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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To Parties interested in the Palisades-Goshen Transmission Line Reconstruction Project: Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) Palisades-Goshen 115-kilovolt transmission line has gradually deteriorated due to exposure to the elements and normal wear and tear. BPA is proposing pole replacements and other upgrades to improve the line's reliability and accommodate future load growth in the area. This letter invites you to comment on the preliminary environmental assessment (EA) and includes information on how to submit your comments.

Background

The line extends from Palisades Dam in eastern Idaho about 52 miles west to the Goshen Substation south of Idaho Falls, Idaho. BPA has performed routine maintenance on the line as needed, but most of the wood poles and cross arms are part of the original structures built in 1949. If BPA does not install new poles, the existing poles will continue to deteriorate until they fail and collapse.

The EA describes the proposed project, the No Action Alternative, and potential environmental impacts. The EA also gives an assessment of the floodplains and wetlands potentially affected by the project in Bonneville and Bingham counties, and lists proposed measures that could mitigate those impacts. The EA is enclosed if you requested it. Otherwise, you can request a copy by calling our toll-free document request line: (800) 622-4520. The EA is available at www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Palisades/. Review copies are also available at the libraries on the attached list.

How to comment

BPA is accepting comments on the preliminary EA through **May 9, 2008**. You can mail the enclosed comment form to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, submit your comments online at 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 on BPA's Web site.

For more information

Additional information is online at www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call me toll free at (800) 622-4519, e-mail me at makorsness@bpa.gov, or call me at (360) 619-6326. Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Korsness".

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Enclosures:
Preliminary EA (if requested)
Comment form
List of libraries