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**BPA to meet with public for input on proposed  
rebuild of two transmission lines near Salem, Ore.**

**Portland, Ore.** - The Bonneville Power Administration invites members of the public to attend a meeting to review and comment on BPA's proposal to rebuild two wood-pole transmission lines near Salem, Ore. The lines run from Salem to Albany, Ore., through Polk, Benton, Marion and Linn Counties.

Both the 115-kV lines, the 24-mile Salem-Albany No. 1 and the 28-mile Salem-Albany No. 2, were built more than 60 years ago. Although the lines have received routine maintenance, the wood poles, wires and associated structural components are near the end of their life span and need to be replaced due to deterioration. The project would also require developing temporary access and staging areas during construction; removing some vegetation; and improving, acquiring or building access roads.

The proposed rebuild is part of BPA's pledge to maintain reliable electric service and to reduce potential safety risks to the public and work crews. BPA preserves the value of its transmission system by rebuilding aging transmission lines—many of which are now more than half a century old—when needed.

"Information from the public helps us to make well-informed decisions," said project manager Amanda Williams. "We look forward to talking to local residents. Their input helps identify potential impacts to natural and human resources such as native plants and wildlife, land use and transportation." Comments will help guide the analysis in the project's Environmental Assessment. Findings from the EA will determine whether the project could cause significant environmental impacts.

At the public meeting, community members can ask questions, voice concerns and share local knowledge about the potential impacts the EA should address. Public meetings will be held at the following locations:

**Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ash Elementary School

1360 N. 16th St.

Monmouth, OR 97361

**Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013**

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Ray's Food Place Community Room

621 N.W. Hickory Ave.

Albany, OR 97321

Residents who cannot attend can learn about the proposed transmission upgrade at: [www.bpa.gov/goto/SalemAlbanyRebuild](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/SalemAlbanyRebuild). Or, send comments to [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment). Please submit comments either online or by phone at 800-622-4519 by Jan. 31, 2013, and reference Salem to Albany Transmission Line Rebuild Project.

#### **About BPA**

BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia River dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit our website at [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).

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