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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Raymond-Cosmopolis 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Background

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Raymond-Cosmopolis 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The 18.3-mile-long transmission line is located in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties in Washington. BPA plans to replace the existing single-circuit 115-kV line with a new 115-kV line. The transmission line needs to be rebuilt to improve reliability, address safety concerns, and replace the transmission line structures, which are old and deteriorating.

BPA prepared the Final EA to determine if the proposed action could cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an Environmental Impact Statement. Based on the analysis in the Final EA and the mitigation that will be implemented to reduce adverse impacts, BPA has determined that the proposed project is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. BPA is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed action, based on the Final EA. The required mitigation is detailed in a Mitigation Action Plan (MAP) for this project, which lists all measures, components of each measure, who is responsible for implementation, and the schedule. The MAP is in Appendix D of the Final EA.

The Final EA differs from the Preliminary EA as a result of some project changes and refinements and comments received on the proposal. Substantive changes to chapters 1, 2, and 3 are shown in underlined and deleted text. Public comments and BPA's responses are in chapter 8 of the Final EA.

Construction Schedule

Beginning in fall 2003, a small number of trees may be removed and access roads may be built in preparation for the rebuilding of the transmission line. Construction to rebuild the transmission line and the installation of fiber optic cable will begin in spring 2004, with completion of the project by late fall 2004.

For More Information

If you requested a copy of the Final EA, the document is enclosed. If you need more information about the project, or additional copies of the Final EA/FONSI, please call toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. You can access project documents on the Transmission Business Line Web site at www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/Gary Beck 09/05/03

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Enclosure: Final EA/FONSI (if requested)