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Bonneville Power Administration

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4

SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-191-Olympia-Shelton No. 1-4)

TO: Jim Jellison
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Proposed Action: Vegetation Management for the Olympia-Shelton No. 1 & 2 115 kV transmission lines and the Olympia-Shelton No. 3 & 4 and Olympia-Kitsap No. 3 230 kV transmission lines.

Location: Project location is in the BPA Olympia Region in Thurston and Mason County, Washington.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).

Description of the Proposal: BPA proposes to clear unwanted vegetation from the rights of way and access roads for BPA's Olympia-Shelton and Olympia-Kitsap Transmission Line Corridors.

Analysis: A checklist (see attached) was completed for this project in accordance with the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administrations Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285). The checklist evaluated the following areas:

- *Description of right-of-way and vegetation management needed*
- *Vegetation to be controlled*
- *Surrounding land use and landowners*
- *Natural Resources*
- *Vegetation control methods*
- *Debris disposal*
- *Monitoring*
- *Appropriate environmental documentation*

In preparation of this Supplement Analysis, the checklists were reviewed. Specific information regarding the areas as identified above are described the attached checklists

Findings: This Supplement Analysis finds that 1) the proposed actions are substantially consistent with the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285) and ROD, and; 2) there are no new circumstances or information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed actions or their impacts. Therefore, no further NEPA or ESA documentation is required.

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Attachment

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