

**To: People Interested in the Plymouth Generating Facility**

Enclosed is the Final EIS for the Plymouth Generating Facility. The Draft EIS was published in August 2002, and comments were received through October 5, 2002. The Final EIS contains revisions to the Draft EIS and our responses to public and agency comments on the Draft EIS. This letter briefly describes the Final EIS, outlines our next steps, and tells how to contact us if you have questions.

The Final EIS is *abbreviated*, consisting of an updated summary and project description (Chapter I), other revisions to the Draft EIS (Chapter II), copies of all comments received on the Draft EIS, and our written responses to those comments (Chapter III). This Final EIS also identifies Bonneville Power Administration's preferred alternative, which is the Proposed Action. This Final EIS should be used as a companion document to the Draft EIS, which contains the full text of the affected environment, environmental analysis, and appendices.

**Process/Schedule:**

All comments on the Draft EIS and our responses to those comments are published in this Final EIS. Where appropriate, the Final EIS notes where any changes were made to the proposal or analysis in response to comments. Now that the Final EIS is published, Benton County will process the Conditional Use Permit Application and BPA will issue a Record of Decision outlining whether and how we will proceed with the project.

**For More Information:**

Copies of the Draft EIS, Summary, and Final EIS are available by contacting Benton County Planning at (509) 786-5612 or BPA at 1-800-622-4520. The DEIS Summary is posted on BPA's website at [www.efw.bpa.gov](http://www.efw.bpa.gov) – click on Environmental Planning/Analysis, then on Active Projects. If you have any questions about the proposal or the Draft EIS, please call Michael Shuttleworth at (509) 786-5612 or Gary Beck toll-free at 1-888-276-7790, or e-mail Michael Shuttleworth at [mike.shuttleworth@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:mike.shuttleworth@co.benton.wa.us) or Gary Beck at [gobeck@bpa.gov](mailto:gobeck@bpa.gov). Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

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