site.

### **For More Information**

If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call us toll free at (800) 622-4519, e-mail me at [gobeck@bpa.gov](mailto:gobeck@bpa.gov), or call me at (360) 619-6596. Additional project information is available on our Web site at

[http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gary Beck*

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