

**U.S. Department Of Energy-Bonneville Power Administration**  
**Permission To Enter Property Form**  
**Instruction Sheet**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing a project that may affect property you own. BPA requests permission to enter your property to assess topographic features, homes and other structures, plants and animals and any other cultural or natural resources that could be impacted by the proposed project. BPA is just beginning the siting, environmental and design phases of the project. BPA has not made a decision to build the proposed project. Allowing BPA access to your property helps us learn if there are structures or resources that may eliminate an area from consideration or to determine what compensation we would offer you *if* a decision is made to build the project *and* you are affected. All or some of the activities listed on the form may occur on your property. It is also possible that as the project progresses, no access would be necessary and BPA will release its interest in access to your property.

**Why Access is Needed**

To make an informed decision about the proposed project, we need information about features that would make it difficult to site a line across your property such as homes and outbuildings, business property, wetlands, cultural resources, threatened and endangered species, unstable soils and slopes, wells, septic systems, etc. Having the signed Permission to Enter Property helps protect you, any tenants and animals you have, and also the BPA representatives who may need to access your property.

**Additional Information and Instructions for the PEP Form**

The following information and instructions may provide answers to any questions you may have about the language used on the PEP form. If you have additional questions, please call toll free at 877-613-7035.

**Parcel ID:** BPA obtains this information from the respective county about the parcel you own. We use the most recent information available. Incorrect information should be reported to us and to the county.

**Damages:** BPA will pay for any damages to your property that may be caused by any BPA representative who might access your property. For example, if you own cropland and crops are damaged, BPA would pay the value of the damaged crops. Damages would be paid no later than 6 months after the damage occurred. If a professional is needed to assess damages, BPA will provide one.

**Access by ground or air:** Most access on your property would be by foot or vehicle. Occasionally, especially in rugged terrain, access is only available by helicopter.

**Reconnaissance and Resource Analysis:** During the siting and environmental process, various specialists listed in this section access property to gather and evaluate information about natural and manmade features such as topography, structures including houses and outbuildings, businesses, access roads to the property, wetlands, floodplains, and plants and animals. Siting and design engineers use this information to analyze potential routes for transmission lines or substation sites. Environmental specialists use this information to analyze potential impacts to residents, businesses, plants and animals. Archeologists and historians look for cultural resources and potential impacts to these resources. If a survey of the area is needed, surveyors set markers for land or aerial surveys and for aerial photography.

**Survey:** As a project proceeds, surveyors may survey a proposed transmission line route, substation site or access roads. They need to set monuments for their surveys. In wooded areas, some trees and brush may be trimmed or cut to facilitate a straight-line survey. Trimming and cutting is minimized as much as possible; surveyors may cut trees up to 6 inches in diameter.

**Testing:** Soil stability is important to designing reliable transmission facilities. To gain a better understanding of the soil and underlying bedrock, soil and rock samples may be required. Archeologists may also need to do “shovel” test holes to further determine if any cultural resources may be in the area being studied. Disturbed soil would be replaced.

**Appraisal:** If a decision is made to build the project and your property may be affected, BPA would do an appraisal of your property. This appraisal would be used to establish the compensation you would receive.

**Contact Information, Special Instructions and Comments:** Please fill out this section and include any special instructions or information you wish to include and have us consider. For example, you may ask that we call you before we access your property. If you have a gate that needs to remain closed, animals on the property, or if you have special features, wells, septic systems, etc., please add that information and any special requests in this section. These individual instructions are important to protect you, your animals, your property, and also to protect any one accessing your property.

In addition, if, after reading these descriptions you do not want to grant access for some activities, you may cross out those activities.

We thank you for considering our request. We encourage you to sign and submit your form. If we do not hear from you soon, we will call you and discuss the form and any concerns you may have about signing it.