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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: Rock Creek Substation

To: People interested in the Rock Creek Substation Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has been asked by two wind developers, Windtricity LLC (Windtricity) and Last Mile Electric Cooperative (LMEC), to interconnect up to 150 megawatts (MW) of power from the Goodnoe Hills Wind Project and up to 200 MW of power from the White Creek Wind Project to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.

BPA operates consistently with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's *pro forma* open access tariff. Under the tariff, BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of generation, to all eligible customers. BPA's practice is to grant interconnection to any eligible customer that complies with BPA's financial and technical requirements, complies with permitting requirements and undertakes appropriate mitigation activities. BPA also considers the environmental impacts of its proposed interconnection under the National Environmental Policy Act. The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed project, the environmental analysis process, how to comment on the project, and how to contact BPA.

Proposal

BPA proposes to build a new 500/230 kilovolt (kV) substation along the John Day-Wautoma 500-kV transmission line. This new facility, called Rock Creek Substation, will require approximately 7.5 acres of land in the Goodnoe Hills area, off Hoctor Road in Klickitat County, Wash. A portion of the substation will be built in existing right-of-way along the Hanford- Wautoma 500-kV line, between transmission towers 85/5 and 85/4.

Windtricity and LMEC have each obtained required conditional use permits from Klickitat County. The project's output will be marketed to wholesale power marketers and various organizations interested in procuring wind-generated power. BPA will not purchase any power generated from the project at this time.

Environmental Process

BPA's interconnection of the wind projects is subject to environmental review, which is currently underway. A tiered Record of Decision (ROD) would be prepared by the end of November 2005, if the decision to interconnect this project is consistent with: BPA's Business Plan ROD, August 1995 and Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), June 1995. The Business Plan EIS examined six alternatives as they relate to meeting the West Coast electric energy needs. The analysis focused on the relationships between BPA, the utility market and the affected environment. The evaluation, which included transmission as well as generation, compared BPA actions and those of other energy suppliers in the region in meeting that need.

How to Comment

BPA invites the public to provide comments on the proposal. Comments are due by **Aug. 8, 2005**. There are a number of ways to comment; fax the enclosed comment form to 503-230-3285, contact BPA's toll-

free comment line at 1-888-276-7790, submit comments on line at BPA's Web site at www.bpa.gov/comment/ or mail comments to: BPA Communications, DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428. Please include the name "Rock Creek Substation" with your comments. BPA will address comments in the tiered ROD.

For More Information

If you have questions or would like more information about the project or would like to meet with us, please call us toll-free at 1-888-276-7790 or email me at evolavarria@bpa.gov. Additional information is posted on the BPA Web site at <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/>.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ed Olavarria, July 7, 2005

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Enclosures:
Comment Form
Project Map

cc: Windtricity
LMEC