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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: Parties Interested in the Willow Creek Winds Interconnection Project

The Bonneville Power Administration has been asked by Invenergy LLC to interconnect up to 180-megawatts of power from the proposed Willow Creek Winds Project located in Gilliam and Morrow Counties, Ore. to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. The purpose of this letter is to describe the proposed interconnection, explain the type of environmental analysis that will be done, invite you to a public meeting, describe the comment process, and tell you how to contact BPA if you have questions or need more information.

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, technical and permitting requirements and undertakes appropriate mitigation activities. BPA also offers interconnection services subject to consideration of the environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Proposal

BPA proposes to provide interconnection for up to 150-MW to BPA's Tower-Alkai 115-kilovolts transmission line in Gilliam County, Ore. The proposed interconnection site is within a BPA right-of-way with four transmission lines and consists of open, sparsely vegetated land that is partly privately owned and partly owned by the Bureau of Land Management. Additional work would be needed at the BPA Boardman Substation, within the substation fence.

Invenergy is currently proposing a 72- MW project with no firm expansion plans at this time. Invenergy has obtained conditional use permits from Gilliam and Morrow Counties. The project's output would be marketed to wholesale power marketers and various organizations interested in procuring wind-generated power. BPA does not plan to purchase any power generated from the project.

Environmental Analysis

The project is in the preliminary planning stage. After scoping, BPA will produce a tiered Record of Decision under the Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement, expected in December 2005. Tiered RODs are not distributed to the public for review and comment. If BPA decides to interconnect the project, a contract would be offered for interconnection of 150-MW of power from the wind project into the FCRTS. The interconnection facilities would be scheduled for completion by October 2006. At that time, Invenergy would be allowed to begin testing of the generation and commence commercial operation.

Public Scoping Meeting

You are invited to attend a public scoping meeting. BPA representatives will be available to discuss the project, answer any questions you may have about the proposed project and accept comments. The meeting is on:

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005
6 - 8 p.m.
Arlington High School Library
1200 Main Street
Arlington, OR 97812

How to Comment

BPA invites public comments on the proposal through **Nov. 1, 2005**. There are a number of ways to comment. You can provide comments at the public meeting, submit comments on line at BPA's Web site: www.bpa.gov/comment, or mail them to: BPA Communications, DM-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428. Please include the project name "Willow Creek Winds" with your comments. BPA will address the comments received in the tiered ROD.

For More Information

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Doug Riehl

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Enclosures:

Comment Form

Project Map

Postcard

cc: Invenergy