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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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To: People Interested in the Proposed Construction of the Umatilla Generating Project and Integration into the Regional Electric Power Grid at BPA's McNary Substation

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Umatilla Generating Project. The Final EIS incorporates and responds to public comments received on the Draft EIS. A copy of the Final EIS is included for your information.

Environmental Process

Last summer, we completed the Draft EIS and made it available for public review and comment. The public comment period ended on October 15, 2001. In response to public comments, we made some changes to the document and these changes are reflected in the Final EIS.

A decision on whether to integrate the project into BPA's transmission grid will be made and recorded in a Record of Decision. We plan to have the Record of Decision in about one month.

Additional Copies

If you would like additional copies of the Final EIS, call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your complete mailing address. It can also be viewed at: www.efw.bpa.gov.

For More Information

If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, at my direct number, (503) 230-3786, or send an e-mail to isgraetzer@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Inez S. Graetzer

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Enclosure: Final EIS