



## Department of Energy

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**Subject:** I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Permission to Enter Property Form Update

Dear Property Owner:

In the past few months, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has announced a new project proposal, held public meetings and taken comments, and sent out Permission to Enter Property (PEP) forms to you and others who may be affected by the proposal. Recently, BPA refined the project proposal and eliminated four route segments from consideration and made changes to the PEP form. We would like to tell you about the changes we have made to the PEP form and how they affect any rights you may or have granted.

**Background** – BPA is proposing to build a 500-kilovolt transmission line and associated substations. The new transmission line would extend generally southeast from a new substation proposed near Castle Rock, Cowlitz County, Washington (referred to as Castle Rock Substation), to a new substation proposed near BPA's existing Troutdale Substation, Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon. The proposed transmission line and substations are needed to help ease transmission system congestion in the northwest Oregon and southwest Washington area, allowing BPA to fulfill existing and new transmission service requests for existing and new generation, improve system reliability and meet continued electric load growth.

To accurately study each of the proposed route segments, BPA personnel or BPA's contractors may need to access your property to survey the proposed route segments or otherwise gather data as part of the proposed project.

**PEP Form Changes** – In October, BPA sent out PEP forms to property owners where access is needed for the proposed project. Also during October and through December, we held public meetings and accepted comments about the project. BPA received many questions and thoughtful comments about the PEP forms. We appreciate the feedback and have made changes to the form in response to these comments. Specific changes are identified below. The new form and an instruction sheet are enclosed.

We have made the following changes to the form:

- We have attached an instruction sheet that gives additional information about the form and why we ask for permission to access your property and request your signature. We have also clarified that you can list any special instructions for accessing your property on the back of the form, such as whether you want us to call ahead first, close gates, call tenants, beware of watchdog, etc.
- We now state that payment for damages will be paid within 6 months.
- We decreased the size of trees that surveyors may cut from 24 inches to 6 inches.

- We added information about why we need to access your property to the instructions. We need information about potential 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 PEP helps protect you and the people who may need to access your property, and your animals, tenants, etc.

**Segments Eliminated from Consideration** – Recently, BPA sent out a project update that eliminated Segments 27, 31, 42, and 44 from further project consideration. *If your segment has been dropped from further consideration and you have already signed and sent in your PEP form, BPA is releasing the rights on any property in that segment, as long as your parcel is not part of any additional segment (for example, where two might cross).* (To check to see if this includes your parcel, please use the interactive map tools (using Google Maps or Google Earth) on the project Web site: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/maps-interactive.cfm>. BPA will keep your original signed form, but in a folder that reflects that BPA has released its rights. If you do not have access to the Internet and have questions, please contact us at the number or e-mail address below.)

**The New PEP Form** – We have enclosed two copies of the new PEP form that pertains to your property. If you have not signed before, but want to now, please sign both copies of the form and return one copy to me in the enclosed pre-stamped envelope. The remaining copy is for your records. Your signature on the PEP form *does not* convey any interest or title to your property.

You do not need to sign the PEP form again if you have signed previously. If this applies to you, we have enclosed a copy of the signed original PEP form and attached the new PEP as an addendum for your records.

We thank you for your participation in this project and encourage you to 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.

**For More Information** – If you have any questions or concerns about the PEP forms, please call us 877-613-7035 and leave a message, or e-mail us at [I5corridorproject@bpa.gov](mailto:I5corridorproject@bpa.gov).

For general project information, please visit the project Web site at [www.bpa.gov/go/i5](http://www.bpa.gov/go/i5).

Sincerely,

/s/ Paul B. Woolson, 2/9/2010

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Enclosures:  
Two copies *Permission to Enter Property* form  
PEP Form Instruction Sheet  
Pre-stamped envelope