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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

October 18, 2011

In reply refer to: DK-7

Perry Calabrese
Ex 6

FOIA #BPA-2011-02053-F

Dear Mr. Calabrese:

This is a final response to your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

You have requested the following:

The contact letter sent to home address 955 Hazel Dell Road, Castle Rock, WA 98611 in 2005 or 2006 notifying homeowners on the Ross-Lexington Row of vegetation control crews entering private property.

Response:

BPA has provided the responsive record in its entirety.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, if you are dissatisfied with this determination, or the adequacy of the search, you may appeal in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of a final response letter. The appeal should be made to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA Appeal is being made.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Cheri Benson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

/S/Christina J. Munro
Christina J. Munro
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: Responsive document



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Bonneville Power Administration
5240 Trosper Street SW
Olympia, Washington 98512

TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

February 2, 2005

In reply refer to: TFO

Dear Property Owner:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is planning to conduct a vegetation control project on the Longview-Chehalis No. 1 and the Lexington-Longview No. 2 Transmission Line corridors. BPA will be using a professional contract service to clear brush and trees away from the power-line. The purpose of this vegetation program is to maintain safe and reliable electrical service. The project is scheduled to begin around the week of February 22 beginning at mile 4/3 and continue to mile 12/1 of the Longview-Chehalis No. 1 and 1/1 to 3/1 of the Lexington-Longview No. 2 lines. Cutting activity will continue for several of weeks.

NOTE: This form letter is sent to all known property owners on the above transmission line right-of-way. Trees or brushy species on your property may or may not be cut depending on the following criteria:

- Tall growing species such as Red Alder, Big Leaf Maple, cottonwood and all conifer trees threaten the lines and will require removal. Herbicide stump treatment may be used to prevent hardwoods from re-sprouting. **This will include the cutting of merchantable size trees within the easement 87.5 feet left of the center line of the Longview-Chehalis No. 1 from structure 4/3 to 12/1, 87.5' right of the center line of Lexington-Delameter No. 1 from structure 24/7 to 28/7 and 87.5 feet right of the center line of the Lexington-Longview No. 2 from structure 1/1 to 3/1. This is necessary because the Red Alder, Big Leaf Maple, cottonwood and scattered conifers trees pose a treat to the transmission lines. The hardwood trees tend to lean towards the conductors where there is full sunlight. Conifers trees will be cut if they are identified to have danger tree criteria, i.e., trees leaning toward the transmission line conductors, forked tops, broken tops, rot root and located within the area of the easement that has been historically maintained.**
- Low growing noxious weed (Scotch broom) poses a difficult obstacle or even prevents access by journeymen line maintenance workers. Isolated patches of Scotch broom will be foliar treated during this entry. Right-of-way roads and structure site areas will be cleared by hand or machine. A follow-up herbicide spray treatment may occur when plants have emerged (usually spring through fall).
- No herbicides will be used around waterways, or wetlands. Landowners are urged to call back notifying BPA of any wells, springs or any special easement requirements.

If you have any questions, please call and ask for James Jellison. No reply is necessary unless you have a specific question or concern. When calling, please have the name of line (see first paragraph above) and structure location (numbers listed on wood poles or steel towers). If replying by mail, please provide a telephone number by which we may reach you.

If you do not occupy the land you own, please pass this letter on to the people occupying your land, if applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Jellison".

James Jellison
Natural Resource Specialist