



## Department of Energy

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POWER SERVICES

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In reply refer to: PT-5

To Persons and Agencies Who May Be Interested or Affected:

SUBJECT: Proposed Columbia Falls Aluminum Company Power Sales Agreement

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and Columbia Falls Aluminum Company (CFAC) are currently discussing a potential power sales agreement. The proposed agreement would provide 140 aMW of electricity, sufficient to operate two of five potlines, at the aluminum smelter located in Columbia Falls, Montana. The CFAC smelter is currently in an economic shutdown and is not purchasing power from BPA.

Before making any decision on the potential power sales agreement, BPA will undertake an environmental analysis consistent with the Department of Energy's Implementing Procedures for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). As part of this, BPA will begin reaching out to stakeholders at a public information open-house meeting and will then accept public comments on the proposed agreement for a 30-day period.

The Open House meeting is scheduled for Monday August 1, 2011, with overview briefings at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Additionally, subject matter experts will be on hand throughout the meeting to answer questions. The meeting details are as follows:

Monday, August 1, 2011  
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Discovery Square, Sperry Auditorium  
540 Nucleus Avenue  
Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Consistent with BPA's commitment to public process and transparency, we are seeking public comment on the proposed agreement, including public comment on any associated environmental effects. This 30-day public comment period opens Aug. 1, 2011, and closes on Aug. 31, 2011. Prior to making a decision on whether to move forward with offering a power sales agreement to CFAC, BPA will consider the public comments received during the comment period, and subsequently address them in the Administrator's Record of Decision for service to CFAC. In addition, NEPA related comments will be addressed in the NEPA document.

Comments may be submitted to BPA:

- 1) online at: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment);
- 2) via mail to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office – DKE-7,  
P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR 97293-4428;
- 3) via fax to (503) 230-4019.

All comments will be posted in their entirety with only the author's name and affiliation on BPA's Web site at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). The proposed power sales agreement and accompanying draft equivalent benefits analysis determination, as well as a fact sheet, may be viewed at [www.bpa.gov/go/cfacpowersales](http://www.bpa.gov/go/cfacpowersales) beginning August 1, 2011. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the documents, you may also call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project, your complete mailing address and phone number.

If you have questions pertaining to the proposed power sales agreement or if you need more information, please call BPA's general information toll free line at (800) 622-4520 or contact Mark Miller at (503) 230-4003 or email him at [memiller@bpa.gov](mailto:memiller@bpa.gov). If you have questions pertaining to the NEPA analysis, please contact Sandra Ackley at (503) 230-3824 or email her at [sjackley@bpa.gov](mailto:sjackley@bpa.gov). Thank you for your interest in this upcoming decision.

Sincerely,

//s// Suzanne B. Cooper

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