



## Department of Energy

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### **To: People Interested in the Port Angeles — Juan de Fuca High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received and is responding to a transmission interconnection request from Olympic Converter, LP (OC). OC is proposing to install a direct current underwater cable between Vancouver Island and Port Angeles for the transmission of electricity. As part of this project, OC has requested to interconnect to BPA's transmission system. The interconnection would be in the vicinity of a Port Angeles, Wash. substation owned and operated by BPA. The purpose of this letter is to provide a description of the proposed project (which includes the interconnection, the converter station, and the underwater and underground cable) and the environmental process, to invite you to a public meeting and to inform you on how to comment on the proposal.

The proposed interconnection would allow for a direct connection between BPA's transmission system and British Columbia's transmission system using an underwater transmission cable from Victoria Island, British Columbia, Canada to Port Angeles. Sea Breeze Pacific Juan de Fuca Cable, LP (Sea Breeze Pacific) is carrying out the planning and permitting for the project. The project would be constructed as a 550-megawatt (MW) High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) transmission line using underground cables, as well as submarine cables under the Strait of Juan de Fuca, an international waterway.

BPA and the Office of Electricity and Energy Assurance (OEEA), which are separate organizational units within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), are collaborating on the environmental process. DOE is the lead federal agency for the environmental analysis. Implementation of the project would require that certain actions be taken by BPA and OEEA. BPA's proposed action would be to offer a transmission interconnection agreement to OC, and OEEA's proposed action would be to issue a Presidential Permit that would allow construction, operation, maintenance, and interconnection of the project at the United States International Border.

### **Open House Public Meeting**

BPA will assess the environmental impacts of the proposed interconnection project in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to invite public participation in the environmental process, and to solicit public comments for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIS. BPA and OC representatives will be available to discuss the proposed project and respond to any questions you may have.

Representatives from the City of Port Angeles are also expected to attend to answer questions about the Washington State Environmental Policy Act.

### **Open House**

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

4 to 7 p.m.

Peninsula College, Room J47

1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd.,

Port Angeles, Washington

### **Schedule**

The environmental review is expected to be complete by summer 2006, at which time a final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision (ROD) will be released. Following release of the ROD, construction of the proposed project could start as early as June 2006, with a proposed operation date of December 2007.

### **How to Comment**

Comments will be accepted through June 8, 2005. Send letters with comments and suggestions, and requests to be placed on the project mailing list, to Bonneville Power Administration, Communications – DM-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, OR, 97212; FAX them to 503-230-3285; or submit your comments online *at* [www.bpa.gov/comment/](http://www.bpa.gov/comment/). Please include the name of this project with your comments.

### **For More Information**

BPA is committed to providing reliable, low-cost transmission products and services to the region while minimizing environmental impacts and demonstrating regional accountability. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Rick Yarde, Bonneville Power Administration – KEC-4, P.O. Box 3621, Portland, Oregon 97208-3621, toll-free telephone 1-800-282-3713; direct phone number 503-230-3769, fax number 503-230-5699, e-mail [rryarde@bpa.gov](mailto:rryarde@bpa.gov). If you have other questions or would like more information on the project, please call me at (360) 619-6326, or toll-free 1-888-276-7790. Additional information is posted on the BPA Web site at [http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mark Korsness, 5/4/05*

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