WELCOME

Proposed Interconnection of the Willow Creek Winds Project

OPEN HOUSE MEETING
Meeting Agenda

6 - 6:30 p.m. Welcome & Open House
Review information at tables, ask questions of BPA staff

6:30 – 6:45 p.m. Overview Presentation
Proposed project overview and answer questions

6:45 - 8 p.m. Open House
Opportunity to review information and ask specific questions

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How to Participate

• Speak with BPA staff who will explain the proposal and answer your questions.

• Ask for more information on specific topics at the different stations.

• Provide your comments and ideas so they can be addressed.

• Ask to be put on the mailing list to stay informed.
Proposed Schedule

Public Meeting
Oct. 18, 2005

Public Comment
Comments due
Nov. 1, 2005

Tiered Record of Decision (ROD)
Available
January 2006

*If BPA decides to proceed with the project, construction could start as early as Spring 2006 and be complete by October 2006.
BPA Project Purpose

• BPA is responding to a request to interconnect power from proposed wind development to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.

• BPA is required to provide non-discriminatory access to BPA’s transmission system to all existing and proposed generation projects.

• A generator wishing to interconnect to BPA’s transmission system must:
  – Pay for all interconnection studies and required interconnection facilities; and,
  – Contractually agree to comply with BPA standards to ensure reliable operation of the BPA power system.
  – BPA offers interconnection services subject to consideration of the environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act.
BPA Project Description

• BPA proposes to provide interconnection for up to 150 megawatts to BPA’s Tower Road-Alkali Road 115-kilovolt transmission line in Gilliam County, Ore.

• The proposed interconnection site is within a BPA right-of-way.

• Additional work would be needed at the BPA Boardman Substation, within the substation fence.
BPA Project Details

• Rebuild of approximately one mile of wood pole transmission line.
• The interconnection structure (below) will be similar to those proposed for the Willow Creek Winds Project Interconnection.

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BPA Project Details

- The proposed interconnection site is located approximately 2.3 miles southeast of I-84 and 0.3 mile east of State Highway 74.
- A wood pole structure within the project area (photographed below).
Land and Realty

• BPA works with landowners on transmission line projects and can answer any BPA land questions that you may have.

• BPA realty staff is here to answer any questions you may have about this project.
Environmental Considerations

• BPA will produce an environmental document that analyzes the environmental impact of the BPA project, including the following resources:
  – Noise, public safety and health
  – Public services and transportation
  – Socioeconomics
  – Recreational features
  – Visual character of area
  – Wildlife habitat
  – Cultural resources
  – Geology and soils
How to Comment After the Meeting

Write: Bonneville Power Administration
Communications Office – DM-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

Online: http://www.bpa.gov/comment/

E-mail: comment@bpa.gov

Call: 1-800-622-4519

Last day to comment: Nov. 1, 2005

Please reference “Willow Creek” in all communications.

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