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In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard van Dijk
Another Way BPA
Ex 6

RE: FOIA #BPA-2012-00236-F

Dear Mr. van Dijk:

This is a partial response to your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC § 552.

You requested the following:

Copies of all internal and external emails and letters sent and received by Liz Klumpp that reference the I-5 Project. Date range requested is from July 1, 2011 through November 2, 2011.

Response:

BPA has provided the enclosed CD with the information you have requested, in its entirety, or with some information withheld pursuant to 5 USC §(b)(6) Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 protects the disclosure of personnel, medical, and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. To determine whether information should be withheld under Exemption 6, an agency must: (1) identify whether a privacy interest exists in the information; (2) identify whether release would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations and activities of the government; and (3) weigh the identified privacy interests in the information against the public interest in disclosure.

In this response the information withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA includes personal email and phone numbers. Because there is a significant privacy interest in the information being withheld, and no public interest that would be served by disclosure, BPA finds that disclosure would cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may appeal within 30 days from the date you received this letter to The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585. The appeal must be in writing and both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at 503 230-7305.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

Christina J. Munro

Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: CD with responsive documents

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Subject: I-5 PDEIS for internal review
Importance: High
Attachments: EIS Chapter Guide 10_31_11.doc

Greetings,

You now have an opportunity to review the I-5 PDEIS and Appendices. Comments are due November 14th.

The document is uploaded to the ALL BPA Review Sharepoint site here:

<http://internal.bpa.gov/efw/KEC/Collaboration%20Site/>

PDEIS chapters are in the "I-5 PDEIS Chapters" folder. Appendices are in the "I-5 PDEIS Appendices" folder. The attached document gives you a snapshot of the PDEIS contents. This is another tool to help you zero in on parts of the document you want/need to review.



EIS Chapter
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On the Sharepoint site, files are generally listed in the order they will likely appear in the document. A few anomalies: Appendices C, Project Photomaps and L, NEPA Disclosure Forms, and Chapter 26, Cumulative Impacts, Table of Contents, Index, Summary are not uploaded yet because they are not complete. You can contact us to get access to a draft if you feel you absolutely need to see them at this time. You'll notice the maps are listed before the chapters in which they appear in some cases. Maps include chapter numbers so it should be clear which map goes with which chapter.

The PDEIS is a work in progress and we continue to work on these chapters. Likely, you will see comments or highlights in the chapters. As days go by, you will begin to see other reviewer comments added. It helps us to be able to identify

the reviewer so please set up your initials in track changes before you begin to review. All review should be done in TRACK CHANGES. As you may be familiar with Sharepoint, PLEASE remember to CHECK OUT the document before you begin your review and CHECK IN the document after you finish. If not, and you've had the document open for awhile, we will call you and likely check the document in ourselves if we cannot reach you. This can be risky if you have not saved your changes in a timely manner.

Please call us if you see one of us (KEC folks) have a document open that you would like to review. We can work around your schedule if we need to and can coordinate that with you. Your review and comments are important to us and makes for a better document. Do not waste your time commenting on formatting. That will get more wacky as more comments are added by reviewers. Just know that it will be fixed at some point before it goes to the public.

The document is large and as you know, the project is complicated. We shoot for an 8th grade/high school level of comprehension and readability. It's been quite an ongoing challenge. Although we would appreciate your review of the entire document, we are realistic. If you have any question about where you should spend your Saturday night, it should be reading this document. Having made that clear to everyone, we anticipate that some have other commitments. You can call us and we will help focus your time and energy so we can take full advantage of your expertise and review time.

Last, if you email me, please cc: Claire and Kathleen. We are tag teaming to make sure nothing is missed.

Thank you so much for your help. The environmental team REALLY appreciates all that you have done and continue to do to make this NEPA document and process possible.

Nancy

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Subject: RE: newsletter from Cheryl Brantley to A Better Way for BPA

Liz,

The event was Amboy Territorial Days. Below is the early report from Lisa Timmerman of EnviroIssues. We provide a booth with displays and EnviroIssues mans it with handouts about the project and they give people info on how to get involved. Lisa and the others who do the outreach are very same folks who manage our comments and I'm confident they represent us well, while being clear they are not BPA employees. As you can see from her summary, they connected with over 100 people this weekend, so it's well worth it.

Luanna

Hi Luanna,

We will be producing a summary questions and comments that we heard at the event this weekend and will hopefully have something along by tomorrow. The brief rundown is that we staffed a booth for the project at the Amboy Territorial Days. As Cheryl mentioned, we were located somewhat across and kitty corner to their booth (although the vendor area wasn't terribly big). According to our tally, we talked to about 110 people over the course of the weekend about the project. Many were familiar with it, but others had just seen the opposition signs around town. There were several comments about the booths being close to one another, but it equally provided us a good opportunity to explain that we were there to provide information about the project as a whole. They did gather a good number of signatures, but there was also a strong minority of people that declined to sign it. There also some individuals that were very complimentary that BPA was hosting a booth at the fair and providing information.

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Subject: RE: newsletter from Cheryl Brantley to A Better Way for BPA

11/15/2011

Luanna,

Do you know where we and they have booths? Are we staffing booths at the local farmers market or something?

Thanks.

From: Grow, Luanna J - DKE-7
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Subject: newsletter from Cheryl Brantley to A Better Way for BPA

See below for latest update from Cheryl Brantley to her group. Reminder - those of us who met with the other citizen groups leaders are meeting with Cheryl Brantley and others on July 20.

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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
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Subject: Early Summer News

A Better Way for BPA!

BPA-YOUR right of way is the RIGHT Way! Join us here: <http://abetterway4bpa.org/>

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Happy summer (finally),

We are meeting with BPA top executives in a few days and I wanted to give you an opportunity to have a question you may have answered by BPA. If we cannot tell you the answer, we will give it our best to get your question answered during this meeting. Please send me an email with your question this week so we can incorporate it into our lists: cheryl@abetterway4bpa.org

We had a awesome group of volunteers who helped at our booth this past weekend acquiring hundreds of signatures to to tell BPA to use their own land. **I talked to numerous residents along BPA's existing corridor of routes 9 and 25 who told me without doubt that BPA should use their own land--these folks even signed our petition telling BPA to use their own land!** A lot of people thought it very comical that we had a booth directly across from the BPA's booth, but we told them we are not against BPA, just a new transmission corridor cutting private properties into pieces and ruining many communities forever. Bottom line, most people got it and agreed! Please read our early summer newsletter: [Summer%202011%20newsletter.pdf](#)

Take care, .

Cheryl Brantley
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Subject: Letter to the editor

I found this when looking for the headline that Cheryl referenced in her email at 2:10 today. Never could find the headline, but did find this.
Luanna

Battle Ground Reflector
July 11 ? 2011

BPA should follow admonitions of public representatives

“BPA must take the concerns of local residents seriously as it moves forward,” said Senator Murray. “That’s why I’ve continued to push Mr. Wright to engage local communities and to take into consideration how these transmission lines will impact Southwestern Washington.” Senator Patty Murray Sept 2010

“BPA has not satisfactorily explained why its suggested routes make the most sense. I believe all available options should be explored in an attempt to limit impact to residents of Clark and Cowlitz counties, including options that would enable BPA to work with the State Department of Natural Resources.” Representative Jaimie Herrera Beutler May 2011

“The county has suggested that BPA design and conduct a more complete public involvement effort. The County has also urged BPA to form a BPA Citizen Advisory Committee in order to be fully informed and to provide input. This would allow immediate dissemination of definitive information on the project.” Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners. May 2011

So has the BPA followed the guidelines, dictates and admonitions of any of our public representatives? Have they considered the citizens will as required by the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA)? “The public has an important role in the NEPA process, particularly during scoping, in providing input on what issues should be addressed in an EIS and in commenting on the findings in an agency’s NEPA documents. The lead agency must take into consideration all comments received from the public and other parties on NEPA documents during the comment.”

Have they heard our voices? As of yet there is no sign of a citizen advisory committee. Again regarding the citizen’s will, it should be obvious that none of the proposed lines goes unopposed and the Grey Line proposal is a win-win for all. There are high expectations for BPA and we hope they are listening closely. We are. Now we are asking all citizens to demand that BPA practice due diligence, do a thorough unbiased study of the Grey Line and come back to us with transparency and true costs, which should make it clear the Grey Line may be very feasible.

We say “no lines in populated areas”. What does that drive? It drives the line right out to the timberlands. Engineers have told us early on it is not only feasible, but a relatively simple application and the best alternative, minimal population impact,

Three to five homes can easily be mitigated or avoided completely with a little bit of clever engineering.

We say TAKE THE BEAST EAST and stop the agony.

Ardie Stein

Yale Valley Coalition

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Subject: FW: We made the headlines

Story embedded.

Doug Johnson
Bonneville Power Administration
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Subject: Fw: We made the headlines

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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Subject: We made the headlines

A Better Way for BPA! <<http://abetterway4bpa.ning.com/>>
BPA-YOUR right of way is the RIGHT Way! Join us here: <http://abetterway4bpa.org/>

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Hi, I forgot to include this in my last email. I thought you would want to read the headline from this week's Reflector showcasing our group's efforts in getting the truth out there, something some local newspapers are regrettably ignoring: <http://www.thereflector.com/thisweek/story1.php>
Better Way for BPA releases new report

Brandy Grey staff reporter

Clark County homeowners continue to await the release of the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) first draft environmental impact statement. After more than a year of waiting, the report is scheduled for release this fall, which will be followed by another round of meetings.
The report should outline impacts associated with the proposed 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line and associated substations that the BPA proposes to construct from Troutdale, OR, to Castle Rock. The report will also bring the BPA closer to selecting their preferred route.
Actual construction on a new line could begin in 2013.
Groups of homeowners such as Another Way BPA and Citizen's Against The Towers, continue to challenge BPA officials to consider designing alternate routes. Members of A Better Way for BPA, however, no longer suggest the BPA find an

alternative to the proposed route.

Rod Smith, a Vancouver resident now acting as spokesperson for A Better Way for BPA, said their grassroots group has the same core values, but has evolved over the last year.

"I think we are finding our voice," he said.

The group recently completed a report with what Smith says are the Facts About BPA's Right of Way. In it, Smith said, they propose that taxpayers already own and have access to property to construct this project on the BPA's existing right of way.

A new 70-mile, 150-foot-wide, clear-cut corridor and new access roads would affect 1,300 acres of property, he said. A number of those access roads will divide properties into small parcels and render them unusable by the landowners. "We are looking for ways for the fewest number of property owners to be affected and the least economic impact for (electricity) ratepayers," he said. "Building a new line will have more of an impact on property values than the BPA using their current right of way."

Smith said BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Manager Mark Korsness told A Better Way For BPA members it would cost less to build on the existing right of way at a meeting in Amboy last March. A new corridor, he said, can add significantly to the cost of the project in terms of property acquisition, construction, engineering, road building and wildlife mitigation.

Citizens Against the Towers and Another Way BPA held a public rally near the Vancouver Mall June 24. More than 100 people attended to show their opposition to lines being built in populated areas.

Potential health concerns continue to be stressed by members, but Smith said even though some people portray Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) as a clear and present danger, "there is no proven epidemiological correlation between EMF and cancer."

Doctor Alan Melnick from the Clark County Public Health office told A Better Way for BPA members in an e-mail that he was not aware of any investigations of cancer clusters associated with power lines in Clark County, and that "the studies that have shown weak association between EMF and childhood leukemia have had methodological problems."

School districts have built facilities in the shadow of 500 kV lines in Federal Way and Kent, said Smith, and no call has been made to shut down or relocate the schools.

Smith said he realizes their report may not be received favorably by homeowners who live along the existing right of way.

"You'll hear that the BPA has never built in a populated area, but that isn't true," he said. "The BPA has built corridors in populated areas in Kent, Auburn and Snoqualmie."

BPA representatives, however, say they have not ruled out there may be a threat from EMF, therefore design projects in a manner that would minimize exposure. Household appliances such as vacuum cleaners, hair dryers and microwave ovens can produce stronger nearby magnetic fields than can be experienced near major transmission lines, the BPA reports.

Still, the BPA said they intend to conduct an objective and thorough assessment of EMF exposure for all potential power line routes and will share the results in detail. Independent specialists will also be hired to examine the latest research on EMF, which will be presented to the public for review and comment.

The full presentation released by a A Better Way For BPA can be found at <http://abetterway4bpa.org/>.

Also, I had the below letter to the editor published. You can read that letter here:

<http://www.thereflector.com/Opinion/letters.php>

Do you want to pay more for electricity?

One group of property owners are determined to make our electric rates increase because they made the decision to purchase property adjacent to an existing Bonneville Power Administration power line corridor. They are unhappy because BPA wants to use its own land. BPA bought easements rights and purchased the land years ago to build the existing power line corridor, leaving room for future expansion. There have been no health, safety or security issues along this existing corridor.

As BPA has stated, the existing corridor that it owns and has rights to is wide enough for this project and would be the least costly alternative. It's the ratepayers who will pay for this project. Stimulus money has been loaned to BPA for this project, which comes out of our pockets as well.

Our group, A Better Way for BPA, is determined to make sure BPA does not waste our ratepayer and taxpayer money on a longer, more expensive eastern route. We also believe that any route other than the existing corridor that BPA owns will be an infringement on property rights and will needlessly cut private properties into pieces. We are alarmed at the possibility of our private property rights being violated and the possible taking of those rights by BPA.

We are equally concerned that everyone who has an electric bill will pay more due to the additional costs involved to develop a new eastern electrical corridor, which would be passed down to us, the ratepayers and taxpayers.

Tell BPA we don't want to pay more for electricity because a few property owners are unhappy that they chose to purchase property adjacent to an existing BPA power line corridor.

Cheryl Brantley

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Subject: Today's article

The Columbian

BPA delivers its count of homes near line routes:

Nearby houses just one of many factors in determining line's path

Oct. 4, 2011

The Bonneville Power Administration has offered a clearer picture of a proposed new transmission line through Clark and Cowlitz counties. But the release of home counts near four of the possible routes did little to change minds in the public tug-of-war over where to put it.

The federal power marketing agency last week unveiled a detailed tally of how many houses sit near the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project's west, central, east and crossover alternatives. That information will be included in the project's sweeping environmental impact statement due out at the end of this year, but was released early at the request of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, among others.

Here's what it showed:

- More than 3,000 homes are within 500 feet of the west route right of way that would send the line into Vancouver and cross both Interstate 205 and state Highway 500. There are 174 homes within 500 feet.
- The crossover route passes within 500 feet of 657 homes.
- The central and east alternatives come within 500 feet of 327 and 286 houses, respectively.

The BPA has established four alternative main routes — along with several variations based from them — for the proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line between Castle Rock and Troutdale, Ore. All four would cross the Columbia River at Camas.

The project aims to ease a strained Northwest power grid and support growing energy demands across the region, according to the BPA. Plans continue to move ahead while many citizens with property and health concerns watch closely. But not all of them share the same vision.

"We want to meet the region's electrical needs, but we also want to be good neighbors to the folks who have been part of this process," said BPA spokesman Doug Johnson.

Three groups

Among the most active voices are three intertwined citizen groups — Another Way BPA, Citizens Against the Towers, and the Yale Valley Coalition — pushing for a different option entirely. They've advocated for a proposed "Gray Line" that would put the line farther east and north than any of the BPA's proposed routes. That plan comes within 500 feet of no more than 11 homes, said Terry Constance, chairman of Another Way BPA.

"It drops way down," Constance said. "When you talk about the difference from one or the other, it's just huge."

That option hasn't been included in official plans so far. But Johnson said the BPA is seriously looking at it before the draft impact statement is put together later this year.

On another side of the debate is A Better Way for BPA, which has pushed for the west alternative that would put the line almost entirely on existing federal right of way without directly impacting private property, said the group's chairwoman, Cheryl Brantley.

Putting the new transmission line — and its 150-foot towers — in rural areas inevitably means building at

least some of it across private property, Brantley said. The Vancouver homes close to the west route already sit near existing power lines, she said.

Herrera Beutler

In late June, Herrera Beutler wrote a letter to BPA Administrator Stephen Wright urging him to build the line across as little private property as possible but also “as far east and away from population centers as possible.” Some rural residents were “very disappointed” to hear that, Brantley said.

“They’re very disappointed that she’s not supporting property rights,” she said, adding they’d like to see the BPA “use their own land.”

The existing transmission line that spans part of Vancouver is a 230-kilovolt line. That’s “nothing” compared to the proposed 500-kilovolt west alternative, Constance said.

That existing line was built before the closest homes arrived, Constance said. Constructing a new, larger line next to neighborhoods, parks and schools would mark a major departure from precedent, he said.

BPA officials have stressed that proximity to homes is only one of many factors that play into which route is chosen. Cost and logistical concerns also matter, Johnson said. The last estimate pegged the project’s cost at \$340 million, though the final price tag will depend on which route is chosen.

Even as the BPA moves forward with the corridor project, Johnson said the agency continues to weigh “nonwire” alternatives that could buy some time and delay construction of a new transmission line.

The BPA received a study this year, for instance, looking at smaller energy-efficiency measures to help the grid.

Release of the transmission line project’s environmental impact statement will kick off a new round of public comment into early 2012. Once a choice is made, construction could begin as soon as 2013 — four years after the BPA first introduced the project.

“It is a complex decision,” Johnson said. “There’s no magic formula.”

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To: Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Scott,Brian M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Berry,Theresa M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Jaramillo,Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1
Subject: I-5 schedule

Just to let you know where we are-

By end of August-

Need to decide whether to identify a preferred alternative or not (we don't have one yet).

Need to decide whether to try to publish DEIS in December or not (we are not ready).

Need to decide whether to give further consideration to even more northerly and easterly routes or not (we are gathering more info).

Need to decide whether expected delayed results of Non-wires study should impact our planned schedule or not (lots of study and review to do yet).

More later.....

Thanks.....Mark

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 12:53 PM
To: Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Pierce,Kathy (BPA) - KEC-4; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: DEIS I-5 December 20?

We are still on schedule for a sometime in December release of DEIS, but will be revisiting that schedule Wednesday with Steve W. The comment period will be more than 40 days, but we have not determined the exact length yet.
Thanks.....Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: James Luce [mailto:lucefamily@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2; Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Cc: Pierce,Kathy - KEC-4
Subject: RE: DEIS I-5 December 20?
Importance: High

Larry -

Don't know about Dec 20 release date for DEIS but could you advise me on the accuracy of what Erna says?

Jim

-----Original Message-----

From: Erna Sarasohn [mailto:leserna1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 9:24 AM
To: Jim Luce
Subject:

Jim,
FYI.
Erna

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From: "Erna Sarasohn" <leserna1@yahoo.com>Add sender to ContactsTo:
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Mr Steven Wright. Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration

We have been told the DEIS will be released by BPA about December 20, 2011

and the public will have as few as 40 days to respond. December is the time of the year for families so people will not have time to read through their areas of concern, sorting through thousands of pages in the DEIS and respond in a timely manner. Their families, and rightly so, will be a priority during the holidays.

The people are requesting that you release the DEIS January 9, 2012 which will allow the citizens the time to properly respond to the DEIS.

Thank you for your consideration.

Erna Sarasohn

Citizens Against the Towers

Another Way BPA

Copies to

Dr Steven Chu

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Senator Maria Cantwell

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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 12:15 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: SharePoint link

<http://internal.bpa.gov/sites/i-5corr-re/default.aspx>

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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Milstein,Michael C (BPA) - DK-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Cc: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Subject: For review - proposed web update

This would replace the existing spotlight question on the I-5 homepage and would be added to the FAQ list. Suggestions?

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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Phil Bourquin [pbourquin@ci.cammas.wa.us]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 2:03 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: Re: SAMPLE of BPA cooperating agency request letter

Liz and Nancy - Please direct a letter to Mayor Scott Higgins. I understand that the letter is simply an invitation.

Have a nice vacation, Liz!

Phil Bourquin
Community Development Director
City of Camas
Phone: (360) 817-1562 >>> "Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL" <ecklumpp@bpa.gov> 8/19/2011 10:04 AM
>>>

Hi Phil,

I have copied a draft of the letter BPA would send to the City of Camas requesting the city to become a cooperating agency for the I-5 project. Please let me and Nancy Wittpenn, who I've copied on this message, know if you would like us to go ahead and send a written, signed letter of invitation. If Camas wants to become a cooperating agency, do you recommend addressing it to Mayor Scott Higgins or to City Administrator Lloyd Halverson?

We are always available to answer your questions and meet with staff, city council members or citizens of Camas. However, there is at least one measurable difference in becoming a cooperating agency; we are scheduled to share the draft EIS with cooperating agencies 30 days in advance of releasing it to the public.

I'm in the office today, but am away on vacation next week. I will have some, though limited, access to email. If you have questions today, I'm in the office. If you have questions next week, would you please call Nancy Wittpenn, our EIS lead for this project?

Thanks, Phil.

Liz Klumpp
Western Washington Liaison
Bonneville Power Administration
360-943-0157

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Cell 360-485-2392

Nancy Wittpenn: 503-230-3297

Phil Bourquin: 360-817-1562, xt 4254

City of Camas
616 NE 4th Ave
PO Box 1055
Camas, WA 98607

DRAFT LETTER regarding BPA potential request for Camas to become EIS cooperating agency
Dear ...

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is preparing a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. BPA requests that the City of Camas be a cooperating agency for the environmental process under the provisions of the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1501.6.

BPA proposes to construct a new 500-kV transmission line in a north/south direction between a new substation near Castle Rock, Washington and a new substation near BPA's existing Troutdale Substation in Troutdale, 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.

BPA has identified many route segments from Castle Rock to Troutdale that can be combined in different ways to form project alternatives (see enclosed map of segments). Some of the proposed segments, access roads and substation sites are located within Camas and BPA recognizes city officials have knowledge, information, and expertise in regards to the City of Camas.

BPA has spent much of the last year and a half conducting siting studies and scoping. Public scoping began October 9, 2009, and closed December 14, 2009. Six meetings were held in the project area and approximately 7000 comments were received during this period. Although the formal scoping period has closed, BPA continues to meet with the public and accept comments. Environmental studies are being conducted on an initial design for the transmission line and associated facilities. A draft EIS is scheduled to be released towards the end of this year. A history of the project to date and project materials can

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be

found on the project website at: www.bpa.gov/go/i5.

BPA representatives have met numerous times with representatives of the City of Camas including Community Development Director Phil Bourquin, Public Works Director Eric Levison, former Mayor Paul Dennis, and the Camas City Council. Having the City of Camas become a cooperating agency in the EIS process will be to both of our advantages as the project continues to evolve and move forward. As a cooperating agency, Clark County will have the opportunity for a 30-day review and comment period on a preliminary draft EIS.

We would appreciate confirmation of your participation if you feel it is appropriate and look forward to working with you in the future. Please call Elizabeth Klumpp, Constituent Account Executive, at (360) 943-0157 or Nancy Wittpenn, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (503) 230-3297 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Vice President, Environment, Fish & Wildlife

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Hildreth, Shari [Shari.Hildreth@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 10:15 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Letter to Administrator Wright
Attachments: BPA I-5 Corridor.JHB.10.26.2011.pdf

Hi Liz,

As promised, here is the letter. It has been sent hard copy to the Administrator Wright.

Shari

Shari Hildreth
Deputy District Director
Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03)
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shari.hildreth@mail.house.gov



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October 26, 2011

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97232

Dear Mr. Wright,

Thank you for your correspondence and actions in response to my letter of June 28, 2011 pertaining to the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. I appreciate the efforts of your office and staff to respond to the issues outlined in my letter.

However, I have continued to hear a variety of valid concerns and questions regarding the impacts of this project from the people of Southwest Washington, and have been asked to help obtain answers from the BPA. In order to respond to these concerns I would like to request further information from you.

One constituent organization, A Better Way for BPA, asks:

Along each of BPA's proposed routes, how many acres would be taken and what is the number of landowners and parcels that would lose land to new easements?

As a separate figure, along each of BPA's proposed routes, how many acres would be taken for the tower access roads and what is the number of landowners and parcels that would lose land to the access road easements?

They request inclusion of the 'grey' route in these numbers if BPA chooses to add this route to their study.

They request the release of these numbers before the Draft EIS is released to get an accurate accounting of how many landowners (people) will be directly impacted by the loss of their land and their landowner rights to this project.

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Stephen J. Wright
BPA Administrator

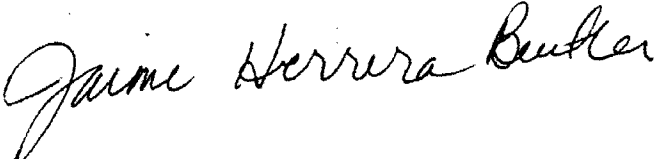
Another organization, Citizens Against the Towers, asks:

What is the number of property owners and parcels along the four alternative routes and option segments, near and within the right of way using the same measurements as the house count, 50 ft, 100 ft, 300 ft and 500 ft?

I would appreciate a response prior to the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). In addition, given the complexity of this issue and need for the public to fully air their concerns, I would urge you to delay the release of the DEIS until next year.

Thank you for your time and effort in this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaime Herrera Beutler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J".

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Baskerville,Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 2:38 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Cc: Jones,Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Seifert,Roger E (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Chong Tim,Marcus H (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Subject: Fw: BPA letter
Attachments: BPA I-5 letter final.pdf

Here is the revised final letter. Thanks!

Sonya Baskerville
Manager, BPA National Relations
202.253.7352 cell

From: Merkel, Joel (Cantwell) [mailto:Joel_Merkel@cantwell.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 02:34 PM
To: Baskerville,Sonya L - DKN-WASH; Shimek, Jaime (Murray) <Jaime_Shimek@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: Fw: BPA letter

Please use this version. Earlier version had typos. Thanks.

From: Yaeger, Julian (Cantwell)
Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2011 05:03 PM
To: Merkel, Joel (Cantwell)
Subject: BPA letter

Attached.

I'll put the hard copy in the mail

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 13, 2011

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Administrator Wright:

We write regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, which involves the construction of a new electric transmission line from the Castle Rock area in Cowlitz County, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon.

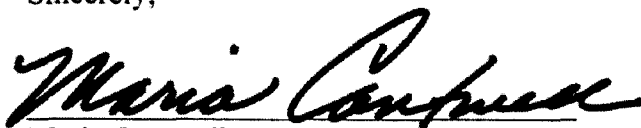
It has been 41 years since the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) built a high-voltage transmission line in southwest Washington. Since then, the population in southwest Washington has more than doubled. Businesses and industries have grown along the I-5 corridor, resulting in substantial economic development. We understand that BPA believes additional high-voltage transmission capacity in southwest Washington is necessary to continue providing reliable electricity service to citizens and businesses, and capacity for future economic growth.

We appreciate your work to ensure continued low-cost, reliable electricity service for the northwest and Washington State. It is the economic backbone for our region. While these benefits must be maintained, we share the concerns that many of my constituents have raised regarding possible locations for the new transmission line.

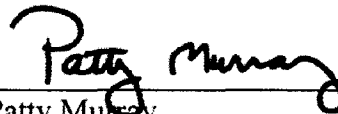
We understand that BPA has undertaken substantial efforts to engage local residents as part of the public comment process required by the National Environmental Policy Act in drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. We are pleased that BPA extended the comment period at our request for the initial scoping of the environmental review process to allow more residents to participate. It is also important that affected residents have ample time outside of the busy holiday season to offer comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS) that is expected to be released in the coming months. To this end, we respectfully request that you postpone the release of the DEIS until January 2012 at the earliest.

While an exact route for the proposed transmission line has not been chosen, we urge you to carefully listen to local residents' concerns and identify a solution has the smallest impact on property owners as possible. We look forward to hearing from you as the public process for identifying an appropriate route for the proposed transmission line continues.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2011 4:06 PM
To: 'Rep. Sharon Wylie '
Cc: 'megan.walsh@leg.wa.gov'
Subject: FW: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Rep. Wylie,

Below is an update I shared with state legislators from southwest Washington about BPA's proposed I-5 transmission line project. I have now updated my contact list to include you.

I will contact your staff to see if you have time available where I could provide a briefing on BPA and BPA's I-5 transmission project. My office is in Olympia, but I'm happy to meet you in Olympia or in your district.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Liz Klumpp
Western Washington Liaison
Bonneville Power Administration
360-943-0157

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:26 PM
To: 'Rep. Ann Rivers'; 'Rep. Brian Blake (blake.brian@leg.wa.gov)'; 'Rep. Bruce Chandler'; 'Rep. Dean Takko'; Rep. Ed Orcutt ; Rep. Jim Jacks; 'Rep. Jim Moeller '; 'Rep. Paul Harris'; 'Rep. Tim Probst'; 'Senator Brian Hatfield'; Senator Don Benton (don.benton@leg.wa.gov); Senator Joseph Zarelli; Senator Pridemore
Subject: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

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Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2011 11:52 AM
To: 'Schuyler Hoss'; 'Phillips, Keith (GOV)'; 'Jim Luce (lucefamily@comcast.net)'; 'Jim Luce-UTC'
Subject: FW: Today's article

FYI - Here is some local coverage of our housing count release for the I-5 project.

Liz
943-0157

The Columbian

BPA delivers its count of homes near line routes:

Nearby houses just one of many factors in determining line's path

Oct. 4, 2011

The Bonneville Power Administration has offered a clearer picture of a proposed new transmission line through Clark and Cowlitz counties. But the release of home counts near four of the possible routes did little to change minds in the public tug-of-war over where to put it.

The federal power marketing agency last week unveiled a detailed tally of how many houses sit near the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project's west, central, east and crossover alternatives. That information will be included in the project's sweeping environmental impact statement due out at the end of this year, but was released early at the request of Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Camas, among others.

Here's what it showed:

- More than 3,000 homes are within 500 feet of the west route right of way that would send the line into Vancouver and cross both Interstate 205 and state Highway 500. There are 174 homes within 50 feet.
- The crossover route passes within 500 feet of 657 homes.
- The central and east alternatives come within 500 feet of 327 and 286 houses, respectively.

The BPA has established four alternative main routes — along with several variations based from them — for the proposed 500-kilovolt transmission line between Castle Rock and Troutdale, Ore. All four would cross the Columbia River at Camas.

The project aims to ease a strained Northwest power grid and support growing energy demands across the region, according to the BPA. Plans continue to move ahead while many citizens with property and health concerns watch closely. But not all of them share the same vision.

"We want to meet the region's electrical needs, but we also want to be good neighbors to the folks who have been part of this process," said BPA spokesman Doug Johnson.

Three groups

Among the most active voices are three intertwined citizen groups — Another Way BPA, Citizens Against the Towers, and the Yale Valley Coalition — pushing for a different option entirely. They've advocated for a proposed "Gray Line" that would put the line farther east and north than any of the BPA's proposed routes. That plan comes within 500 feet of no more than 11 homes, said Terry Constance, chairman of Another Way BPA.

"It drops way down," Constance said. "When you talk about the difference from one or the other, it's just huge."

That option hasn't been included in official plans so far. But Johnson said the BPA is seriously looking at it

before the draft impact statement is put together later this year.

On another side of the debate is A Better Way for BPA, which has pushed for the west alternative that would put the line almost entirely on existing federal right of way without directly impacting private property, said the group's chairwoman, Cheryl Brantley.

Putting the new transmission line — and its 150-foot towers — in rural areas inevitably means building at least some of it across private property, Brantley said. The Vancouver homes close to the west route already sit near existing power lines, she said.

Herrera Beutler

In late June, Herrera Beutler wrote a letter to BPA Administrator Stephen Wright urging him to build the line across as little private property as possible but also “as far east and away from population centers as possible.” Some rural residents were “very disappointed” to hear that, Brantley said.

“They’re very disappointed that she’s not supporting property rights,” she said, adding they’d like to see the BPA “use their own land.”

The existing transmission line that spans part of Vancouver is a 230-kilovolt line. That’s “nothing” compared to the proposed 500-kilovolt west alternative, Constance said.

That existing line was built before the closest homes arrived, Constance said. Constructing a new, larger line next to neighborhoods, parks and schools would mark a major departure from precedent, he said.

BPA officials have stressed that proximity to homes is only one of many factors that play into which route is chosen. Cost and logistical concerns also matter, Johnson said. The last estimate pegged the project’s cost at \$340 million, though the final price tag will depend on which route is chosen.

Even as the BPA moves forward with the corridor project, Johnson said the agency continues to weigh “nonwire” alternatives that could buy some time and delay construction of a new transmission line.

The BPA received a study this year, for instance, looking at smaller energy-efficiency measures to help the grid.

Release of the transmission line project’s environmental impact statement will kick off a new round of public comment into early 2012. Once a choice is made, construction could begin as soon as 2013 — four years after the BPA first introduced the project.

“It is a complex decision,” Johnson said. “There’s no magic formula.”

Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Campbell, Pat [Pat.Campbell@cityofvancouver.us]
Sent: Sunday, October 02, 2011 11:26 AM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Thanks Liz. I'll take a look. - Pat

From: Klumpp, Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL [ecklumpp@bpa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:27 PM
To: Hansen, Bart; Holmes, Eric; Burkman, Jack; Harris, Jeanne; Stewart, Jeanne; Bailey, Judi; Smith, Larry; Campbell, Pat; Leavitt, Tim
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To: Bekkedahl, Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Korsness, Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Cc: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Congressional Letter to BPA
Importance: High
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Larry – Mark – Liz

You probably have seen this but I just got it.

Best,

Jim

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 13, 2011

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Administrator Wright:

I write regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, which involves the construction of a new electric transmission line from the Castle Rock area in Cowlitz County, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon.

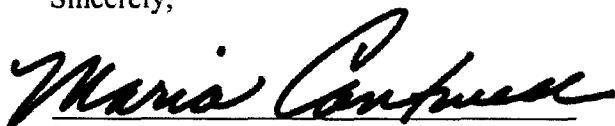
It has been 41 years since the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) built a high-voltage transmission line in southwest Washington. Since then, the population in southwest Washington has more than doubled. Businesses and industries have grown along the I-5 corridor, resulting in substantial economic development. I understand that BPA believes additional high-voltage transmission capacity in southwest Washington is necessary to continue providing reliable electricity service to citizens and businesses, and capacity for future economic growth.

I appreciate your work to ensure continued low-cost, reliable electricity service for the northwest and Washington State. It is the economic backbone for our region. While these benefits must be maintained, I share the concerns that many of my constituents have raised regarding possible locations for the new transmission line.

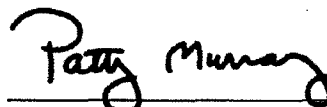
I understand that BPA has undertaken substantial efforts to engage local residents as part of the public comment process required by the National Environmental Policy Act in drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. I am pleased that BPA extended the comment period at my request for the initial scoping of the environmental review process to allow more residents to participate. It is also important that affected residents have ample time outside of the busy holiday season to offer comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS) that is expected to be released in the coming months. To this end, I respectfully request that you postpone the release of the DEIS until January 2012 at the earliest.

While an exact route for the proposed transmission line has not been chosen, I urge you to carefully listen to local residents' concerns and identify a solution has the smallest impact on property owners as possible. I look forward to hearing from you as the public process for identifying an appropriate route for the proposed transmission line continues.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 1:52 PM
To: 'Axel Swanson'
Subject: FW: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Axel,

You asked me this question in person yesterday. I thought you might want our written response to Commissioner's Raiter question about the "gray line" path.

Thanks.

Liz Klumpp
BPA

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 1:49 PM
To: 'Commissioner George Raiter '
Subject: RE: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

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Elizabeth
360-943-0157

From: Raiter,George [mailto:RaiterG@co.cowlitz.wa.us]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:41 PM
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Subject: RE: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

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To: 'David Bergvall'
Subject: FW: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

David,

I will add you now to my I-5 distribution list of state contacts.

Liz

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:29 PM
To: 'David Scott'; 'Joanne Boys'; 'John Russell'; 'Mayor Guard'
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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:28 PM
To: 'Bart Hansen'; 'Eric Holmes'; 'Jack Burkman'; 'Jeanne Harris'; 'Jeanne Stewart'; 'Judi Bailey'; 'Larry Smith'; 'Pat Campbell'; 'Tim Leavitt'
Subject: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 12:14 PM
To: Axel Swanson; 'Bill Barron (bill.barron@clark.wa.gov)'; 'Karen Streeter'; 'Marc Boldt (marc.boldt@clark.wa.gov)'; 'Steve Stuart'; 'Tom Mielke (tom.mielke@clark.wa.gov)'
Subject: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Commissioners Mielke, Boldt, Stuart and staff,

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To: Chet Makinster (chet.makinster@ci.longview.wa.us); Chuck Wallace (chuck.wallace@ci.longview.wa.us); Dennis Weber (dennis.weber@ci.longview.wa.us); Don Jensen (don.jensen@ci.longview.wa.us); Ken Botero (ken.botero@ci.longview.wa.us); Kurt Anagnostou (kurt.anagnostou@ci.longview.wa.us); Mary Jane Melink (maryjane.melink@ci.longview.wa.us)
Subject: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Mayor Anagnostou and Longview City Council members,

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Sent: Friday, September 30, 2011 11:29 AM
To: Coni McMaster (cityclerk@kalama.com); Pete Poulsen (kalamamayor@kalama.com)
Subject: BPA draft housing count data on I-5 transmission project alternatives

Mayor Poulsen and Kalama City Clerk McMaster,

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Acting Mayor Scott Higgins, Camas City Council members and staff,

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To: 'Dave Vorse'; Earl Queen (equeen@ci.castle-rock.wa.us); Glenn Pingree (gpingree@ci.castle-rock.wa.us); Jack Reilly (jreilly@ci.castle-rock.wa.us); 'Mayor Paul Helenberg'; Mike Mask (mmask@ci.castle-rock.wa.us); Ray Teter (rteter@ci.castle-rock.wa.us); 'Ryana Covington'
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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 4:16 PM
To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL;
Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA)
- DKE-7; Lefler,Valerie A (BPA) - FB-2
Cc: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Milstein,Michael C (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: Response to Rep. Herrera Beutler has been signed
Attachments: 2011-0152 Response ltr Herrera Beutler re Constituent Concern re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement
Project.pdf

Thanks for your help with this one.

From: Miller,Lori E - DKR-7
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Subject: 2011-0152 Response letter to Rep. Herrera Beutler

Good morning,

The above response letter has been signed.

Thank you.



2011-0152
sponse ltr Herrera



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
P.O. Box 3621
Portland, Oregon 97208-3621

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

SEP 23 2011

In reply refer to: DKR-7

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
United States House of Representatives
General O.O. Howard House
750 Anderson Street, Suite B
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Representative Herrera Beutler:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of your constituent, Arnold Dingley. Mr. Dingley contacted you with specific questions about the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement transmission project. His questions included the costs and budgeting for the project, its purpose, and the need for route alternatives near his property.

BPA is proposing the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project to relieve long-standing issues of system reliability and congestion between the Puget Sound and Portland-Vancouver areas. It has been more than 40 years since new high-voltage transmission has been built in this area, and the population has more than doubled in that time. BPA is considering numerous issues for evaluating route alternatives that will be presented in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) next spring.

BPA's capital program includes transmission projects, hydro system improvements, fish and wildlife investments, facilities, information technology, and major energy efficiency projects. BPA manages its capital program through systematic review of long-term asset plans as well as project business cases. It continuously reviews the competing needs for capital funding and reviews its planned allocations of capital funds through public processes. If, after environmental and further system planning review, BPA determines the I-5 project is not needed or can be deferred, planned capital budgets would be reallocated to other needs. The funding for the project is not a "use it or lose it" allocation.

BPA's primary source of capital funding is borrowing from the United States Treasury. Congress first authorized BPA to issue bonds to the U.S. Treasury in 1974 and most recently, in 2009 as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, increased BPA's borrowing authority by \$3.25 billion so that BPA's total Treasury borrowing authority is \$7.7 billion. BPA repays its capital borrowing from the Treasury at market rates.

The current estimated direct cost for the I-5 project is \$342 million. The budget for environmental review and preliminary engineering before arriving at a final decision on the project is \$45 million. BPA has spent \$13 million of that so far.

Mr. Dingley asks why the project is needed when BPA has determined it has adequate resources through the remainder of this decade and periodically experiences an oversupply of wind generation on its system. The I-5 project is needed to resolve specific local transmission congestion and meet reliability needs. The issues arise from electricity load growth over time and changing patterns of electricity use, such as summer air conditioning, that are independent of wind production east of the Cascades.

Finally, Mr. Dingley asks why BPA identified a route segment near his home when there are other existing lines nearby. BPA selected a number of route segments to study for suitability to reach the anticipated river crossing site near Camas, Washington. The area north of Camas is congested with homes, wetlands, roads, and other transmission lines among other siting considerations. The environmental review process is studying these issues in detail with continued public involvement as BPA completes the DEIS to compare the alternative segments. BPA understands the concern the identification of segment alternatives causes for neighbors along those alternatives. It is for that reason that BPA is working to complete the environmental review as efficiently as possible.

Again, I appreciate your bringing Mr. Dingley's concerns to my attention. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Liz Klumpp, BPA's Constituent Account Executive for Washington at (360) 943-0157.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Wright
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

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Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:28 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Subject: RE: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues
Attachments: 2011-0152 Rep Herrera Beutler re Constituent Concern re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project.pdf

Absolutely. Sorry if I didn't send it before.

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Miller,Lori E - DKR-7
Subject: FW: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

Can you please send/resend the Herrera letter about a constituent's I-5 concerns?

From: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:38 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Re: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

You should have it from Lori. If not, I'll send tomorrow.

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 06:12 PM
To: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Subject: RE: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

Looks good, though I don't see the original letter in my files.

From: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL; Lefler,Valerie A - FB-2; Adams,Herbert V - LC-7; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Cc: Rehmer,Kathryn C - FS-MODD; Manary,David - FBF-2
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Mark Korsness helped me with remaining details to respond to the constituent concerns. Before I put this on a TAC, I'd appreciate your review for accuracy and appropriateness.

11/15/2011

JAIME HERRERA BEUTLER
3RD DISTRICT, SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON



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August 30, 2011

Mr. Steve Wright
Administrative and Executive Officer
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PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

RECEIVED BY BPA ADMINISTRATOR'S OFC-LOG #: 2011-0152
RECEIPT DATE: 9/6/11
DUE DATE: 9/27/11

Dear Steve,

My constituent, Arnold Dingley, has contacted me regarding the Bonneville Power Administration. I have enclosed a copy of related documentation for your review.

I kindly request that you give this matter a full review and provide me with a response that addresses his concerns. Please direct your response to the attention of Ashley Lara in my Vancouver office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Beutler

Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member of Congress

JHB/al

ASSIGN: Doug Marker, DKR-7
cc: FO3, DK-7, DKR/WSGL (Klumpp), DKN/WASH,
R-2, KE-4, L-7, T/DITT2, TE/DITT2

Ex 6
From: Arnie Dingley
Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2011 2:23 PM
To: Hart, Ryan
Subject: I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Dear Mr. Hart

I have read many pages of lots of kinds of information about the subject project, but I have seen absolutely nothing about the cost or where the dollars are coming from. I spent 20 years of active duty in the Air Force and, thirteen years in a major electronics corporation, a lot of it working with budgets and budgeting. I also earned an accounting degree at Central Washington University at 49. I know that in most cases that budgets and their upgrades are typically done in some kind of an incremental pattern, such as 1-5-10 years. I would believe that the government is also smart enough to do this. So what is BPA's real history for this project?

What I would like to know is:

1. Is the subject project a currently budgeted project, and if so for how many dollars, when was it approved, how much has already been spent and how much more is expected to be spent before any decisions on a route and what will be the estimated cost of construction?
2. If it is not a currently budgeted project, is it stimulus money or some other kind of money (such as economic recovery) that has been given to BPA to be spent or lost? If so, what is the amount given to BPA? and what are the spending rules?
3. What is the real specific justification for the project? I don't want the one printed in the original BPA Flyer because it doesn't pass muster.

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Since there are reports and statistics done for BPA and by BPA that indicate the current available power and the power grid is adequate for at least the next ten years. Where is the information for the public of any justification for this project? BPA has actually said that we are wasting money paying Wind Power money for power produced, but not needed or used.

FYI: One of the proposed alternate routes in the project is for an additional cross-tie between two existing east-west power lines that is directly adjacent to my property. Because the stated main purpose of the project is a new north-south power line, what is the justification for a new cross-tie when there are two already existing. There is one a mile west and another just a few miles east of the proposed new one. Also, there is a new cross-tie proposed between the same two east-west power lines at the junction of the new proposed north-south power line.

Arnold Dingley

Ex 6

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Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:49 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4;
Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Housing counts

Attachments: housingcounts 09 28 11 .xls

Updated version. Note 09 28 11 date.....Mark



housingcounts
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I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project		9/28/2011					
Bonneville Power Administration							
Draft I-5 Route Data							
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For the proposed transmission line corridor only, assumes typical right of way width of 150'							
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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:38 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4;
Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Mason,Stacy L (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: FW: *** Decision making

From: Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 11:51 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Subject: *** Decision making

[http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/I-5-EIS/documents/How route options are evaluated and decisions are made.pdf](http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/I-5-EIS/documents/How%20route%20options%20are%20evaluated%20and%20decisions%20are%20made.pdf)

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 9:29 AM
To: Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Mason,Stacy L - KEC-4
Subject: RE: I-5 housing counts

Working on wording Nancy?

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2011 11:28 AM
To: Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Mason,Stacy L - KEC-4
Subject: I-5 housing counts

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Thanks.....Mark

<< File: housingcounts 09 23 11 .xls >>

How route options are evaluated and decisions are made

August 2010

When BPA proposes to build a power line, we evaluate how people, the environment and other factors could be impacted by the project. Before we make a final decision, we conduct a thorough environmental analysis. This review provides us the information we need to make a well-informed decision about whether, and where, to build a new line and substations.

When BPA announced its intention to explore building a 500-kilovolt line between Castle Rock, Wash., and Troutdale, Ore., the announcement created understandable public concern. To ensure we have sufficient options for the proposed line, we identified dozens of route segments that could be combined in various ways to meet the electrical need for the project. As a result, thousands of landowners were notified that they could potentially be affected by the project and are being encouraged to actively participate in the process.

BPA is taking public comment and carefully evaluating the possible routes for the line. We have already received 8,000 comments from area residents, large landowners and other interested parties and are now evaluating the various route segments in greater detail through our environmental review process. There are many issues we will evaluate, that generally fall into three broad categories:

Electrical need: The transmission system in the area is congested and close to its limits. Without a new line, we could be unable to adequately serve local needs in the very near future. First and foremost, our analysis must confirm that the project is necessary to maintain the reliability of BPA's transmission system to BPA and industry standards. We must then ensure that the proposed and, ultimately, the selected route meets those electrical needs and fulfills our contractual and statutory obligations.

Environmental impacts: For the I-5 Corridor Project, as with every transmission project, we work to minimize impacts to the natural and human environment. Among other issues, our environmental review considers:

- Social and economic impacts to private and public land
- Sensitive animal and plant species and their habitat
- Human health and safety, including electric and magnetic fields
- Aesthetics, noise levels, water quality and air quality
- Recreation, natural resources, historic and cultural sites

Further, we consider the cumulative impacts and identify ways to minimize impacts to the environment, where feasible, and identify measures that could be taken to avoid or reduce these impacts.

Economic considerations: One objective is to minimize project costs whenever possible. We consider economic impacts to landowners, businesses and others who may be affected by the construction, operation and maintenance of the line. We also consider what each proposed route will cost BPA ratepayers to construct, and the cost of mitigation. BPA will consider how well the various route alternatives meet the project purposes, the potential impacts, and what it would take to minimize and mitigate those impacts.

You will find a brief description of the National Environmental Policy Act EIS process for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project on the following page.

To request a copy of BPA's Guide to being heard during the NEPA Process, request brochure DOE/BP-4044 on our website, www.bpa.gov.

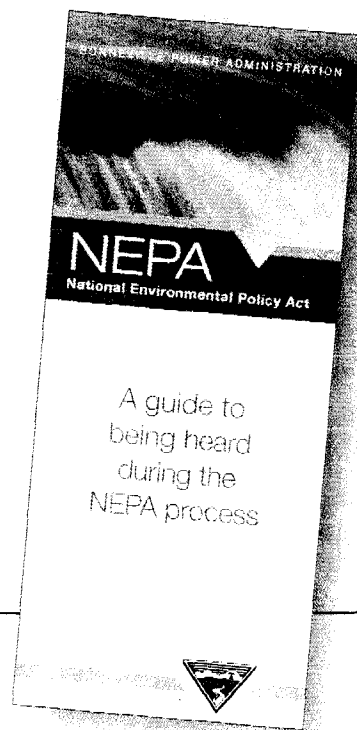


The EIS Process

As a federal entity, BPA uses the process set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act to conduct our environmental analysis for major projects like the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. This federal law was enacted in 1969 to ensure that high-quality environmental information is available to agency officials and the public before a decision is made.

Currently, we are conducting a thorough analysis of all the alternative I-5 project route segments. The results of this evaluation will be released to the public in a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that will describe the need for the project, the design of the proposed transmission line and substations, and the alternatives considered. It will also address the potential impacts to public and private land use, health and safety, visual quality, social and economic impacts, fish and wildlife, and other considerations. Our schedule for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project calls for release of the draft EIS in the fall of 2011, followed by a round of public meetings and a formal 45-day comment period.

The final EIS, expected in 2013, will identify BPA's preferred route alternative, if it is not identified in the draft EIS. It will also propose mitigation measure that could avoid or reduce potential impacts. This high-quality environmental review through the EIS process will provide the basis for the agency's final decision on the I-5 Corridor project. All of the information obtained through the environmental analysis, along with the input of the stakeholders affected by the project, will be considered when the final decision is made.



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I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project		9/23/2011					
Bonneville Power Administration							
Draft I-5 Route Data							
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Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 1:37 PM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Korsness, Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Marker, Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Cogswell, Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Johnson, G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Swedo, Robert L (BPA) - DKR-SPOKANE
Subject: FW: Our US Representative Is Not Listening
Importance: High

A follow up message from Cheryl, which includes the text of a letter she sent today to Rep. Herrera Beutler. See below
Luanna

Luanna Grow
Acting Manager, Public Communications
DKE-7
(503) 230-5246

From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2011 12:47 PM
To: Grow, Luanna J - DKE-7
Subject: Our US Representative Is Not Listening

A Better Way for BPA!

Working To Preserve Our Land And Our Landowner Rights

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Hi,

Below is a letter that we sent today to our U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler. This is in response to the last letter she sent to BPA, which is here: [206_28_2011.pdf](#). We wanted you to know that our Congresswoman is not fighting for your property or your property rights.

We sent an email to you yesterday addressing what needs to be done to be heard. If you don't get busy and make your voice heard to our U.S. Representative, your property, your property rights and the beauty of our communities to BPA and their 500 kV transmission lines.

Read our letter below.

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September 27, 2011

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler,

I am writing you today to reflect on your responses regarding Bonneville Power Administration's I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project.

The Board of A Better Way for BPA has met with you several times and spoken with you or your staff on this issue so many times that you know most of us members have sent you many letters, signed many petitions and called you many, many times asking you for help in this matter. However, it's apparent you or our requests to protect private property rights. We are the rural landowners you're endorsing BPA to TAKE our land.

When our members read your attached June 28, 2011 letter to BPA, many had the same response "my heart sank when I read the letter." After these responses and tried to be heard again, but were told by you that you're trying to make it that the least amount of people will be impacted. Have you even considered your response should have been something more along the line of saying "I'm trying to protect private properties from being TAKEN by a federal agency?"

Your letter is signed by your hand, but we speculate if you realize what you signed, which leads us to our question: **Do you support the idea of BPA (a federal agency) TAKING over 1,300 acres of land it does not own when it already has plenty of its own land set aside for this project?**

Another issue we have regarding your letter is numbers. When asking BPA for numbers, the number of homes near all the proposed routes should not have been what you request. Your request to BPA should have been **what are the number of private property parcels that would be TAKEN by BPA along all the proposed routes** that you request this number from BPA because after our meeting and follow-up calls to reiterate this question, we obviously were not heard because this is your question to BPA.

Any of the current proposed rural routes on BPA's map will destroy rural private property owners land and their property rights. Any rural route that would be built through or out of corporate timber lands or public lands would result in the TAKING of private properties. This is not acceptable. As our U.S. Representative, you are responsible for the TAKING of ANY private properties.

We request that you stand up for the rights of ALL private landowners and request that BPA minimizes the TAKING of private properties.

Thank you,

Cheryl Brantley
A Better Way for BPA
<http://abetterway4bpa.org>

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Several key people in public affairs -- Doug Marker and Kristel Turner -- are not on the invite list. Kim - can you fix that for the future?

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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 1:01 PM
To: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Baskerville,Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Swedo,Robert L (BPA) - DKR-SPOKANE; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bodi,Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Pierce,Kathy (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: FW: Call Congress To Prevent Bonneville Power Administration's Land Grab Now!

Cheryl Brantely has put out a call for people to contact Senators Murry and Cantwell and Representative Herrera Beutler in her latest outreach notice.
Luanna

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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2011 11:10 AM
To: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7
Subject: Call Congress To Prevent Bonneville Power Administration's Land Grab Now!

A Better Way for BPA!
Working To Preserve Our Land And Our Landowner Rights

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

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Call Congress To Prevent Bonneville Power Administration's Land Grab Now!
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With the fast approaching release of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for BPA's I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, it is critical for you to take immediate action!

BPA has lands set aside for its new transmission project, yet the agency wants to grab even more land it does not own! Late this year (2011) Bonneville Power Administration will announce their Draft Environmental Impact Statement for their I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project.

If BPA is successful, you will lose control of your property, and you will no longer be able to make decisions to use your land as you choose.

The question for U.S Representative Herrera-Buetler and U.S Senators Murray and Cantwell and any other elected official is simple: **Do you support the idea of BPA (a federal agency) TAKING over 1,300 acres of land it does not own when it already has plenty of its own land set aside for this project?**

Anything different than a simple "no" answer is anti property-rights, pure and simple.

A "no" answer affirms the property rights of the hundreds of property owners who will lose actual property if BPA is successful in gobbling up these new properties. BPA is in the process of evaluating which properties to use for its project. NOW is the time to make your voice heard.

If BPA builds on land it currently does not own, the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project will

- Lead to electrical rate increases throughout the four state BPA service area
- Deny property owners their right to make decisions about the future of their own property
- Have a detrimental impact on funding for schools in the State of Washington
- Cut properties in half or quarters rendering land useless for private property owners and private tree farmers
- Create permanent devastation to the environment

Here is what you need to do

Don't wait. Call now. Fax now.

You will win if you keep the pressure on Congress. But you must act now. Don't sit back and assume someone else will do it.

You are actually winning. BPA has already changed its tune regarding its own land. With the pressure you put on our Congress to do more, BPA will have no choice but to do the right thing and support property rights.

You must make more calls and send more faxes and e-mails to your Congresswoman and both Senators.

Action Items

1. Please paste a copy of this e-mail on your refrigerator door with a magnet or tape. Remember to call at least three times over the next two weeks.

2. Vital: Copy and paste this blog and send it to your entire e-mail list. Let networking work. It is so important it must **go viral**. It must be spread by you widely if you are to compete successfully with the BPA and its efforts to control your land. Use your Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and other social networking services to spread the word.

3. a. Call U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler

Washington DC office: 202-225-3536

Vancouver office: 360-695-6292

Fax: 202-225-3478

b. Call U.S. Senator Patty Murray

Washington DC office: 866-481-9186 (Toll Free)

Vancouver office: 360-696-7797

Fax: 360-224-0238

c. Call U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell

Washington DC office: 202-224-3441

Vancouver office: 360-696-7838

Fax: 360-228-0154

Ask for the person who handles Bonneville Power Administration, Electric Transmission and Property Rights issues. Tell them they must stop BPA from seizing property it does not own for this project and respect the rights of property owners. Make sure you ask for the e-mail address of the staff person to follow up, and be sure and leave your name, address and email.

To contact other elected officials, you can find the mailing addresses on our more current website:
http://abetterway4bpa.org/index.php?option=com_contact&view=cat...

4. Write BPA and tell them to do the right thing by using their own land: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/ecomment.cfm>

5. Visit abetterway4bpa.org for the latest information and other important steps you can take to protect your property rights.

Social Networking

Be sure to follow us on Facebook by friending us. <http://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Better-Way-for-BPA/470367100121>

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From: Wright,Stephen J (BPA) - A-7
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 5:42 PM
To: Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3;
Weedall,Michael J (BPA) - PE-1; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Cogswell,Peter
(BPA) - DKR-7
Cc: Stauffer,Nicki (BPA) - A-7
Subject: Congressional briefing

I committed to Congresswoman Herrera-Beutler that we would brief her on our non-wires analysis for I-5 when it is complete. We did not discuss whether it would be before or after public release but we should try for before if schedules can work. I would like to be involved depending on schedule.

Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Nichols-Kinas, Lauren (BPA) - TSP-TPP-2
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 2:08 PM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Benson, Cheri L (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: FW: Original NOS Project Map

Attachments: I-5nos_projects (06.15.09).pdf

Liz - Sean tracked down the original map that we had of the NOS '08 projects (the currently posted one has the 2010 projects as well). I think this is all you needed from me for that FOIA.

Here you go.



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(06.15.09).pdf...

From: Lynam, Kurt O - DKE-7
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:53 AM
To: Nichols-Kinas, Lauren - TSP-TPP-2; Egusa, Sean R - TSP-TPP-2
Cc: Kuntz, Gail K - DKR-MSGSL
Subject: RE: Original NOS Project Map

No Lauren I don't have the original project map. Sorry.

+++ *Kurt* +++

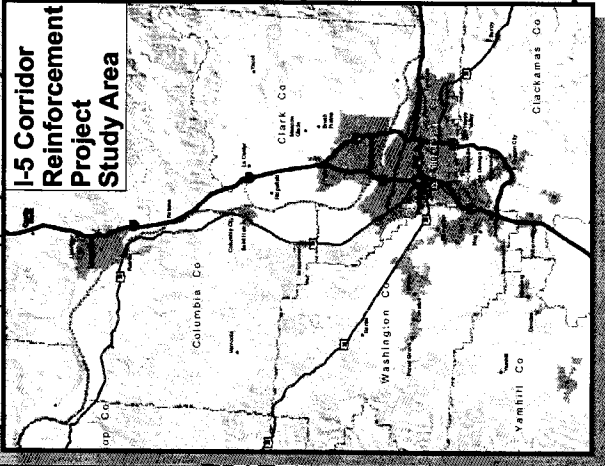
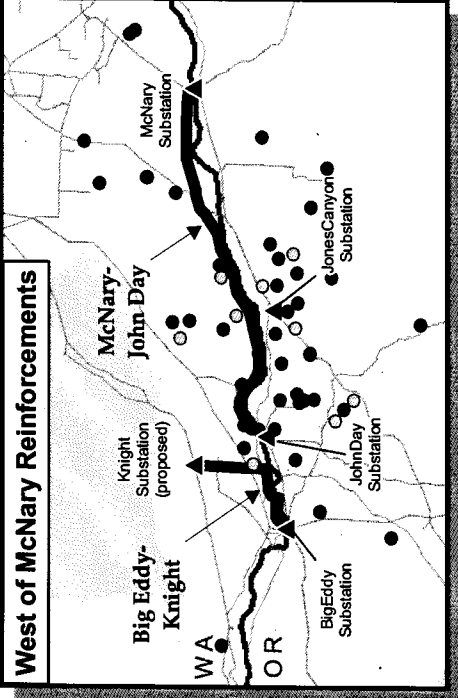
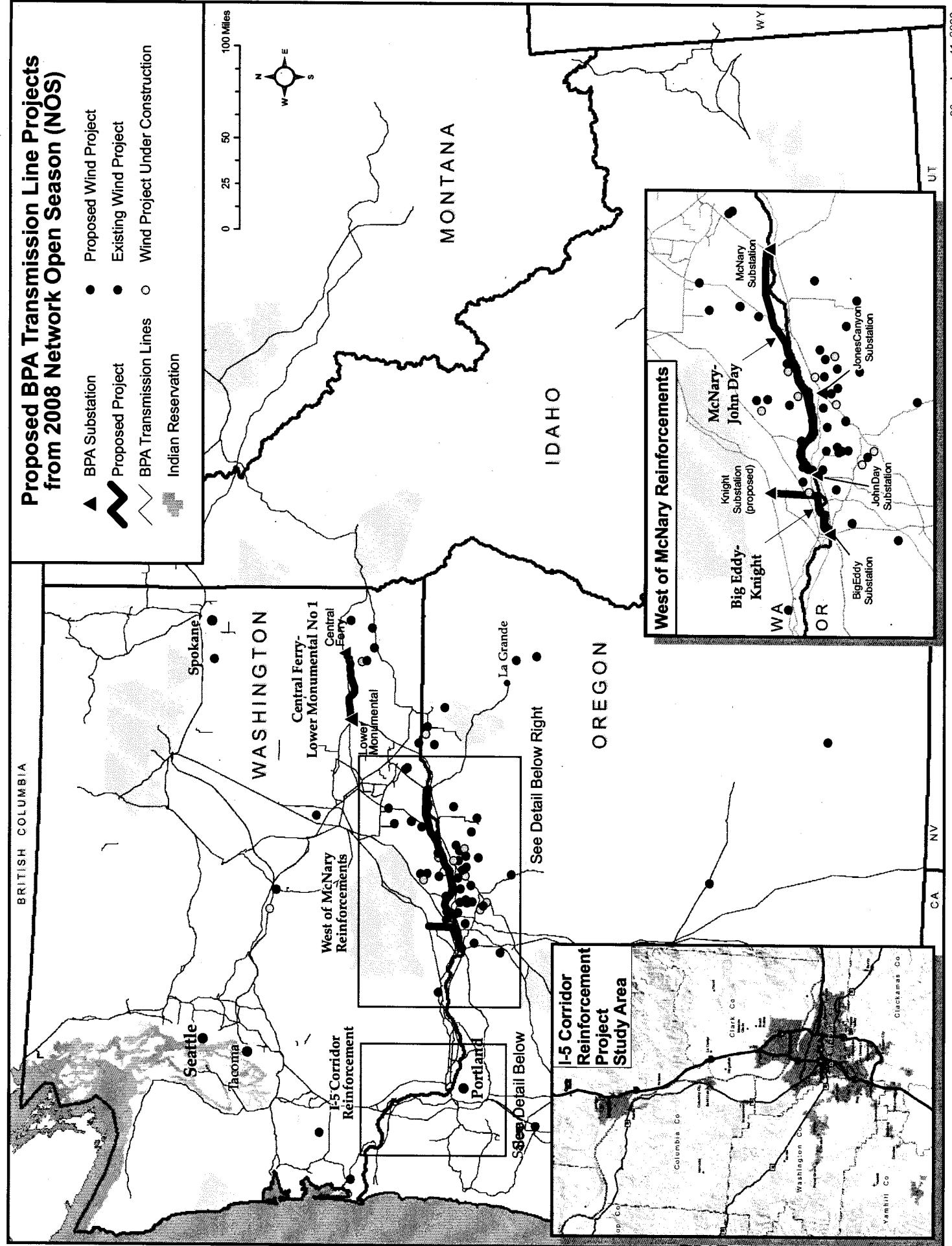
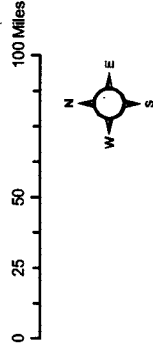
Kurt Lynam, SPHR
Public Communications Team, DKE
Public Affairs
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From: Nichols-Kinas, Lauren - TSP-TPP-2
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 9:13 AM
To: Lynam, Kurt O - DKE-7; Egusa, Sean R - TSP-TPP-2
Cc: Kuntz, Gail K - DKR-MSGSL
Subject: Original NOS Project Map

Does either of you have the original NOS project map (showing only the '08 projects)? We have the lovely updated version posted, but I can't seem to put my hands on the original version. I need it for a FOIA request that Gail Kuntz is coordinating. Its due on Friday.

Proposed BPA Transmission Line Projects from 2008 Network Open Season (NOS)

- ▲ BPA Substation
- Proposed Wind Project
- ◀ Proposed Project
- Existing Wind Project
- ∩ BPA Transmission Lines
- Wind Project Under Construction
- Indian Reservation



Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Jeff Whitson [Jsw@deainc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:26 AM
To: Cooney, Michael A.
Subject: I-5 FW: Security Incident Report

FYI

From: Cardwell, Shawn M - NT-1 [mailto:smcardwell@bpa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 10:23 AM
To: Kris R. Westersund; Arthurs, Neil E - NT-MODD
Cc: Jeff Whitson; Gregory Crites; Russ Jackson
Subject: RE: Security Incident Report

Kris,

Thank you for the report. Some things to consider in the future:

1. If crews see this activity upon entering the work area they need to immediately break contact and depart from the area. Even without the intent of being directly shot at bullets and shot from shotgun shells will travel and are still capable of causing harm or serious physical injury.
2. Use caution if attempts to contact the shooters are made. If they feel it is necessary to approach, they need to observe the shooters from a distance. Determine what they are doing, are they handling the weapons safely, are they target shooting, hunting etc. If contact needs to be made, the crew needs to be absolutely certain of muzzle direction and the shooting area
3. Unless it is absolutely necessary it is not recommended to make contact with those in possession of firearms. You just never know what the circumstances are. Better to return at a later date.
4. If the work is absolutely critical and cannot wait, contact local law enforcement and advise them of the situation. If its not a designate shooting area LE can ask them to move on. If it is a site, like this situation, contact LE prior to returning to the site. Advise them of the previous occurrence and let them know you may be needing assistance if the shooters are there when you return.
5. If it is for BPA projects, contact our office and report these incidents. In addition, please let us know when you will be returning to this area to complete the survey.

Bottom line is we want your crews to be safe and yet still get the work done.

I have included Neil Arthurs. He is a senior member of the Physical Security Team. He may provide additional comments and recommendations.

Please let us know if we can provide any further assistance.

Shawn

Shawn M. Cardwell
Contract Physical Security Specialist
Security & Emergency Response

11/15/2011

☎ 503.230.3934 | ☎ 503.230.3336

Hours: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

From: Kris R. Westersund [mailto:Krw@deainc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 9:54 AM

To: Cardwell, Shawn M - NT-1

Cc: Jeff Whitson; Gregory Crites; Russ Jackson

Subject: Security Incident Report

Hi Sean

Thanks for your advice about how to handle future incidents where our survey crews feel endangered by shooters.

Here is the incident report. Now that we know the procedure, we will be much more prompt if we need to file a report in the future.

Take care, Kris

Kristen R. (Kris) Westersund, PLS, PE

David Evans and Associates, Inc.

2100 SW River Parkway, Portland, OR 97201

Direct Phone: 503-499-0277, Email: krw@deainc.com

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From: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 8:38 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Re: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

You should have it from Lori. If not, I'll send tomorrow.

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 06:12 PM
To: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Subject: RE: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

Looks good, though I don't see the original letter in my files.

From: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:03 PM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL; Lefler,Valerie A - FB-2; Adams,Herbert V - LC-7; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Cc: Rehmer,Kathryn C - FS-MODD; Manary,David - FBF-2
Subject: Draft response to Rep. Herrera Beutler about I-5 issues

Mark Korsness helped me with remaining details to respond to the constituent concerns. Before I put this on a TAC, I'd appreciate your review for accuracy and appropriateness.

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 9:27 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: FOIA

Actually, I have no memory or written notes identifying any materials that indicate they were prepared or gathered specifically for the October 8th mtg.

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2011 9:20 AM
To: Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4
Subject: FOIA

The FOIA asks for all notes and materials in preparation for October 8 meeting (a conference call). I think for most of us that translates into sharing the materials we had at the time for our public meetings the next week. I don't have any email messages or notes leading up to the October 8 call. Everything I needed to say was in the calendar item that Richard got through someone else's FOIA request.

You had some materials that 1) described the NEPA process (I recall a one-page summary, but maybe I'm recalling Stacy's summary), 2) NEPA timelines, and I'm not sure if you had anything in writing that described outreach process. That's about what I'm hoping for from you. But, the request asks for notes, in the event you have any.

I'm at meetings in Astoria. Back in office tomorrow. Thanks.

Liz Klumpp
Western Washington Liaison
Bonneville Power Administration
360-943-0157

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Nichols-Kinas,Lauren (BPA) - TSP-TPP-2
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Benson,Cheri L (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: RE: NEW (narrow) I-5 FOIA BPA-2011-01782-F

http://transmission.bpa.gov/Customer_Forums/open_season_2010/2008-10_nos_project_map.pdf

Here is the current transmission project map. It is the same map that we had at the time of that meeting but with the two 2010 projects added to it. I can't find a site where we have the old map posted. The names of the two added projects are Northern Intertie and CUP West. Does this provide what you need?

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 10:07 AM
To: Nichols-Kinas,Lauren - TSP-TPP-2
Cc: Egusa,Sean R - TSP-TPP-2
Subject: RE: NEW (narrow) I-5 FOIA BPA-2011-01782-F

Lauren,

The requester has basically copied an email I wrote back in October 2009. You were in the email and were part of our initial outreach team for I-5. So, I've got to include you in the effort to respond to the FOIA. If you have notes that you followed at this meeting (I don't), or a 2008 NOS summary that served as your reference, then those are the types of things you'd provide for this FOIA.

Sean,

I guess I also referenced a piece that Sean may have produced for this meeting. I think that would be the 2008 NOS summary that indicated how many PTSAs were dependent on Low Mo, Big Eddy, I-5 or some combination thereof.

Does that help? Call if needed.

Thanks.

Liz

From: Nichols-Kinas,Lauren - TSP-TPP-2
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 9:33 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Egusa,Sean R - TSP-TPP-2
Subject: RE: NEW (narrow) I-5 FOIA BPA-2011-01782-F

Is there a need to get planning involved. I represent policy/marketing, but the identification of the need for the I-5 build was based on an engineering solution to trying to add service for the requests that we received in 2008.

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 6:20 PM
To: Nichols-Kinas,Lauren - TSP-TPP-2; Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4
Cc: Miller,Lori E - DKR-7
Subject: NEW (narrow) I-5 FOIA BPA-2011-01782-F
Importance: High

Mark, Nancy and Lauren,

I've copied the FOIA request below; each of you are named in the request. I need any materials requested by Friday, September 16. (This came in when I was on vacation. If you need a few more days, let me know and I'll request them.) It relates to a conference call we held on October 8, 2009 as we prepped for our first series of project briefings.

I'm coordinating our response for the agency.

I've highlighted in **bold blue** what the request is.

I will go to the project website for: link to I-5 project map as of October 13, 2009; first project fact sheet.

He's asked for a "soft" copy. Please send me your electronic links when appropriate. Otherwise, send hard copy of materials, notes, etc. to Lori Miller, DKR-7, at BPA headquarters.

Thank you.

Liz
360-943-0157

Name: Richard van Dijk
Organization: Another Way BPA
Address:
Phone: Ex 6
No FAX number provided
Email: richard@alderspur.com
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Description of Request: This information request is based on a meeting agenda with action items held on October 8th, 2009. The information is for all the presentation materials both in preliminary and subsequent revisions, all emails, hand written notes of those involved. Lauren: Can you bring a poster board of the map that includes the proposed Big Eddy, Lo-Mo, and I-5 line as well as the McNary line? Presentation to include: a description of the 2008 NOS and how it led us to propose I-5? A general overview of the interactive value of the 3 lines relative to the value of any one line in isolation. (Sean Egusa has a piece that describes this. I don't think we share it in public meetings yet, but it is a useful reference piece to have.) Describe: the magnitude of requests from utilities, from generators, and categorize the generators by fuel type or as "power marketers?" Can we share publicly, if asked, the names of businesses that have signed NOS agreements? Mark: Bring route map on poster board and fact sheets. Cover: Project description, size, route segments, leasing ROWs, buying substation land, outline BPA priorities for scoping lines i.e., what we avoid, provide a general overview of initial understandings for proposed routes (e.g. capacity constraints and encroachments on existing ROW, private and or state forest lands, campgrounds,...), project timelines. Nancy: NEPA process, timelines, range of issues that arise in scoping, level of outreach on inviting comments from residents, businesses, stakeholders, local and state governments, our approach to responding to comments/concerns, public review of release of draft preferred route, functionality of website. BPA analyzes total costs of the various routes/segments as well as a no-build scenario.

Preferred format: soft copy

From: Benson,Cheri L - DK-7
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 4:04 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Subject: NEW FOIA BPA-2011-01782-F
Importance: High

Good afternoon:

Attached is a FOIA request from Richard van Dijk that was received by BPA on August 29, 2011.

You have been designated as the Authorizing Official for this FOIA. It is BPA's legal responsibility to perform a reasonable search for all documents meeting the criteria of the request. You have been identified as a BPA employee likely to have documents related to the FOIA. If you are a manager, this request includes materials held by your direct reports. If you have been working with a BPA contractor on matters related to this FOIA request, it is expected that you will fulfill the request both for yourself and for the contractor.

Here is the request:

<< File: BPA-2011-01782-FRequest.pdf >>

In order to facilitate the review and classification of documents and emails, I am asking that you provide me with an explanation of what you did to complete a reasonable search and provide the materials you have in electronic or hard copy format (no double-sided). This is not a data dump! It is important that you review each document and make note of content that is sensitive and provide an explanation of why you think the information should not be released. Please use the presentation below as your guideline. Please send all documents to Cheri Benson, DK-7.

ALL DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED AND DELIVERED BY Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011

If you are new to FOIA, please review the attached presentation for a better understanding of what is required by you.

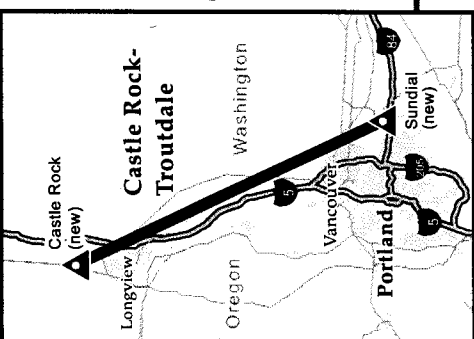
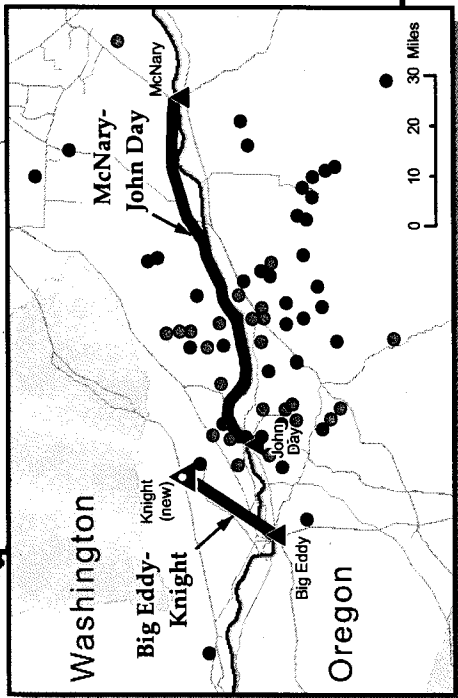
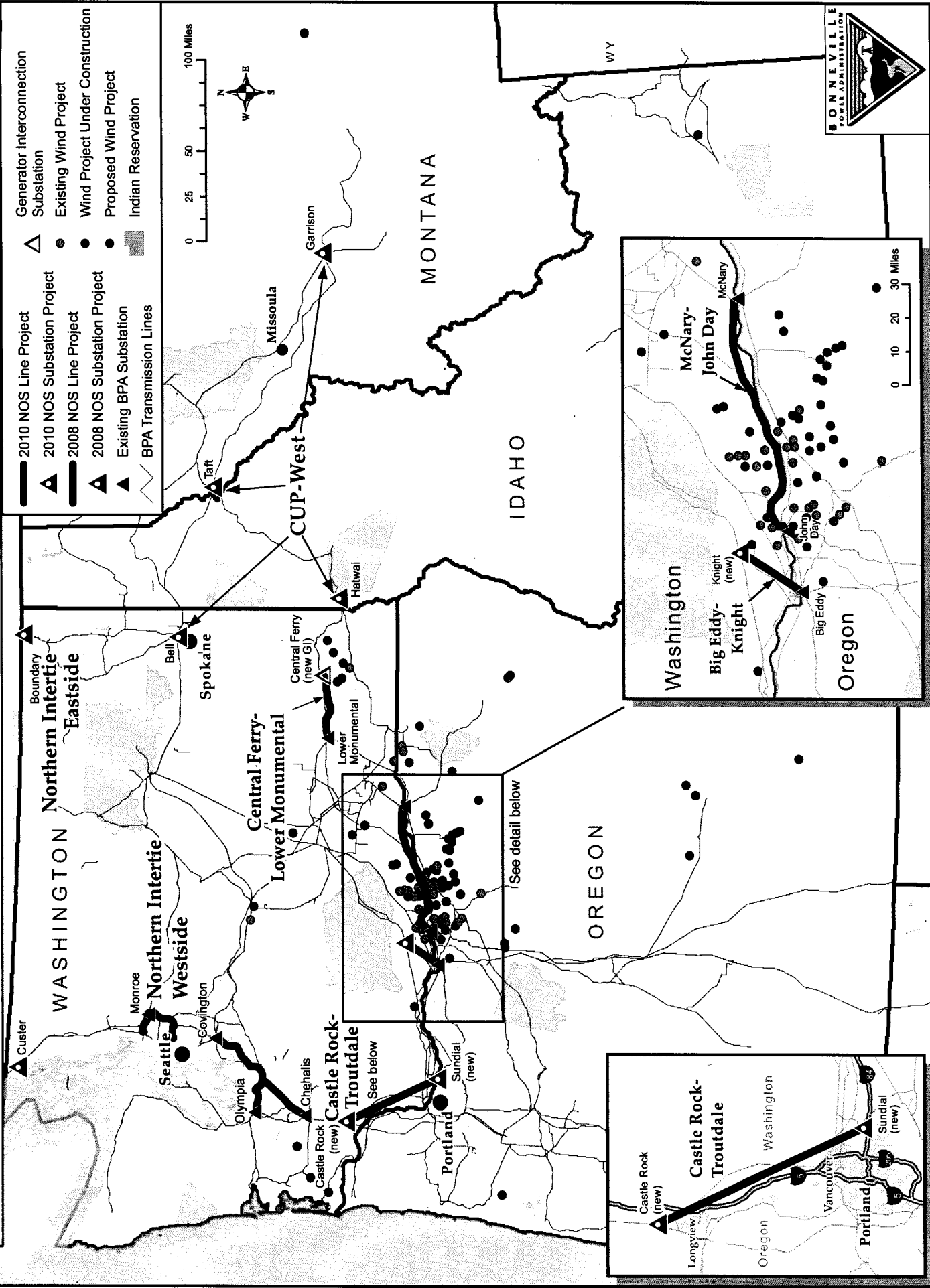
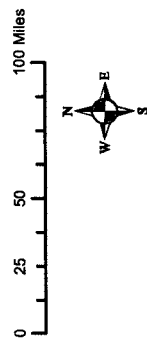
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Thank you,

Cheri

BPA Network Open Season Transmission Projects

- 2010 NOS Line Project
- 2010 NOS Substation Project
- 2008 NOS Line Project
- 2008 NOS Substation Project
- Existing BPA Substation
- BPA Transmission Lines
- Generator Interconnection Substation
- Existing Wind Project
- Wind Project Under Construction
- Proposed Wind Project
- Indian Reservation



See detail below

See below

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 4:25 PM
To: Wright,Stephen J (BPA) - A-7
Cc: Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Juj,Hardev S (BPA) - TP-DITT-2; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Munro,Christy (BPA) - NT-1; Radcliff,Tony P (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3
Subject: FYI: Public statements on timing

Steve,

After our conversation yesterday, I reviewed our public materials and statements about the timing of the need for this project.

Our project schedule says: If BPA decides to proceed with a new line after the environmental review is complete, construction could begin in 2013 with completion as early as 2015. We are purposefully cautious about how we talk about construction and energization dates because we haven't made a decision to build.

Only two public documents include a specific reference for the year we might need the project by. The issue brief on Why we need the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project and on slide 5 of the presentation we used at the public meetings in late summer 2010.

Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
(503) 230-4413

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: James Luce EX 6
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 11:46 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: I-5 etc

Liz –

Any chance you will be in the Portland area in the near future.

Would like to catch up on a few things, not the least of which is the I-5 transmission corridor.

Best,

Jim Luce
Ex 6

11/15/2011

Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 9:48 AM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Erna points out that the response to Herrera mentions the November map in the second to last paragraph, but we didn't have alternatives identified on that map. We should have referenced the May 2011 map.

Maryam Asgharian
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(503) 230-4413

-----Original Message-----

From: Klumpp, Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 11:06 PM
To: Asgharian, Maryam A - DKE-7
Subject: Re: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Looks good.

----- Original Message -----

From: Asgharian, Maryam A - DKE-7
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 09:05 AM
To: Grow, Luanna J - DKE-7; Klumpp, Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL; Marker, Douglas R - DKR-7
Subject: FW: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Please review my response to Erna Sarasohn's message below.

Good morning Erna,

Thank you for your message to Steve. I'll add this to our record as we do with our other communications.

You're right that there are proposed alternatives that go through the city limits of Vancouver and Camas. We'll try to catch that in future communications.

We will share housing counts and the criteria we used to count with all interested stakeholders of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project once we have that information for each alterternative. I will notify you personally, when it is available.

Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
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-----Original Message-----

From: Erna Sarasohn EX 6

Sent: Monday, September 05, 2011 1:09 PM
To: Stwright@bpa.gov
Cc: Dr Steven Chu; Asgharian, Maryam A - DKE-7
Subject: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Mr Steven Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration

Mr Wright,

I saw an article in the Columbian Newspaper this weekend stating that you sent a reply to Representative Herrera Beutler's June 28, 2011 letter directed to you and I have questions about several of your statements.

You are quoted as saying, "Those include a much wider crossing of the Columbia River near Longview, compared with the proposed Washington routes that cross the river NEAR Camas." Isn't it correct any selected route will go THROUGH Camas and not NEAR Camas?

According to the article, you also stated "In May, the BPA identified four routes that stretch through different parts of Clark and Cowlitz counties, ranging from a "west alternative" that comes NEAR Vancouver to an "east alternative" that runs east of Yacolt and continues down the eastern edge of Clark County." Mr Wright, the west alternative does not come NEAR Vancouver, it runs through the most densely populated area of Clark County and THROUGH the City of Vancouver.

Doug Johnson is quoted as saying "Before that happens, the BPA will compile a full count of houses along the proposed routes-another request of Herrera Beutler's. That count could be completed by the end of September, Johnson said." I would like to know the criteria for counting a house, is it 500 ft from the lines? Do you agree if you can see the tower from your home/ property, you should be counted as there is no doubt whatsoever that it will lower the value of your property. We have been told by professional appraisers if you are close to the line, your property will drop as much as 40% and if you are further away but can see the towers, 30% to 10%, depending on the distance.

I will appreciate any clarification you can provide to my questions

Erna Sarasohn
Citizens Against the Towers
Another Way BPA
Yale Valley Coalition

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2011/sep/03/bpa-responds-to-herrera-beutler-letter-on-power-li/>

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

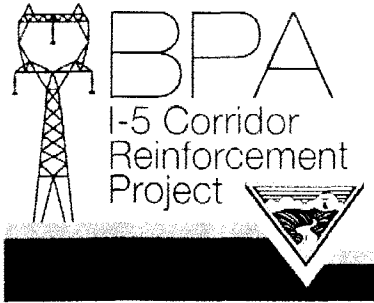
From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 10:34 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL;
Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Vancouver Farmers Market - I-5 project booth
Attachments: 2011_0813_BPAI5_OutreachEventSummary_VancouverFM.docx

Envirolssues attended the Vancouver Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 13. Attached is the event summary if you are interested.

Kelso Farmers Market is this Saturday.

These events are helping us connect with more community members and provide information to people who might otherwise not receive it.

Maryam Asgharian
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Bonneville Power Administration I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Outreach Event Summary

August 13, 2011 — Vancouver, Wash.
Vancouver Farmers Market

EnviroIssues engaged approximately 86 members of the public through an information booth at the Vancouver Farmers Market on August 13 for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. The booth included a traveling display, maps, informational handouts, instructions for accessing the online interactive map, comment forms and map request forms.

Market attendees stopping by the information booth voiced a range of questions and concerns about the project. EnviroIssues provided general information and materials to many people who were either unfamiliar with the project or had limited prior knowledge. Others identified themselves as landowners who could potentially be affected by the project. The most common questions asked by attendees were related to the project's purpose and need, the environmental review process, and when and how final decisions will be made. Four people signed up to receive project updates.

EnviroIssues staff heard the following questions and comments over the course of the event:

General comments:

- Some attendees had seen yard signs posted in the area or newspaper editorials referencing the project and were interested in learning more about the project.
- Several residents had recently moved to the area and wanted to learn more about the project.
- Some residents living near an existing BPA right-of-way were curious if the project would affect them.
- Some attendees identified themselves as BPA employees and stopped by the booth because they were curious about the public outreach effort.
- Is there any new information available?
- Are there any employment and contracting opportunities associated with the project?

Purpose:

- What is the purpose of the project?
- Several attendees expressed support for new energy infrastructure.
- Understanding that growth in the project area is likely to require new energy infrastructure.
- Lowering per capita energy consumption is important for lessening the costs of developing new energy infrastructure.
- Where are energy generators and consumers served by a potential new transmission line located?

Design:



- There was less interest in project design relative to other recent outreach events but some attendees were interested in basic features of the proposed 500 kV transmission line such as the height of towers and width of right-of-way required.

Impacts:

- Concerns about possible negative effects on both private property values and property tax revenues including the potential for higher tax rates.
- The depressed real estate market combined with uncertainty about the project unfairly impacts landowners where easements may need to be purchased.
- Any new transmission line should only be built in the least populated areas due to human health concerns and effects on home values.
- One person was interested in possible affects to electronic devices when they are close to transmission lines.
- One person expressed concern that he must still pay property taxes on land he owns with an existing BPA easement.

Process:

- What is the project timeline?
- Who will decide which route is ultimately used?
- What does BPA do with my comments?
- Will BPA utilize eminent domain to acquire private property?
- One individual stated that they did not trust that information and concerns collected from the public are given adequate weight in the project planning process.

Specific locations:

- A Troutdale property owner was concerned that taller towers would be more visible at the crossing of the Columbia River between Camas and Troutdale.



Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2011 8:30 AM
To: 'Ryan Hart'; 'Shari Hildreth'; 'Keith Bundy'
Subject: BPA's response letter to Rep. Herrera Beutler
Attachments: DKR11-0114 Response ltr to Rep Herrera Beutler re I-5.pdf

Hi,

The attached letter signed by Steve Wright was mailed yesterday. Please call if you have questions.

Thanks.

Liz Klumpp
360-943-0157

11/15/2011



Department of Energy

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

AUG 11 2011

In reply refer to: DKR-7

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
United States Congress
General O.O. Howard House
750 Anderson Street, Suite B
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Representative Herrera Beutler:

Thank you for your letter requesting additional information after our recent meeting about the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. I greatly appreciated your taking the time to meet with me to discuss the proposed project.

You asked three specific questions: Why the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is not studying potential routes through Oregon; what is the number of property owners or parcels along the alternative routes for the proposed project; and why BPA is not proposing a route crossing the Lewis River east of Yale Lake. You also urged BPA to build the line across as little private property as possible and as far east of populated areas as possible.

BPA is proposing the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project to relieve longstanding issues of system reliability and congestion between the Puget Sound and Portland-Vancouver areas. It has been more than 40 years since new high-voltage transmission has been built in this area, and the population has more than doubled in that time. Several route alternatives, and comments on those alternatives, will be evaluated and discussed in a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

When it first considered options for the project, BPA looked at potential routes that would run from near Castle Rock, Washington, to a BPA substation near Wilsonville, Oregon, in addition to the options from Castle Rock to Troutdale, Oregon, that are now the focus of its review. BPA found significant issues with routing options to Wilsonville that led it to focus on options to Troutdale. Among those issues was that a route to Wilsonville would require a new Columbia River crossing at a much wider point in the river near Longview, Washington. Crossing the river at that location would require clearing of land managed for wildlife habitat and much taller river crossing towers. With a vacant easement option available for much of the length of the proposed line to Troutdale, with options available through mostly unpopulated areas to Troutdale, and an existing utility river crossing available to reach Troutdale, BPA decided to focus on alternative routes to that point. The Pearl option also was more expensive and likely longer and it had several significant disadvantages compared against the other options.

BPA is currently gathering the data required to conduct a count of houses along the proposed alternative routes and will report those counts to you when completed in September. There are several ways to count land parcels or owners. For NEPA purposes, the current approach is to conduct several counts of houses at different distances from the proposed line as a measure of human population potentially affected by project siting.

Concerning a possible route farther east of Yale Lake, BPA will continue to evaluate options and consider information provided by interested community members. BPA is moving forward with its November 2010 map of possible line routes for consideration in the draft EIS, but is considering the most recent comments about routes even farther north and east. BPA is gathering additional information about those possible options. I am very aware of the concerns of many of your constituents about potential effects on their property. BPA must consider the full range of human and environmental impacts of route alternatives.

Again, I appreciated meeting with you to discuss the proposed project. I will provide the information you requested about properties along route alternatives as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Liz Klumpp, BPA's Constituent Account Executive for Washington, at (360) 943-0157.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Wright
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

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DKR-7
Subject: Steve Wright signed response to Rep. Herrera Beutler
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Thanks for your help with this.



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Sincerely,



Stephen J. Wright
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7
Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2011 2:26 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: #2010-0017 and #2010-0069 US Senator Patty Murray

Attachments: #2010-0069 Ltr fm Sen Patty Murray re Cmths re BPA's I-5 Project.pdf; #2010-0017 US Senator Patty Murray re Constituent Concern re I-5 Corridor.pdf



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Let me know if you need anything else.

PATTY MURRAY
WASHINGTON

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

July 13, 2010

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Ave
Portland, OR 97232

ASSIGN: Doug Marker-DGC-7
cc: FO3, DKN/Wash, DK-7, DK Mgrs,
DKR-7 (Cogswell, Klumpp), L-7, KE-4,
T/Ditt2, TE/Ditt2

Dear Administrator Wright:

I write regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, which involves the construction of a new electric transmission line from the Castle Rock area in Cowlitz County, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon.

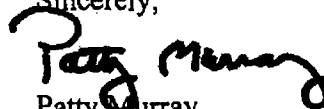
Southwest Washington has grown considerably in the last decade, which has resulted in increased demand for electricity and related infrastructure. I understand the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) believes this project is essential to help keep the lights on for the residents of Southwest Washington while at the same time provide much-needed additional capacity for future economic growth.

At the same time, I share the concerns, particularly around route locations, that many of my constituents have raised regarding this project. I know BPA has made an effort to engage local communities through a public comment process around the Environmental Impact Statement as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). I appreciate that you have already responded to my earlier request and extended that comment period to ensure that more residents could participate. I encourage you to continue to take the concerns of affected residents seriously as you move forward with this process.

As you continue to narrow the viable routes, I strongly urge you to work toward identifying a path forward that impacts the least number of people in Southwest Washington as possible. Our state has long enjoyed the benefits of low-cost, reliable electricity from BPA, and I am determined to keep those benefits in place. I appreciate the role you and BPA have played as a partner in efforts to keep power rates low in Southwest Washington.

I look forward to hearing from you on the steps you will take to determine appropriate routes throughout this process and how you will work to ensure the least impact on the quality of life of individuals and families in Southwest Washington.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

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RECEIPT DATE: 7/13/2010
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PATTY MURRAY
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March 22, 2010

Mr. Stephen Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 N.E. 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

RECEIVED BY BPA ADMINISTRATOR'S OFC-LOG #: 10.0017
RECEIPT DATE: 3.24.10
DUE DATE: 4.14.10

Dear Mr. Wright,

I have received an inquiry from a constituent regarding Bonneville Power Authority's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. For your benefit, I have enclosed a complete copy of his correspondence.

I would greatly appreciate if you could respond directly to my constituent and forward a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Patty Murray
U.S. Senator

ASSIGN: Doug Marker - DKR-7
cc: FO3, DKN/Wash, L-7, DK-7, DKR-7 (Hunt),
DKR/WSGL (Klumpp), KE-4, T/Ditt2, TE/Ditt2

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January 22, 2010

Via Facsimile ((206) 553-0891)
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Senator Patty Murray
U.S. Senate
173 Russell Senate Office Building
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Senator Patty Murray
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Re: BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Dear Senator Murray:

Given your position with the Energy & Water Development Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, respectively, you may be aware of the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed plans to construct new 500,000 volt power lines from an area near Castle Rock, Washington to a proposed new substation near Troutdale, Oregon. A link to the current map of the project is:

<http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/documents/map-I-5project-12-21-09.pdf>

A hard copy of the map updated through December 21, 2009, is also attached for your reference. Potential routes for the new lines are numbered. Many of those remaining under consideration, including Segment 26 and Segment 30, would require the BPA to condemn new easements or purchases of property for these power lines, affecting many residents in North Clark County and Cowlitz County.

Opposition to Routes 26 and 30

I write on behalf of Matt Jones, a resident of North Clark County, Washington.* Mr. Jones is typical of those citizens in North Clark County opposing the prospect of these power lines running along any of the proposed routes for which the BPA does not already have

* Matthew W. Jones resides at 17514 N.E. Hooper Wollam Road, and owns Clark County parcels 275984-000 and 275996-000 in Yacolt, Washington.

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existing easements, except the most eastern rural routes that would affect the fewest residential properties, and ideally none. He asks for your reasoned support and your encouragement of BPA to immediately announce its discontinued consideration of Segment 26 and 30.

The reason for immediate action is that property values have instantly been impacted negatively, and sales of residential properties potentially forestalled by the BPA's issuance of correspondence to property owners along all the designated "proposed routes." While BPA, for reasons of its own, designates multiple potential routes, only one route will ultimately be subjected to permitting and construction, and yet the correspondence gives notice to each property owner that BPA wishes to enter the parcels for its conduct of surveys, soil testing, tree cutting, and other activities perceived necessary to evaluate each of the "proposed" routes.

Property Values Presently Affected

Washington law requires sellers of residential property to provide prospective buyers a Seller's Disclosure Statement. The form of that disclosure statement proscribed under RCW 64.06.020 includes a statement, in Section 1(G), informing the offeree/prospective buyer whether there are any studies, survey projects, or notices that would adversely affect the property. Clearly, the Request for Permission to Enter the Property, combined with the instruction sheet sent to the property owners by the Bonneville Power Administration is notice of potential action that can affect the seller's property. The instruction sheet specifies, in its first sentence, "Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing a project that may affect property you own." Every residential property owner who has received this correspondence, and who subsequently receives an offer of purchase must disclose the possibility that these power lines could be constructed near or upon the property and that the BPA could condemn all or a portion of the property in the near future.

Property is most difficult to sell right now even without these additional circumstances, and even owners of any mortgaged property who have a duty to inform their mortgage company about this detriment to value under the terms of their mortgage, raising the prospects of problems between the owners and the lender. There seems little likelihood that BPA will actually choose routes that would require new easements through populated areas, and the BPA has already announced elimination of some similar segments (27, 31, 42, and 44). Immediate announcement that BPA releases Segments 26 and 30 from consideration is necessary to prevent perpetuation of virtual unmarketability of all residential parcels, and issues between property owners and their lenders along those routes while the BPA continues its "studies."



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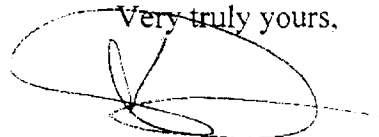
Less Expensive Alternatives

Generally speaking, according to Matt, the citizenry of North Clark County prefer common sense dictate over experimental whimsy, and encourage placement of these new power lines along existing BPA easement routes (accepting variances for the few places in which the easement is only 100 feet instead of the preferred 150 feet), or, if for security, safety, or other reasons a route completely separate from existing power line routes is somehow overwhelmingly important enough to justify the cost, a route through the more rural Cascade foothills, far away from most existing and growing population centers should be the focus. The construction expenses may be higher, but the condemnation compensation would likely be far less costly.

Mr. Jones and I realize there are many issues too numerous to address in this correspondence, so we leave you with the message contained above, offer you our well wishes, and thank you for your service. If you have the opportunity to let us know whether you would announce your advocacy of our position to the BPA, such would be appreciated. Response via email, if most convenient for you, can be sent to david.meyer@bullivant.com.

With respect, I remain,

Very truly yours,



David W. Meyer

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Enclosures
cc: Matthew W. Jones
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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.



Department of Energy

Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621
Portland, OR 97208-3621

January 13, 2010

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.

The following changes were made 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: 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 1-877-613-7035 and leave a message, or e-mail us at I5corridorproject@bpa.gov.

For general project information, please visit the project Web site at www.bpa.gov/go/i5.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Woolson
Realty Specialist

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

Property Owner Name MATTHEW W. JONES

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
PERMISSION TO ENTER PROPERTY

Representatives of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) may enter my property identified below, for the purposes generally described.

ParcelID	ParcelID2	Section	Township	Range	Meridian	County	State
275984-000	275984000	19	5N	3E	W.M.	CLARK	WA
275996-000	275996000	19	5N	3E	W.M.	CLARK	WA

I understand that:

BPA shall repair or pay for damage occurring by reason of this entry. Payment shall be made on the basis of an estimate approved by BPA and paid as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than six months from the date the damage occurred.

BPA representatives may enter the property, either by ground access or from the air, for the purposes listed below.

RECONNAISSANCE: During the preliminary project location process, personnel such as realty specialists, engineers, environmental specialists, and survey crews may enter the property to make site inspections, review access roads, establish and survey field control points, and/or place temporary aerial photography markers.

RESOURCE ANALYSIS: Environmental studies may identify locations where natural resources, such as plants and animals, are found and may also identify protective measures that BPA would take during the construction process if BPA decides to build a transmission line or substation. An archeologist or historian may inspect the proposed project area as part of the cultural resource analysis (see testing below). As a result of these studies, areas of significance may be selected for enhanced protection. Evaluation of historic structures may involve an inspection of these structures. You will be contacted before any structure inspections are made.

SURVEY: Surveyors will stake the proposed location, determine topography, and locate section/property corners and geographic features. Survey monuments may be set at project corners (substation only), proposed tower sites, and/or other necessary points. In cultivated areas, monuments will be buried to avoid interference with farming activity. Any cutting of brush or trees will be limited to the minimum width necessary to conduct the survey, and survey crews will attempt to restrict the width cleared to 5 feet. Trees up to 6 inches in diameter may be cut if necessary.

It may also be necessary to survey existing or proposed access roads to serve the project.

TESTING: For engineering purposes, it may be necessary to drill and excavate, at random intervals, to obtain earth samples from varying depths for soils analysis. There may also be testing for wetlands determination, or prehistoric archaeological evidence, both of which can involve auger holes (about 6 inches in diameter). All test holes and excavations will be refilled promptly after examination.

APPRAISAL: As part of the valuation analysis a Realty Specialist or licensed Appraiser may inspect the property. The information obtained from this inspection, together with an analysis of comparable properties recently sold in your community, will form the basis for the estimate of value. The Appraiser/Realty Specialist will appreciate being accompanied by you or your representative on this inspection, and every reasonable effort will be made to select a mutually convenient date.

I would like BPA to contact me or my representative prior to entering my property Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, Please contact _____ at telephone no. _____

Special Instructions or Comments:

Is there a Tenant: Yes _____ NO _____ If Yes:

Name _____

Phone Number: _____

Are there now in the general area of the proposed project:

Structures or Improvements: Yes _____ No _____ Personal Property Yes _____ No _____

Describe: _____

Paul Woolson

BPA Representative

Property Owner Signature

MATTHEW W. JONES

Property Owner (Print Name)

Date (document is returned to BPA)

I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

17514 NE HOOPER WOLLAM ROAD

Address

Tract No.

YOCOLT

City

WA

State

98675

Zip

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

If you have any questions please contact the BPA representative indicated above at:

Bonneville Power Administration
PO Box 3621 - TERS-3
Portland, OR 97208-3621
Toll Free: 1-877-613-7035
E-Mail: I5corridorproject@bpa.gov

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2011 5:27 PM

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Subject: A Better Way BPA newsletter

Latest newsletter from A Better Way. It mentions the meeting with BPA, and the overall messages they delivered. It repeats comments Mark Korsness made in 2003 about the Grand Coulee-Bell line with respect to building on existing right-of-way. Here's a reprint of the original story:

BPA starts construction on Grand Coulee-Bell transmission line

Apr 29, 2003 02:00 AM

Deputy Secretary of Energy Kyle E. McSlarrow joined BPA Administrator Steve Wright, US Rep. George Nethercutt (R-Washington) and other officials in breaking ground to initiate construction of the Grand Coulee-Bell 500-kV Transmission Line Project, an 84-mile-long line connecting Spokane with Grand Coulee, Washington, US.

"I am proud to be a part of this effort today to increase the nation's energy infrastructure," McSlarrow said. "This effort is in total alignment with the president's National Energy Plan to balance America's energy needs and pave the way for America's energy future. It is an impressive addition to the transmission system, and it will allow us to deliver energy reliably and safely to homes and businesses in the Pacific Northwest."

The project is the first transmission line to be built under BPA's infrastructure expansion program to relieve congested transmission paths in the region. The line replaces an older lower-voltage line.

"This is our first major transmission line construction since 1987," said BPA Administrator Steve Wright. "We're very pleased that our construction projects support Pacific Northwest economic development. During construction, we expect this project to provide about 200 jobs for people in the Pacific Northwest." Wright added that about 85 % of the cost for labour and materials on this project would be spent in the Northwest.

Construction of the line is now under way. It should be operational by November 2004. The \$ 175-mm project is financed by BPA and paid for through BPA sales of transmission services. Most of the line will be built on an existing right-of-way between BPA's Bell Substation in Spokane and the US Bureau of Reclamation's 500-kV switchyard adjacent to Grand Coulee Dam.

"Building on existing right-of-way minimizes environmental impacts," said BPA project manager Mark Korsness. "This new line allows BPA to continue to deliver power where it is needed, relieve current congestion on the transmission line corridor, maintain electrical system reliability and minimize costs to customers."

Source: Primedia Incorporated

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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
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To: Grow, Luanna J - DKE-7
Subject: Meeting with BPA officials

A Better Way for BPA!

BPA-YOUR right of way is the RIGHT Way! Join us here: <http://abetterway4bpa.org/>

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Hi,

This past Wednesday we met with BPA executives Brian Silverstein, Senior Vice President, Transmission Services; Larry Bekkedahl, Vice President, engineering and Technical Services; Katherine Pierce, NEPA Compliance Officer; Mark Korsness, Project Manager; and Jim Luce, Chairman of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (who reports to the governor).

Mr. Luce arranged this meeting, and we spent two hours going over questions and landowner right's issues with them. We are very thankful to Mr. Luce for that opportunity.

As you know by now, landowner rights are our issue with BPA and losing our land and those rights are against everything we are about. We made that perfectly clear to them in our meeting.

Food for thought: Cost of a transmission line project is factored into the equation and is one of many of the deciding factors when choosing a route. A good example is the Grand Coulee-Bell 500 kV Transmission Line Project, which now travels through the City of Spokane, Washington: Here is a quote from the energy news column *Alexander's Gas and Oil Connections* regarding that transmission project:

"Building on existing right-of-way minimizes environmental impacts," said BPA project manager Mark Korsness. "This new line allows BPA to continue to deliver power where it is needed, relieve current congestion on the transmission line corridor, maintain electrical system reliability and minimize costs to customers."

You can find this link here:

http://www.gasandoil.com/news/n_america/84830417f4383aa4f6505a6a86006b80

Whatever the cost, it all adds up and we are the ones who will end up paying for it. For the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, cutting private properties into pieces for a new corridor is just not the answer.

Tell BPA to use their own land, their existing right-of-way along routes 9 and 25, to minimize the costs to customers. Here is the link to their comment section: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/ecomment.cfm>

The map of the Grand Coulee-Bell 500 kV corridor is the link below showing where it goes through Spokane.

map%20of%20Grand%20Coulee%20Bell%20500%20kV%20Transmission%20Line%20Project.doc

One thing we are reminded is that every letter or document you submit to BPA you need to include a message similar to what we used on our petition: Please acknowledge receipt of this Petition and publish the same as a general comment on the project website and records.
You do not need to do this if you submit a comment online.

Cheryl Brantley
A Better Way for BPA
<http://abetterway4bpa.org>

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

Visit A Better Way for BPA! at: http://abetterway4bpa.ning.com/?xg_source=msg_mes_network

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Subject: Fw: This week' Reflector

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
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Cc: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
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From: Erna Sarasohn [mailto:leserna1@yahoo.com]
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Subject: Fw: This week' Reflector

Jim,
This article is on the front page of this weeks Reflector.
Erna
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2011, 4:52 AM

<http://www.thereflector.com/thisweek/story2.php>

BPA opposition groups push for addition of 'gray line' proposal

Brandy Grey, staff reporter

People who don't have homes situated along the Bonneville Power Administration's suggested routes for the 500 kilovolt lines planned between Castle Rock and Troutdale, OR, may have a difficult time keeping citizen opposition groups straight.

A Better Way for BPA is just one of these groups, with members primarily residing in North Clark

County. There are, however, other groups of concerned citizens. Another Way for BPA and Citizens Against the Towers are also based in Clark County.

Terry Constance, a representative for both Another Way for BPA and Citizens Against the Towers, said those nonprofit organizations also work closely with the Yale Valley Coalition in their mission to keep these lines out of populated areas – urban or rural.

Constance said the three teams decided not to merge into one umbrella organization even though they have the same mission.

“We have found that people prefer to work within their communities in various committees and we support this,” he said. “As long as their mission is not to build these lines in populated areas, rural or urban, we will unite with them to fight the larger battle to defend our schools and property.”

At one time, said Constance, they also worked with members of A Better Way for BPA. Until, that is, Constance said they changed their overall approach with the BPA to keep lines from being built in their area.

“I would never say that lines should be built in a populated area,” he said, adding that even though he lives in Vancouver, he would never recommend lines be built over homes in Yacolt.

In a presentation he gave to administrators at the BPA, Constance said he demonstrated how a line could be built without impacting any homeowners. Information was compiled in the nonprofit’s own GIS study and resulted in what they call the “gray line.”

Constance said members of his non-profit organization feel that route would have the least impact on the human and natural environment.

A Better Way for BPA said they neither support or oppose the gray line, but cite concerns from BPA Project Manager Mark Korsness about the area being a habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl.

Constance said members from their groups think that the addition of the gray line would only create a marginal increase to the cost of electricity and would have a minimal impact on the natural environment.

That members of A Better Way are now recommending lines be built along the BPA’s current right of way is shocking to a number of homeowners, said Constance, adding that as many as 13,000 people could be impacted by these lines.

“They say we should have known (the BPA’s plan to expand), but we didn’t,” he said. “Nobody knew they were going to tear out the lines and build new ones. Their Right of Way was never mentioned in the deed or any of the paperwork.”

They presented their findings to Jim Luce, chair of the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, reporting that the proposed gray line would cost \$3 million in property costs and is 20 miles longer than suggested routes. That total does not include the cost of substations.

“When you add the build price it is the same average as most places for BPA,” said Constance.

In discussions with homeowners, Constance said he had noted a number of families are willing to walk away from their mortgages if the BPA builds their lines behind their property.

“They tell me they are willing to ruin their credit and become renters if forced to deal with this,” he said. “They would be lowering their standard of living.”

To date, the BPA has not added the gray line to its list of proposed routes. The first draft of recommended routes are scheduled to be presented to the public by December.

If the gray line won't be added to the map, Constance said, they want an explanation as to why.

In the meantime, Constance and members of his nonprofit groups continue to push for accountability of federal agencies and government transparency. They also would like to see Washington state adopt similar “prudent avoidance” laws that have been enacted in California. Those laws demand 350-foot setbacks surrounding 500 kV lines.

Regardless of the outcome of this line, Constance said, members feel Washington needs a property protection bill similar to other states that would help homeowners in the future.

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Subject: Briefing for BPA team for July 20 meeting
Importance: High
Attachments: email version Facts about BPA's Right-of-Way Small.pdf

Maryam,

You offered to provide the BPA team meeting on July 20 with A Better Way BPA a set of anticipated question, issues, etc. along with helpful reminders of our responses. I'm hoping you'll include:

- the key issues raised in the attachment "Facts the Reader Will Learn"
- where we are on the lineman lessons learned, etc.
- recent media stories and her letters to the editor, etc.
- issues raise in your recent conversations with her (e.g. grey line).
- reminders for me and examples of our new outreach materials

All - anything else you think we should consider including in a briefing packet for our team?

We should have these ready by COB Monday so we can distribute them in advance of our pre-meeting prep on Wed at 12:30.

Luanna

Luanna Grow

Acting Manager, Public Communications

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From: Brookshire,Sherry S - TE-DITT-2 **On Behalf Of** Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2
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To: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7; Pierce,Kathy - KEC-4; Silverstein,Brian L - T-DITT2
Subject: FW: Meeting on July 20, 6 p.m., Legacy Hosp. conference room B
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FYI

Sherry

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11/15/2011

From: James Luce [mailto: EX 6]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2011 8:39 AM
To: Bekkedahl, Larry N - TE-DITT-2
Cc: Korsness, Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Subject: FW: Meeting on July 20, 6 p.m., Legacy Hosp. conference room B
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Larry – Mark

I got this document this am from Cheryl. It is their presentation next week. I haven't reviewed it.

Please forward to others attending and Liz Klump.

Thx

Jim

From: Cheryl Brantley [mailto: EX 6]
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 10:02 PM
To: Jim Luce
Subject: Meeting on July 20, 6 p.m., Legacy Hosp. conference room B

Hi Jim,

We are looking forward to the meeting next Wednesday and hope it helps answer our members and our board's many questions. We really appreciate that you took the time to arrange this meeting. I have attached our presentation. I thought you may want to send it on to the attendees.

Can you tell me who will be in attendance?

Thank you,

Cheryl Brantley

Ex 6

A Better Way for BPA
<http://abetterway4bpa.org>

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”



FACTS THE READER WILL LEARN

After reading this material, you will come away with a clear understanding regarding the amount of additional land needed along the existing right of way along routes 9 and 25.

You will learn it is a small fraction of land that will be added when compared with what would be taken for a new corridor along a rural route.

You will see that property rights are being violated along all of the proposed rural route segments. We do not use nuance when referencing property rights. We are talking about property that will be accessed by BPA for this project and will no longer be in control of the original landowner.

We show you precise locations in the state of Washington in an area more populated than Vancouver where BPA has built 500kV and 230-345kV lines together, in corridors identical to those along lines 25 and 9.

We show you the exact locations of schools which have been built right next door to power transmission corridors containing 500kV and 230-345kV lines.

You will see that a Portland State University study shows that the EMF readings under proposed 500kV lines will in fact be less than the 230kV lines which already exist along lines 25 and 9.

We emphasize four things:

- Any route that is not built on the government-owned infrastructure that is already in place is **government waste**.
- Any route that is not built on the government-owned existing transmission corridor is **anti property rights**.
- Asking citizens to shoulder the burden and pay any more in rates for this project than it would otherwise cost if built on existing government land is irresponsible. That amounts to a **completely unwarranted tax increase**.
- A new corridor will be an **absolute threat to drinking water**, private wells, groundwater, rivers, streams and wetlands; because BPA will use herbicides containing scientifically proven cancer-causing compounds.

PROPERTY RIGHTS:

It is not necessary for new private land to be taken and used for the Bonneville Power Administration's I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project.

The U.S. taxpayer already owns and has access to property to construct this project. Use of this existing right of way is the most responsible choice for the project.

The fewest number of property owners will be affected and the economic impact will be least for ratepayers overall if the existing corridor is used.

A NEW CORRIDOR:

A 70-mile, 150-foot wide clear-cut corridor with many miles of new access roads represents over 1,300 acres.

The swath will cut property owners land in half¹, and in many cases, new access roads will divide parcels into quarters². These properties, where portions are orphaned³ from the rest of the property, will be rendered worthless.

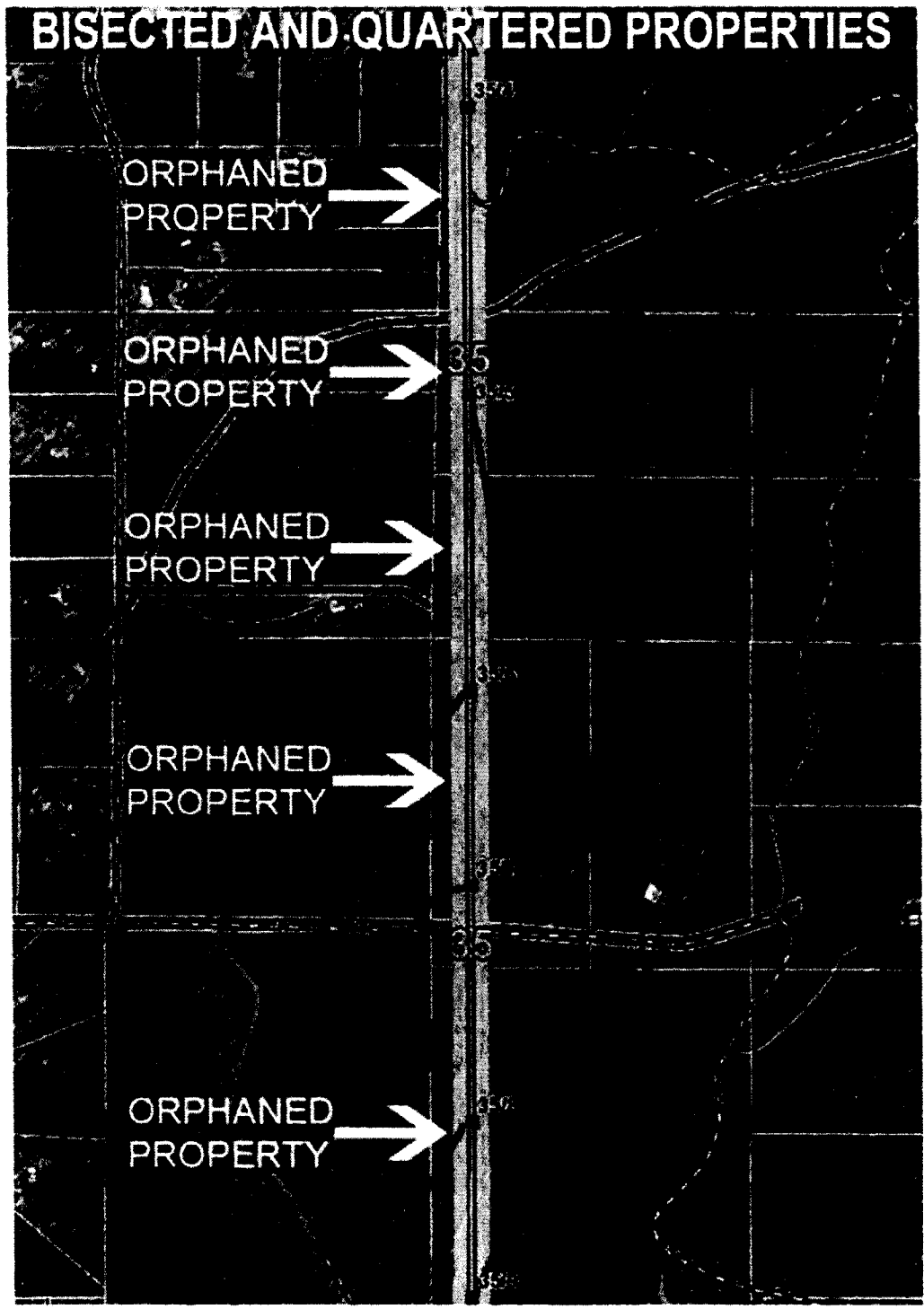
Access roads will intrude and create situations property owners never envisioned nor intended. They will lose control of their property⁴.

¹ Satellite image, Route 26, tower 19-24

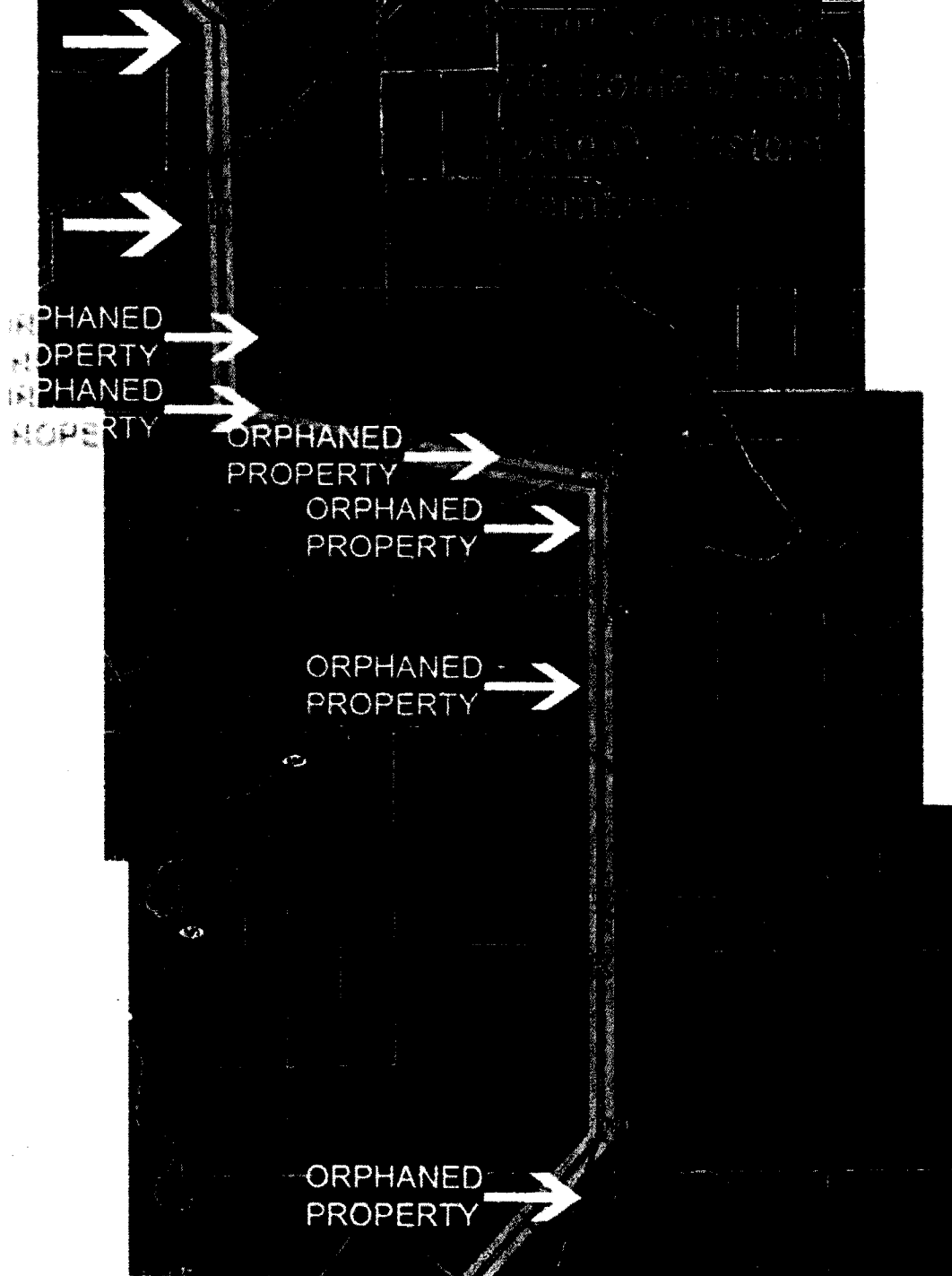
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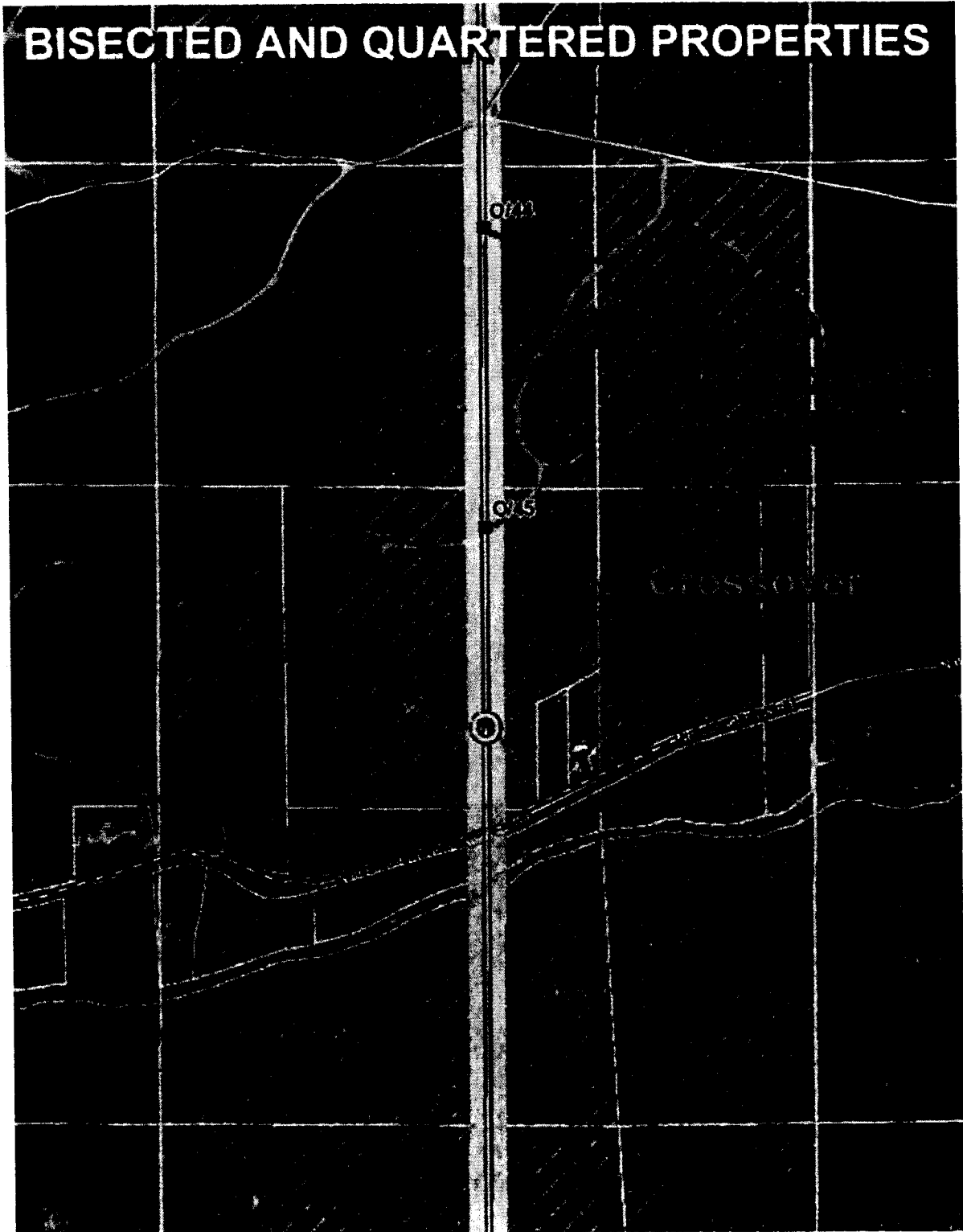
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⁴ Satellite image, Route O, tower 45-47



BISECTED AND QUARTERED PROPERTIES

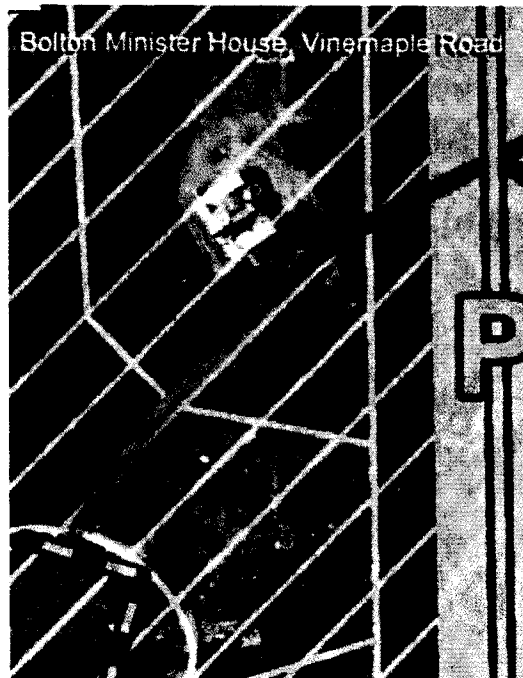




One example is the new home owned by Bolton Minister on Vinemapple Road:

BPA will use his brand new driveway, and build an access road over his new drain field in order to access towers on the "P" Route.⁵

Large trees Minister left on his property will be cut to make room for maintenance vehicles, and a security gate system will have to be removed to enable BPA's free access.



⁵ Satellite image of Bolton Minister property, with BPA access road overlay

BPA'S LAND:

The present Route 25/9 corridor has existed for 70 years⁶. The government acquired the land with the intent to expand.

BPA has built power lines in corridors in the most populated areas of the state of Washington⁷ combining 500kV⁸ and either 230kV to 345kV⁹, in the exact configuration proposed for the existing Route 25 and Route 9 corridor.

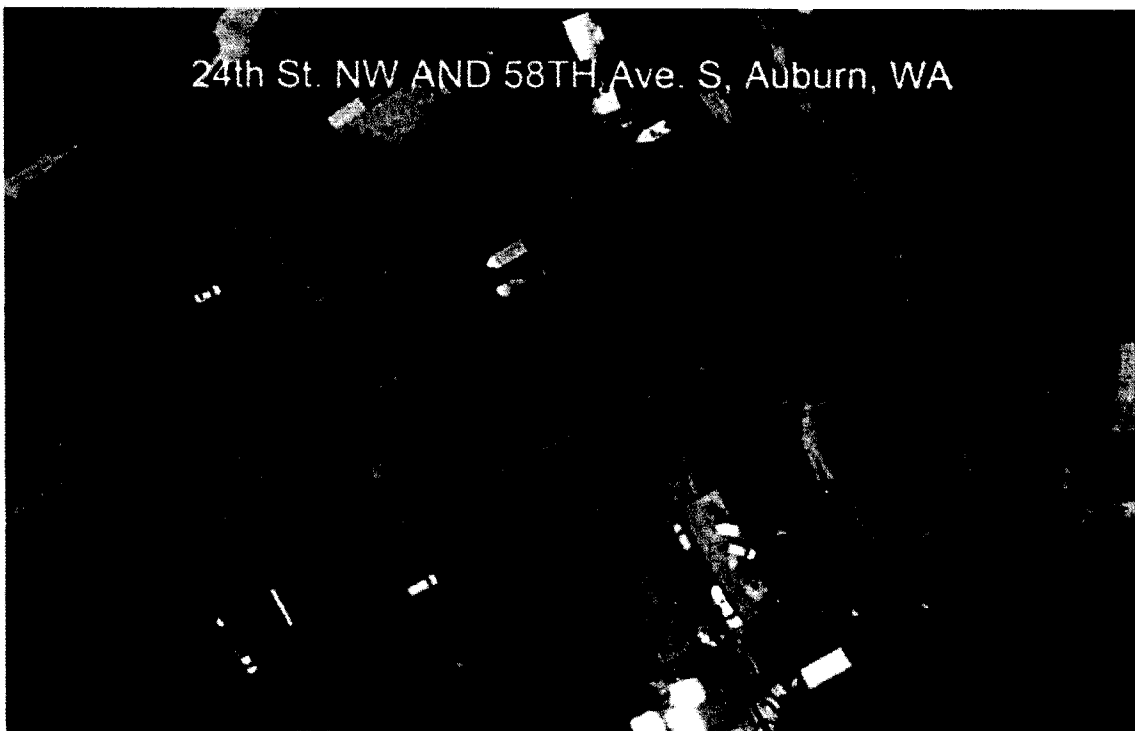
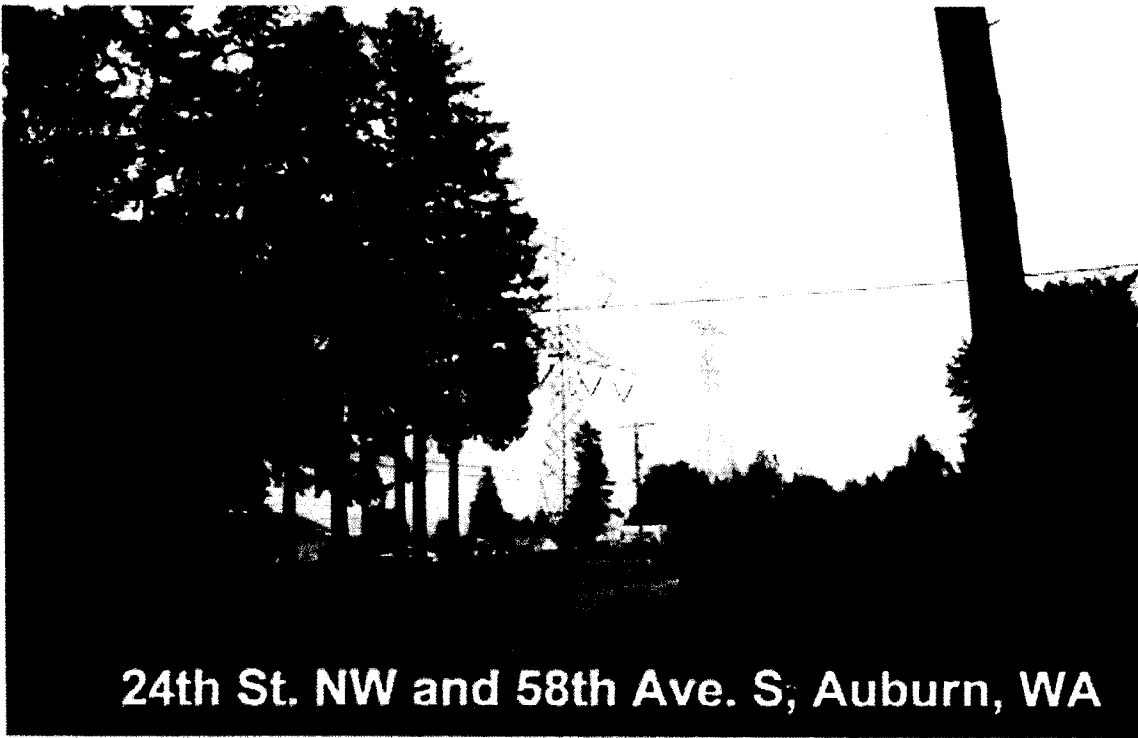


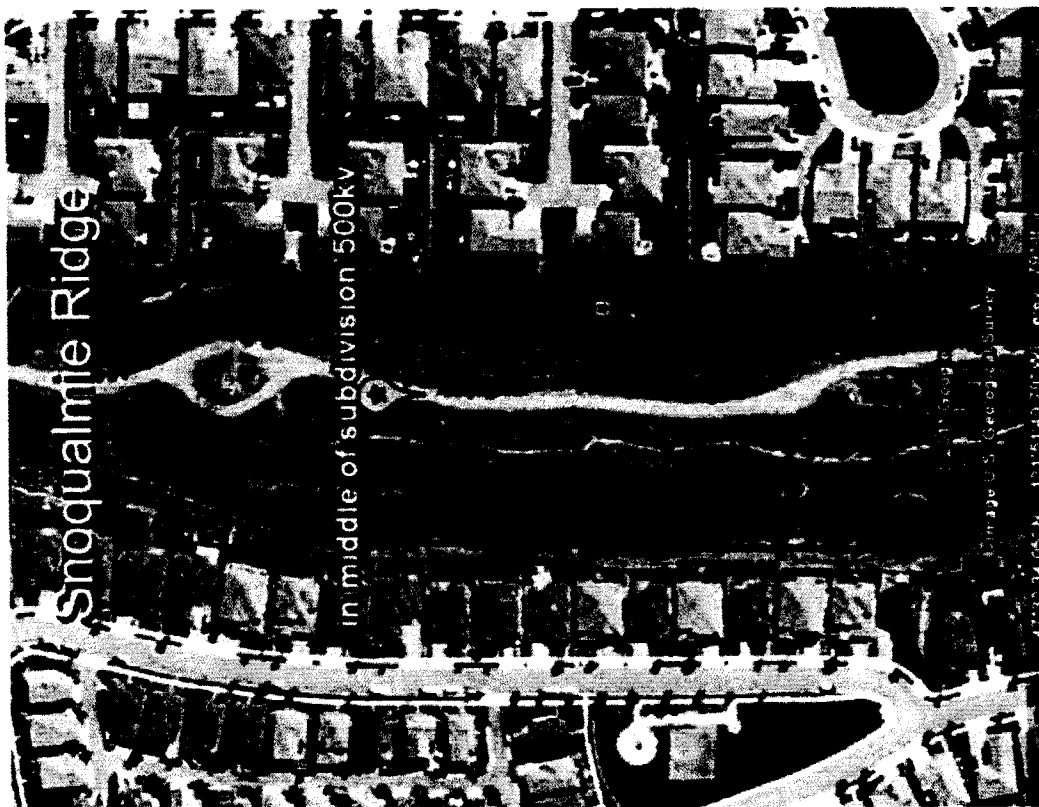
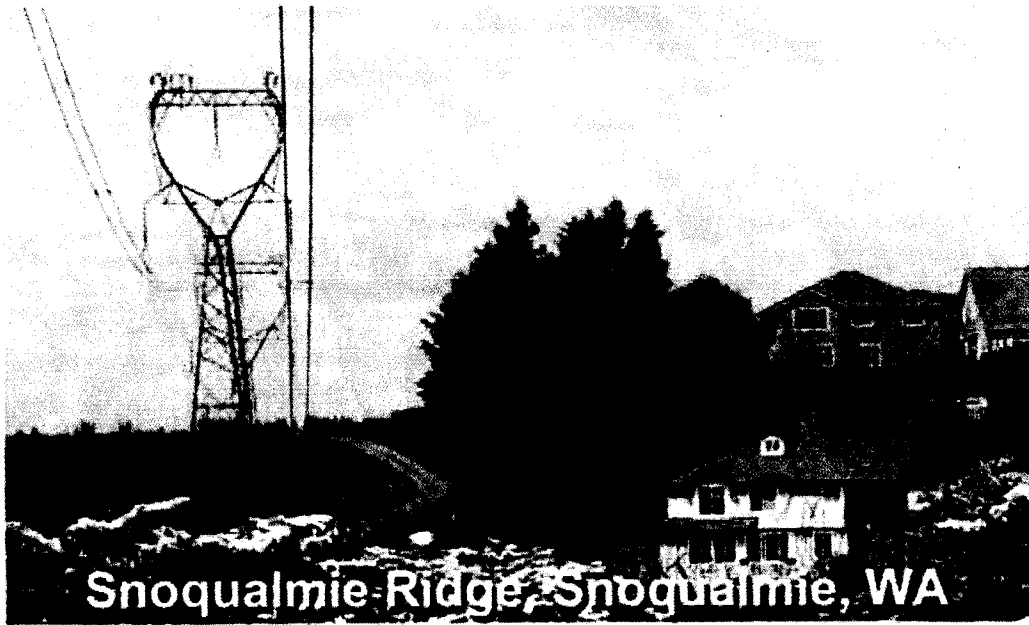
⁶ Archive image, Ross Lexington line under construction in the 1930's

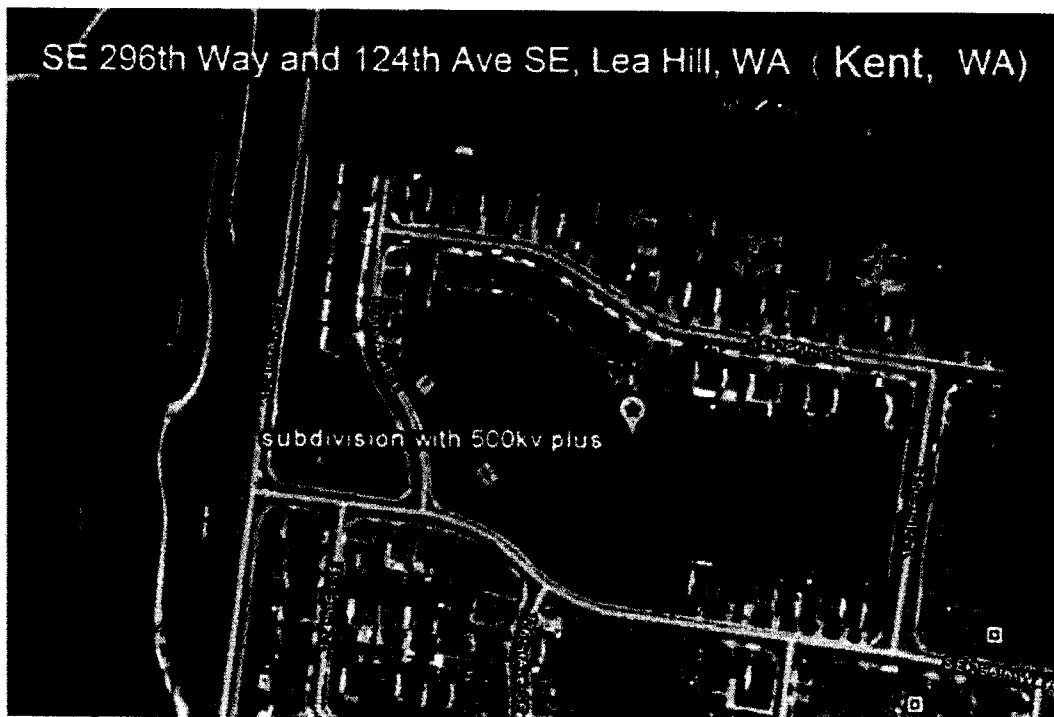
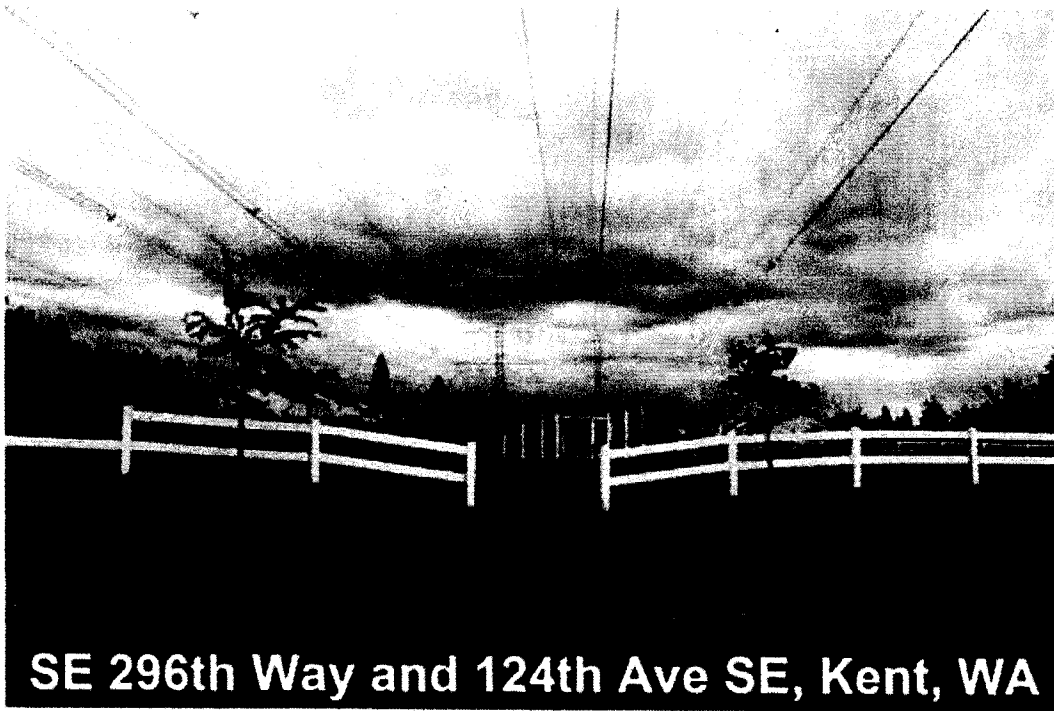
⁷ Ground photo and satellite image, 24th St. NW AND 58TH Ave. S, Auburn, WA 500kV + 230kV to 345kV

⁸ Ground photo and satellite image, 500kV line surrounded by subdivision at Snoqualmie Ridge, Snoqualmie, WA

⁹ Ground photo and satellite image, SE 296th Way and 124th Ave SE, Kent, WA 500kV + 230kV to 345kV line







EXISTING CORRIDOR:

A minimal amount of land¹⁰ will need to be added to the existing right of way, 12.5¹¹ feet, 22.5¹² feet, and 30 feet¹³

All of this land is adjacent to the current right of way¹⁴. Additions to the right of way will be ONLY at these locations.

Contrast that with the 150 foot wide 70 mile minimum swath, over 1,300 acres in size, for a new corridor.

¹⁰ BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Existing and Proposed Right-of Way Configurations-November, 2010

¹¹ Satellite image Route 25, Tower 17-18 (isolated property not accessible)

¹² Satellite Route 9, Tower 20-21 (isolated property not accessible)

¹³ Satellite image Route 25, Tower 141-152

¹⁴ Photos Route 25 looking East and West from 162nd

BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project
Existing and Proposed Right-of-Way (ROW) Configurations - November 2010

SEGMENT	DRAWING No. (click a link below to see the drawing)	SECTION (Tower to Tower)	EXISTING ROW WIDTH (Feet)	ADDITIONAL ROW REQUIRED (Feet)
1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, 26, 28, 30, 35, 43, B, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, S, T, U, V, W	NEW ROW	Varies	N/A	150
2	ROW 2-1	2/1-2/18	300	0
	ROW 2-2	2/18-2/28	412.5	0
9	ROW 9-1	9/1-9/11	250	0
	ROW 9-2	9/11-9/20	250	0
	ROW 9-3	9/20-9/21	300	22.5
	ROW 9-4	9/21-9/82	300	0
25	ROW 25-1	25/1-25/11	300	0
	ROW 25-2	25/11-25/105	150	0
	ROW 25-3	25/11-25/18	250	12.5
	ROW 25-4	25/105-25/109	300	0
	ROW 25-5	25/109-25/140	300	0
	ROW 25-6	25/140-25/150	300	30
	ROW 25-7	25/150-25/151	300	30
36	ROW 36	36/1-36/2	300	30
36A	ROW 36A-1	36A/1-36A/4	300	30
	ROW 36A-2	36A/4-36A/6	300	0
36B	ROW 36B	36B/1-36B/2	300	155
37	ROW 37-1	37/1-37/2	300	0
	ROW 37-2	37/2-37/4	300	0
38	ROW 38	38/1-38/5	300	0
39	ROW 39-1	39/1-39/20	300	0
	ROW 39-2	39/20-39/23	300	105
	ROW 39-3	39/23-39/27	300	105
40	NEW ROW	40/1-40/11	N/A	150
	ROW 40-1	40/11-40/14	300	0
41	ROW 41	41/1-41/8	100	50
45	ROW 45-1	45/1-45/3	100	50
	NEW ROW	45/3-45/6	N/A	150
46	ROW 46	46/1-46/3	300	0
47	ROW 47	47/1-47/4	300	0
48	ROW 48	48/1-48/14	300	0
49	NEW ROW	49/1-49/7	N/A	150
	ROW 49-1	49/7-49/10	300	105
	ROW 49-2	49/10-49/15	300	0
50	NEW ROW	50/1-50/5	N/A	150
	ROW 50-1	50/5-50/13, 50/13-50/26	100	130
	ROW 50-2	50/13-50/21	100	50
51	ROW 51	51/1-51/11	250	0
52	ROW 52-1	52/1-52/2, 52/9-52/17	250	0
	ROW 52-2	52/2-52/9	325	0
	NEW ROW	52/17-52/19	N/A	150
	ROW 52-3	52/19-52/24	Varies	0
A	ROW A	A/1-A/12	525	125
C	ROW C	C/1-C/17	525	0
D	ROW D	D/1-D/17	525	125
E	ROW E	E/1-E/7	525	0
R	NEW ROW	R/1-R/10	N/A	150
	ROW R	R/10-R/18	300	105

The following segments were either modified into other segments or removed from further consideration:
 6, 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 42 and 44

ROUTE 25, LINE 18-19

2518

BPA WILL HAVE TO ACQUIRE A STRIP 12.5 FEET WIDE. TOTAL PROPERTY IS LESS THAN 1 ACRE (0.8 ACRES)

25

2519

East of Woodland

Legend

- Proposed area of acquisition for acquisition
- Proposed acquisition
- Proposed line restored
- Proposed subdivision
- Proposed boundary
- Notified area

Access Roads

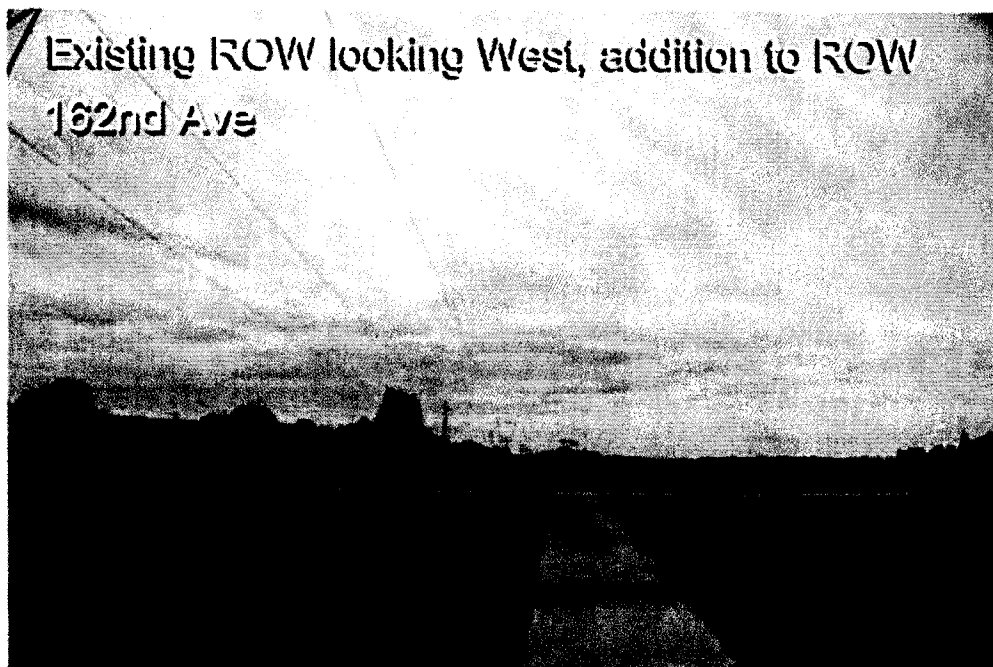
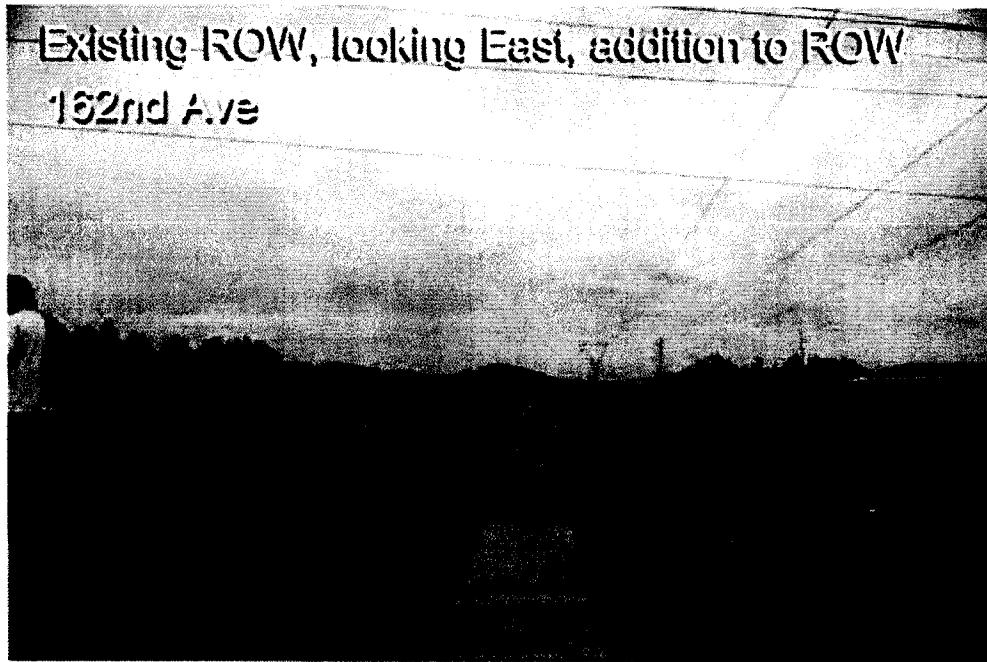
- New access road
- Existing public or private road to be restored
- Design, build or other work needed to protect the road from collapse

Right-of-Way

- Existing right-of-way
- Proposed right-of-way

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COST:

BPA I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project Manager Mark Korsness says it will cost less to build on the existing right of way¹⁵.

Building a new corridor will add significantly to the cost of the project in terms of property acquisition, construction, engineering, road building and wildlife mitigation.

These added costs will be in the millions of dollars, and will be passed on to ratepayers in Clark County, Southwest Washington, the state of Washington and BPA's service area.

Ratepayers would not be forced to pay these extra costs if BPA uses its existing corridor. The added cost for a new route runs counter to Senator Patty Murray's request of BPA Administrator Stephen Wright, to "...keep power rates low in Southwest Washington"¹⁶.

¹⁵ Quote from public meeting in Amboy, WA on March 19, 2011, http://abetterway4bpa.org/index.php?option=com_phocagallery&view=category&id=2&Itemid=74 "facts on cost"

¹⁶ Senator Murray letter to BPA Administrator Wright, July 13, 2010

PATTY MURRAY
WASHINGTON

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-4704

July 13, 2010

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Ave
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Administrator Wright:

I write regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, which involves the construction of a new electric transmission line from the Castle Rock area in Cowlitz County, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon.

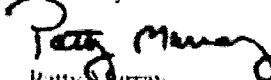
Southwest Washington has grown considerably in the last decade, which has resulted in increased demand for electricity and related infrastructure. I understand the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) believes this project is essential to help keep the lights on for the residents of Southwest Washington while at the same time provide much-needed additional capacity for future economic growth.

At the same time, I share the concerns, particularly around route locations, that many of my constituents have raised regarding this project. I know BPA has made an effort to engage local communities through a public comment process around the Environmental Impact Statement as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). I appreciate that you have already responded to my earlier request and extended that comment period to ensure that more residents could participate. I encourage you to continue to take the concerns of affected residents seriously as you move forward with this process.

As you continue to narrow the viable routes, I strongly urge you to work toward identifying a path forward that impacts the least number of people in Southwest Washington as possible. Our state has long enjoyed the benefits of low-cost, reliable electricity from BPA, and I am determined to keep those benefits in place. I appreciate the role you and BPA have played as a partner in efforts to keep power rates low in Southwest Washington.

I look forward to hearing from you on the steps you will take to determine appropriate routes throughout this process and how you will work to ensure the least impact on the quality of life of individuals and families in Southwest Washington.

Sincerely,



Patty Murray
United States Senator

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT:

BPA uses herbicides with scientifically proven carcinogens to keep vegetation down¹⁷.

The use of these dangerous compounds will dramatically increase if new land is taken for a route.

These compounds are approved by BPA to be used as close as 50 feet from water wells, creating a health risk and a threat to Clark County's sole source aquifer.

The compounds are used up to the water's edge at lakes, rivers and streams, threatening steelhead, bull trout and other fish species¹⁸.

¹⁷ Herbicide Fact Sheet Triclopyr/JOURNAL OF PESTICIDE REFORM/ WINTER 2000 • VOL. 20, NO. 4

¹⁸ Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-437 Tacoma-Raver #1) PP&A Project #1784

● HERBICIDE FACTSHEET

TRICLOPYR

Triclopyr is a broadleaf herbicide used primarily on pastures, woodlands, and rights of way. Garlon 3A and Garlon 4 are brand names of common triclopyr herbicides. Two forms of triclopyr are used as herbicides: the triethylamine salt (found in Garlon 3A) and the butoxyethyl ester (found in Garlon 4).

The amine salt of triclopyr is corrosive to eyes. Both the amine salt and the ester are sensitizers and can cause allergic skin reactions.

In laboratory tests, triclopyr caused an increase in the incidence of breast cancer as well as an increase in a type of genetic damage called dominant lethal mutations. Triclopyr also is damaging to kidneys and has caused a variety of reproductive problems.

The ester form of triclopyr is highly toxic to fish and inhibits behaviors in frogs that help them avoid predators. Feeding triclopyr to birds decreases the survival of their nestlings.

Triclopyr inhibits the growth of mycorrhizal fungi, beneficial fungi that increase plants' ability to take up nutrients. Triclopyr also interferes with one step in the process by which atmospheric nitrogen is transformed by microorganisms into a form that is usable by plants.

Triclopyr is mobile in soil and has contaminated wells, streams, and rivers. Contaminated water has been found near areas where triclopyr is used in agriculture, in forestry, on urban landscapes, and on golf courses.

The major breakdown product of triclopyr (3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol) disrupts the normal growth and development of the nervous system. In laboratory tests, it also accumulates in fetal brains when pregnant animals are exposed.

BY CAROLINE COX

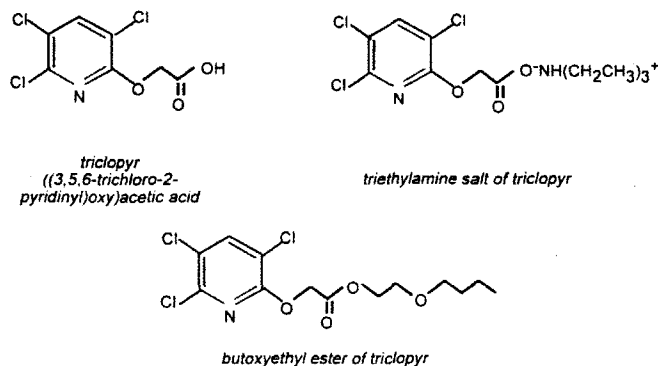
Triclopyr is a selective herbicide used to kill unwanted broadleaf plants. Triclopyr herbicides contain one of two forms of triclopyr, either the triethylamine salt or the butoxyethyl ester. (See Figure 1.) Triclopyr was first registered as a pesticide in the U.S. in 1979 and its major manufacturer is Dow AgroSciences.¹ It is sold under a variety of trade names, including Garlon 3A,² Garlon 4,³ Pathfinder,⁴ Remedy,⁵ Turflon,⁶ and (in Canada) Release.⁷ Garlon 3A contains the triethylamine salt, the others contain the butoxyethyl ester.²⁻⁷ Triclopyr is in the carboxylic acid chemical family.⁸

Use

According to estimates from the U.S.

Caroline Cox is NCAP's staff scientist.

Figure 1
Triclopyr, Its Triethylamine Salt, and Its Butoxyethyl Ester



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), use of triclopyr in the U.S. totals almost 700,000 pounds per year.⁹ Pastures, woodlands, and rights of way account for

almost three-quarters of this use while rice is the major agricultural use.⁹ An estimated 455,000 applications are made annually to U.S. lawns and yards.¹⁰

United States Government

Department of Energy
Bonneville Power Administration**memorandum**

DATE: October 28, 2010

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: KEP-4SUBJECT: Supplement Analysis for the Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS
(DOE/EIS-0285/SA-437 Tacoma-Raver #1) PP&A Project #1784TO: Jason Hunt
Natural Resource Specialist – TFBV-Covington

Proposed Action: Vegetation management and access road maintenance activities along the entire right-of-way (ROW) corridors and associated access roads of the Tacoma-Raver #1 500-kV transmission line.

Location: The transmission lines are located in King and Pierce counties, Washington, in the Covington District.

Proposed by: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)

Description of the Proposal: BPA proposes to clear unwanted vegetation along and adjacent to the transmission line corridor, and access roads of the 500-kV Tacoma – Raver #1 transmission line from Tacoma Substation to Covington Substation (15/6). Other lines that are present within the corridor are the 500-kV Tacoma – Raver #2, 230-kV Tacoma – Covington #2, 230-kV Tacoma – Covington #3, and the 230-kV Tacoma – Covington #4 transmission lines. The ROW corridor in the proposed project area measures 262.5 feet in width and crosses approximately 15 miles of terrain through dense urban and heavy industrial properties.

In order to comply with Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) standards, BPA proposes to manage vegetation with the goal of removing tall growing vegetation that is currently, or will soon become, a hazard to the transmission line (a hazard is defined as one or more branches, tops, and/or whole trees that could fall or grow into the minimum safety zone of the transmission line(s) causing an electrical arc, relay and/or outage). The overall goal of BPA is to establish low-growing plant communities along the rights-of-way to control the development of potentially threatening vegetation.

A combination of selective and nonselective vegetation control methods would be used to perform the work. All methods including selective cutting, mowing, and herbicide treatments are consistent with the methods approved in the Vegetation Management Program EIS. Debris would be disposed of using onsite chip, lop and scatter, or mulching techniques. All onsite debris would be scattered along the ROW.

Analysis: A Vegetation Control Prescription & Checklist was developed for this corridor that incorporates the requirements identified in the Bonneville Power Administration Transmission System Vegetation Management Program FEIS (DOE/EIS-0285). The following summarizes natural resources occurring in the project area along with applicable mitigation measures outlined in the Vegetation Control Prescription & Checklist.

Water Resources: Water bodies (streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands) occurring in the project area are noted in the Vegetation Control Prescription. As conservation and avoidance measures, only spot and localized treatment with Garlon 3A (Triclopyr TEA) would be used within a 100-foot buffer up to the water's edge of any stream containing threatened or endangered species. Trees in riparian zones would be selectively cut to include only those that will grow into the minimum approach distances of the conductor at maximum sag. Shrubs that are less than 10 feet high would not be cut where ground to conductor clearance allows. No ground disturbing vegetation management methods would be implemented, thus eliminating the risk for soil erosion and sedimentation near the streams. Private water wells/springs were identified along the ROW. No herbicide application would be made within a 50 foot radius of the wellhead/spring (164 feet when using herbicides with a ground/surface water advisory). For location information, see the Vegetation Control Prescription.

Threatened and Endangered Species: Pursuant to its obligations under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), BPA has made a determination of whether its proposed project would have any effects on any listed species. A species list was obtained for federally listed, proposed and candidate species potentially occurring within the project boundaries from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Based on the ESA review conducted, BPA made a determination that the project would have "No Effect" for all ESA listed species under USFWS jurisdiction. BPA also conducted a review of species under the jurisdiction of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries). A determination of "No Effect" was made for all ESA listed species under NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction.

Essential Fish Habitat: A review of the NOAA Fisheries database identified Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) streams occurring in the project area. Measures identified for water resources would be followed for EFH. A determination of "No Effect" was made for EFH waters that occur in the project area.

Cultural Resources: No cultural resources are known for the project area. If a site is discovered during the course of vegetation control, work would be stopped in the vicinity and the BPA Environmental Specialist, and the BPA archeologist would be contacted.

Re-Vegetation: Native grasses are present on the entire ROW and are expected to naturally seed into the areas that would have lightly disturbed soil predominately located on the ROW roads.

Monitoring: The entire project would be inspected during the work period. Additional monitoring for follow-up treatment would be conducted as necessary. A diary of inspection results would be used to document formal inspections and will be filed with the contracting officer.

Vegetation Management
List of Approved Herbicides

Environmental Standards & Procedures

January 2008

Table 1 - List of Approved Active Ingredients (continued)

	E	NE	X	X	X	General suitability/advisory	Precautionary Advisory
glyphosate							
sulfometuron-methyl							
terbufos							
trifluralin							
trifluralin (BEE)							
trifluralin (TBA)							
trifluralin-ethyl							

See EPA Herbicide Fact Sheets for Additional Information: <http://www.epa.gov/chemicalsafety/herbicides/>

See Herbicide Labels for Specific Requirements: <http://www.epa.gov/chemicalsafety/herbicides/>

Use Areas: ROW = Rights of-Ways (roads, transmission line corridors); E = electrical facilities (substations, switches); NE = Non-agricultural facilities (maintenance facilities, storage yards, control rooms, grounds); LS = landscaping situations only

EMF:

EMF is being portrayed as a clear and present danger, when in fact there is no proven epidemiological correlation between EMF and cancer¹⁹.

In Clark County, there have been no links between power transmission lines and incidents of cancer according to Clark County Public Health²⁰.

School districts have built schools in the shadow²¹ of 500kV lines paired with 230kV to 345kV lines and there are no calls to close those elementary schools²².

¹⁹ Interview with Drew Thatcher, Senior Health Physicist with the Washington State Department of Health
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wnVT7u485Q>

²⁰ 25 Jan 2011 Email from Clark Public Health, information from Dr. Alan Meinick/Health Officer via Melanie Payne, MPH/Epidemiologist

²¹ Ground photo and Satellite image, Sherwood Forest Elementary, 34600 12th Ave. SW, Federal Way, WA

²² Ground photo and Satellite image, Grass Lake Elementary, 28700 191st Place Southeast Kent, WA

Subject: FW: EMF from power lines
Date: Tue, 25 Jan 2011 14:03:01 -0800

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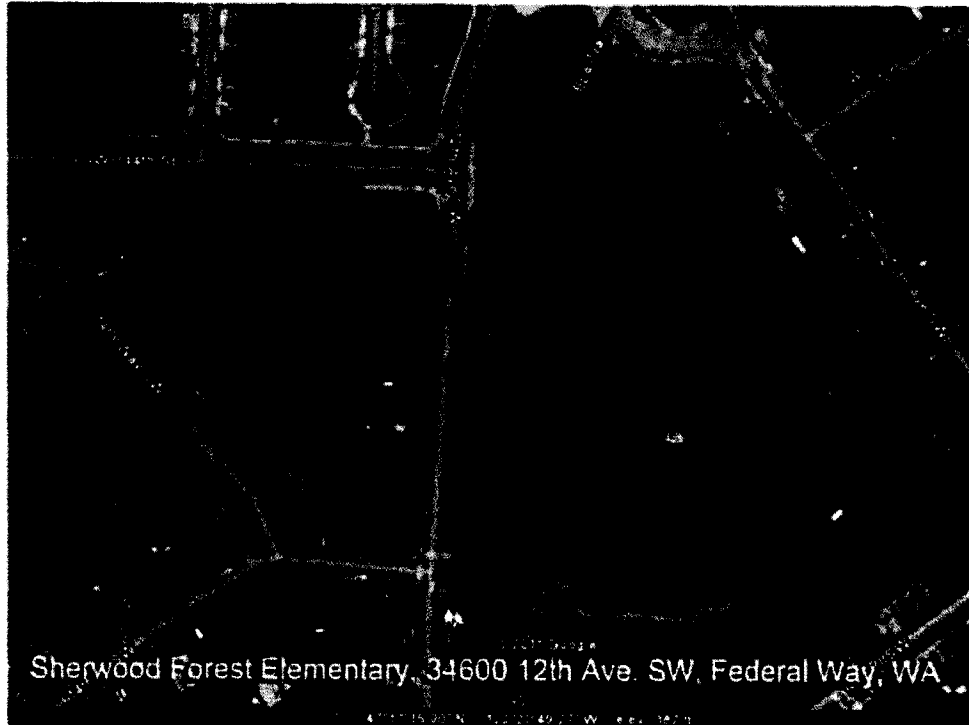
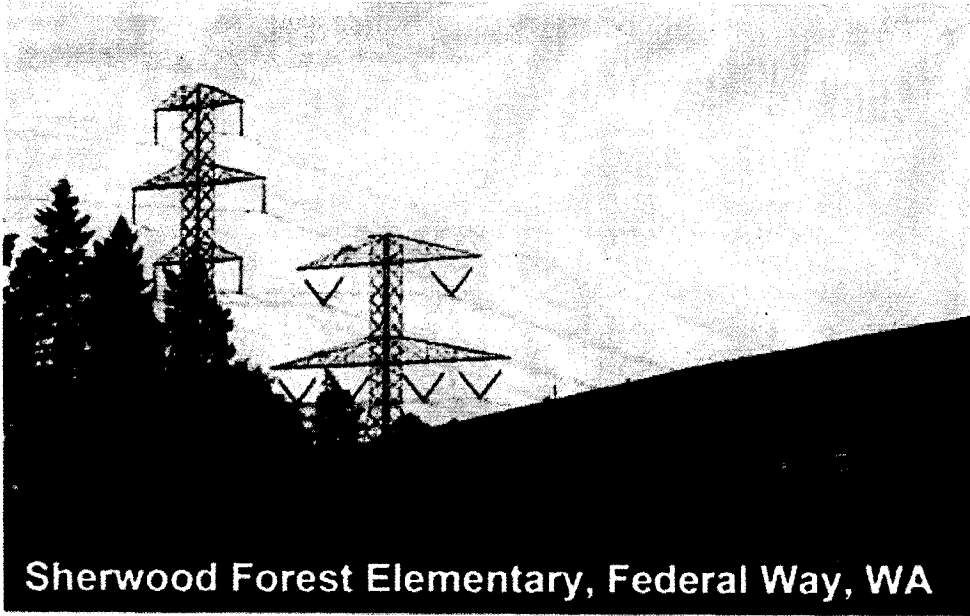
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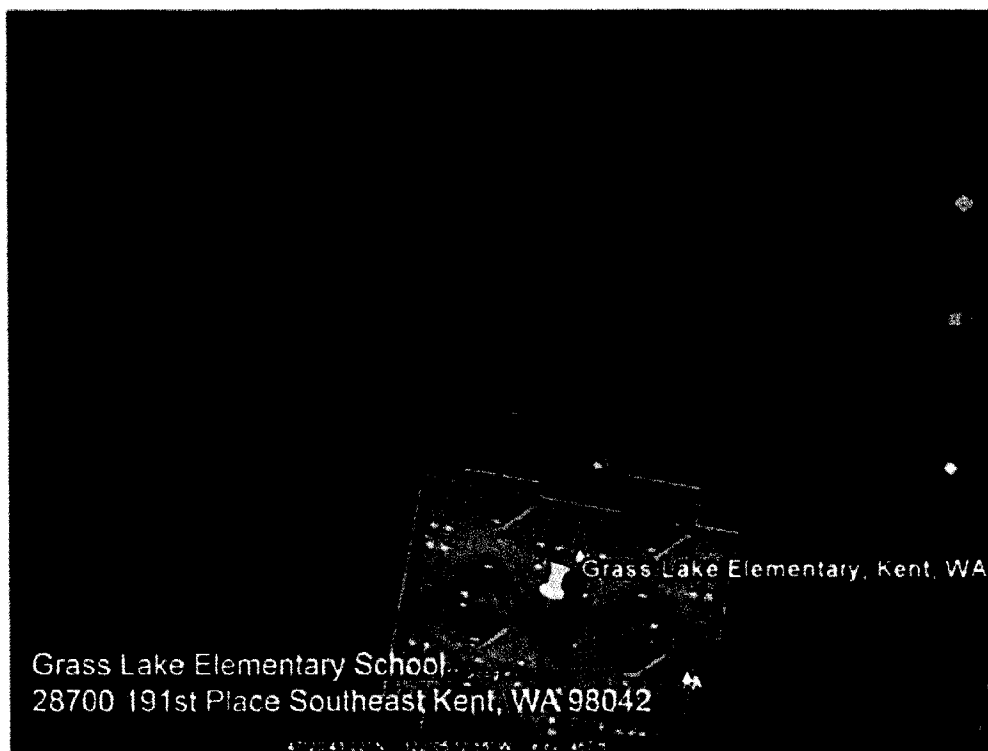
I was able to speak with our Health Officer, Dr. Alan Melnick, this afternoon about your question regarding health effects from EMF exposure from power lines. He said it is often an area of concern in the public; however, there is no scientific evidence of an association between EMF from power lines and cancer. The studies that have shown weak associations between EMF and childhood leukemia have had methodological problems. Laboratory studies have not established a plausible biologic mechanism for health effects from EMF exposures. He is not aware of any investigations of cancer clusters associated with power lines in Clark County.

Again, I hope this information is helpful. Please let know if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks!
-Melanie

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EMF readings are not an issue. A Portland State University study measured readings of 60Hz magnetic fields near 230kV and 500kV transmission lines.

Among the conclusions, the study reports that “...measures are higher for 230kV spans than for 500kV spans because of lower conductor heights”²³.

The study also outlines the advantages of the proposed “delta” configuration for this project and how it will drastically minimize EMF readings.

²³ Survey of Magnetic Fields near BPA 230kV and 500kV Transmission Lines, prepared by Portland State University, Portland, OR

PROPERTY VALUES:

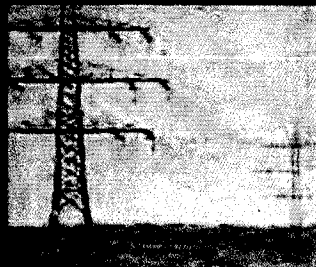
There is little doubt that a new corridor which bisects or quarters private properties will have substantial negative impact on property values.

In contrast, those living along the existing right of way will see minimal if any loss of value.

In an article in "Right of Way" magazine cites a study that shows areas in metropolitan Seattle and Vancouver with transmission line corridors will see little if any decrease in property value. The article states "...high-voltage transmission lines had minimal impacts on residential property values...".²⁴

²⁴ JULY/AUGUST 2000 • RIGHT OF WAY

Impacts on Residential Property Values Along Transmission Lines



An Update Study of Three Pacific Northwest Metropolitan Areas

This article is a sequel to one published in the September 1998 issue (Volume 33, Number 9) of *Right of Way*, using updated parcel sales in three metropolitan areas in the Pacific Northwest (Portland, Vancouver, USA and Seattle) to measure the impact of transmission lines on residential property values. Analysis of the sales data indicates that high-voltage transmission lines had minimal impacts on residential property values in these areas. This updated study uses sales for the years 1994 and 1995, and uses the same data gathering techniques and analysis used in the foregoing study.



PLANNING FOR THE I-5 CORRIDOR REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

During our research, we found steps local governments can take to make sure land use conflicts can be minimized. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin suggests cities, counties and towns do the following:

- Dedicating a strip of land along existing transmission corridors for potential future right-of-way expansions
- Identifying future potential transmission corridors and substation sites in new developments
- Defining set-backs or lot sizes for properties adjacent to transmission lines so that buildings don't constrain future use of the right-of-ways²⁵

These three things have already happened for this project. BPA recognized long ago that the existing transmission corridor would someday need to be upgraded, and the above steps were taken in concert with city and county governments to make the existing right of way the best option in terms of property rights and cost.

²⁵ <http://psc.wi.gov/thelibrary/publications/electric/electric09.pdf>

Electric Transmission Lines



Electricity: From Power Plants to Consumers

The Nature of Electricity

Electricity is generated as it is used. Unlike other commodities, there is very little ability to store electricity. Because of the instantaneous nature of the electric system, constant adjustments must be made to assure that the generation of power matches the consumption of power. The electric system we've grown to depend on is very complex and dynamic, ever adjusting to meet changing needs.

The amount of power on a line at any given moment depends on generation production and dispatch, customer use, the status of other transmission lines and their associated equipment, and even the weather. The transmission system must accommodate changing electricity supply and demand conditions, unexpected outages, planned shutdowns of generators or transmission equipment for maintenance, weather extremes, fuel shortages, and other challenges.

The Transmission Grid

The electrical transmission system is more complex and dynamic than other utility systems, such as water or natural gas. Electricity flows from power plants, through transformers and transmission lines, to substations, distribution lines, and then finally to the electricity consumer (Figure 1). The electric system is highly interconnected.

The interconnectedness of the system means that the transmission grid functions as one entity. Power entering the system flows along all available paths, not just from Point A to Point B. The system does not recognize divisions between service areas, counties, states, or even countries.

The current transmission grid includes not only transmission lines that run from power plants to load centers, but also from transmission line to transmission line, providing a redundant system that helps assure the smooth flow of power. If a transmission line is taken out of service in one part of the power grid, the power normally reroutes itself through other power lines to continue delivering power to the customer.

In essence, the electricity from many power plants is "pooled" in the transmission system and each distribution system draws from this pool. This networked system helps to achieve a high reliability for power delivery since any one power plant only constitutes a fraction of the power being delivered by the power grid to meet the instantaneous demand requirements.

Community Planning

In prior decades, electric transmission lines were constructed from Point A to Point B, in the most direct manner possible with limited concern for communities, crops, natural resources, or private property issues. As these older lines require improvements, they may be rerouted to share corridors with roads and to avoid, where practicable, community and natural resource impacts. At the same time, continued growth in energy usage will require new electric substations and transmission lines to be sited and constructed. New and upgraded electric facilities may impact many communities and many property owners.

To meet future growth, communities often draft plans for sewers, roads, and development districts, but few cities, towns, or counties include transmission lines in their plans. Transmission lines are costly to build and difficult to site. Cities, towns, and counties can help reduce land use conflicts by:

- Dedicating a strip of land along existing transmission corridors for potential future right-of-way expansions,
- Identifying future potential transmission corridors and substation sites in new developments, and
- Defining set-backs or lot sizes for properties adjacent to transmission lines so that buildings don't constrain future use of the right-of-ways.

Being an active participant in the decision-making process will improve the ability of communities to manage future growth and protect their resources.

Advanced Transmission Technologies

Not all new electric transmission technologies are currently ready for commercial use. Many are still in the experimental and prototype stage. The new technologies mostly fall into two categories – new materials that may increase the amount of power that can be safely transferred through right-of-ways, and devices that more finely control the flow of power. New power control devices improve the capacity of existing lines. The disadvantage of many of these new facilities and systems is that they are still being researched and their cost is extremely high.

High-Temperature Superconducting Conductivity (HTS)

The conductors in HTS devices operate at extremely low resistances and can carry five times as much power as traditional copper wires with the same dimensions. This greatly reduces the number of new transmission lines and the amount of new right-of-way required. However, they require refrigeration (generally liquid nitrogen) to super-cool the conductors which increases the maintenance costs and the complexity of the system. A few short demonstration projects have been installed to-date.

Composite Material Conductors

Usually transmission lines contain steel-core cables that support strands of aluminum wires which are the primary conductors of electricity. New cores developed from composite materials reduce the sagging that is associated with the high temperatures when more power goes through the transmission lines. This could be caused by a change in the network or additional generation added in one area. If the right-of-way width is limited, one might change the conductors out but keep the voltage the same. This would be less expensive for a limited number of miles. Life cycle costs of the newer conductors are high. Installation and maintenance procedures continue to be developed because of the difficulty in splicing the different materials while maintaining the necessary strength.



WHAT WE WANT

As landowners along the rural routes, we made a conscious choice to purchase land that was not adjacent to or in the vicinity of a BPA power transmission corridor.

We believe in personal responsibility. We do not believe we should be made to accept this project when we are not the ones who made a decision to live near a transmission corridor.

What we do want is for you to hold BPA accountable in terms of upholding property rights, creating the least impact on ratepayers, not wasting government resources, and protecting our water sources.

We want to believe you are not anti property rights and that you oppose projects that will cost the ratepayer/taxpayer more than it should.

Although you are not the decision maker on this project, we do think it is reasonable for you to take a position that is in line with our core points, for BPA to construct this project:

- In a way that is most economical for citizens in the Clark County, the state of Washington and the entire BPA service area, and that everything is done to keep electric rates as low as possible
- That property rights are respected
- That every step is made to minimize the use of herbicides with cancer-causing compounds

We believe you agree with these points. We ask that you make it known that you support these values.

Up to this point, we feel our views on BPA's project have not been represented. Our membership now has a voice, and you have just read our message.

We would like to see a letter that reinforces our views as outlined above. We understand that you will not write a letter that specifically supports building this project on the existing right of way, lines 9 and 25. Politically, that's not feasible, and we would not ask that of you. What is feasible is a letter that supports property rights, demands the project be built in an economically responsible way, keeps the cost to ratepayers as small as possible and demands BPA stop dangerous herbicides.

These are not controversial viewpoints. We believe a letter can be written in a way that will support these ideas, and will be agreed upon by everyone who might be affected by this project, regardless of where they live.

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 11:39 AM
To: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Trouble with Linemen
Importance: High

FYI - I don't have more details that this e-mail provides.

Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
(503) 230-4413

From: VP DISTRICT 09 [mailto:IVPD_09@IBEW.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:51 AM
To: Cheryl Brantley
Cc: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Jim Luce; orcutt_ed@leg.wa.gov
Subject: RE: Trouble with Linemen
Importance: High

Dear Ms. Brantley,

Thank you for your e-mail and telephone call.

As I told you, Vice President Mowrey is out of the office on business but I will relay your message to him, along with a copy of your e-mail and newsletter.

The alleged actions of these individuals are not acceptable behavior by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at the International level or at the local union level. If there is anyway to identify the men involved, it would certainly make it easier for the Business Manager to contact them and deal with them immediately. I am certain that the Vice President will nevertheless, ask the Business Manager to share your thoughts and newsletter with the appropriate members.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Frank Maio
International Representative
IBEW, Ninth District

916-567-0381
916-567-0385 (Fax)

From: Cheryl Brantley [n Ex 6
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 10:21 AM
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Subject: Trouble with Linemen

11/15/2011

Michael Mowrey, International Vice President
2500 Ventura Oaks Way
Suite 250
Sacramento, CA 95833

Mr. Mowrey,

We had a disturbing incident last weekend at our local summer celebration in Amboy, Washington with some linemen. Our group had a booth at the celebration and we had a petition that was being circulated at this event. Unfortunately, a group of linemen that apparently had too much to drink called one of our petitioners horrible names and told her they tear up our road signs when they see them and that everyone with a sign in front of their home should have their electricity shut off. This kind of behavior is unacceptable.

Mr. Mowrey, we like electricity, we are not against Bonneville Power Administration or this project. We are, however, against a new power line corridor that will cut through our private properties. I have attached our latest newsletter. Would you please circulate this to your linemen in our area so that they read about our issues and understand that our land and our property rights are risk here and we do not deserve the attacks by your linemen on top of everything else.

If Bonneville Power Administration hires from your union and they choose a rural route that cuts through rural private properties, we will have to have these linemen in our communities. I think it best that this kind of ugliness stops before these men come onto our private properties.

Thank you,

Cheryl Brantley
Ex 6
A Better Way for BPA
<http://abetterway4bpa.org>

“Every accomplishment starts with the decision to try.”

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 11:27 AM
To: Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Pierce,Kathy (BPA) - KEC-4
Cc: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Munro,Christy (BPA) - NT-1; Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: newsletter from Cheryl Brantley to A Better Way for BPA

See below for latest update from Cheryl Brantley to her group. Reminder - those of us who met with the other citizen groups leaders are meeting with Cheryl Brantley and others on July 20.

Luanna Grow
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DKE-7
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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 8:52 AM
To: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7
Subject: Early Summer News

A Better Way for BPA!

BPA-YOUR right of way is the RIGHT Way! Join us here: <http://abetterway4bpa.org/>

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Happy summer (finally),

We are meeting with BPA top executives in a few days and I wanted to give you an opportunity to have a question you may have answered by BPA. If we cannot tell you the answer, we will give it our best to get your question answered during this meeting. Please send me an email with your question this week so we can incorporate it into our lists: cheryl@abetterway4bpa.org

We had a awesome group of volunteers who helped at our booth this past weekend acquiring hundreds of signatures to to tell BPA to use their own land. **I talked to numerous residents along BPA's existing corridor of routes 9 and 25 who told me without doubt that BPA should use their own land--these folks even signed our petition telling BPA to use their own land!** A lot of people thought it very comical that we had a booth directly across from the BPA's booth, but we told them we are not against BPA, just a new transmission corridor cutting private properties into pieces and ruining many communities forever. Bottom line, most people got it and agreed! Please read our early summer newsletter: [Summer%202011%20newsletter.pdf](#)

Take care,

Cheryl Brantley

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From: Marker, Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, July 14, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Bingaman, Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4; Adams, Herbert V (BPA) - LC-7; Korsness, Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Johnson, G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Grow, Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: First letter to Rep. Herrera Beutler is signed
Attachments: EXEC-2011-007657_DKR11-0111 response letter to Rep Jaime Herrera Beutler re constituent Manchester.pdf

This is the one concerning Mr. Manchester's complaint. Thanks for your help!



Department of Energy

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JUL 13 2011

In reply refer to: DKR-7

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
Member, United States House of Representatives
General O.O. Howard House
750 Anderson Street, Suite B
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Congresswoman Herrera Beutler:

I am responding to your inquiry to the Department of Energy on behalf of your constituent, Mike Manchester. Mr. Manchester wrote to you regarding his concerns about the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement transmission project. Mr. Manchester said his home and property would be affected if BPA chooses a site on or near his property for the northern substation for the proposed line. Mr. Manchester also urges that BPA build any new substation and transmission line away from populated areas.

BPA is fully engaged in the environmental review and planning for the proposed project. We expect to issue a draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) before the end of this year and then seek additional public comment. In the meantime, BPA continues to meet with landowners and other community organizations with concerns and suggestions for project alternatives. The DEIS we are preparing will address a wide spectrum of alternative routes, including several routing options that have been suggested to us through the public process. We are considering even the most recent comments, including the suggestion to create a new alternative even farther north and east of the alternatives already developed. The DEIS will evaluate the potential environmental impacts, both on natural resources and the human environment, of route alternatives considered in detail in the DEIS.

I am very aware of the uncertainty this proposed project causes for your constituents in Cowlitz and Clark counties. With that uncertainty in mind, BPA is attempting to complete its environmental and alternatives review thoroughly but efficiently. BPA has heard from numerous participants in this process that they do not want to delay or defer a decision.

I also recognize Mr. Manchester's concerns about the potential effect of BPA's siting decisions on his property and potential visual and health issues. These issues are very much part of BPA's environmental review process and will be addressed in the DEIS. Health and human safety along BPA's transmission lines are of paramount importance in routing and design decisions. BPA has also assured landowners that it will pay fair market value for property directly impacted by the transmission project if it is built.

Again, thank you for your inquiry. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Liz Klumpp, BPA's Constituent Account Executive for Washington at 360-943-0157.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Congresswoma Herrera Beutler letter
Attachments: Scan001.PDF

Mark and Liz – I don't know if these were the questions you anticipated from her, but they're quite specific. Who can provide me answers to second and third bullet points? I think I have a previous answer to the first.

Thanks,

Doug

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:02 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2; Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7; Cogswell,Peter - DKR-7; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7; Yoakum,Ann M - DKT-7
Subject: FW: Congresswoma Herrera Beutler letter

Her staff called this morning apologizing for not emailing this sooner. The letter went out last week, so maybe we've received the hard copy already?

Liz

From: Bundy, Keith [mailto:Keith.Bundy@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 8:55 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Congresswoma Herrera Beutler letter

Liz,

As we discussed, attached is a copy of Congresswoman Herrera Beutler's letter to Mr. Wright.

Best,

Keith Bundy
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June 28, 2011

Mr. Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
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Member of Congress

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Subject: Fw: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Fyi

----- Original Message -----

From: Erna Sarasohn [mailto: EX 6
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2011 01:09 PM
To: Stwright@bpa.gov <Stwright@bpa.gov>
Cc: Dr Steven Chu <The.secretary@hq.doe.gov>; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Subject: Herrera Beutler letter on power/ The Columbian Newspaper

Mr Steven Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration

Mr Wright,

I saw an article in the Columbian Newspaper this weekend stating that you sent a reply to Representative Herrera Beutler's June 28, 2011 letter directed to you and I have questions about several of your statements.

You are quoted as saying, "Those include a much wider crossing of the Columbia River near Longview, compared with the proposed Washington routes that cross the river NEAR Camas." Isn't it correct any selected route will go THROUGH Camas and not NEAR Camas?

According to the article, you also stated "In May, the BPA identified four routes that stretch through different parts of Clark and Cowlitz counties, ranging from a "west alternative" that comes NEAR Vancouver to an "east alternative" that runs east of Yacolt and continues down the eastern edge of Clark County." Mr Wright, the west alternative does not come NEAR Vancouver, it runs through the most densely populated area of Clark County and THROUGH the City of Vancouver.

Doug Johnson is quoted as saying "Before that happens, the BPA will compile a full count of houses along the proposed routes-another request of Herrera Beutler's. That count could be completed by the end of September, Johnson said." I would like to know the criteria for counting a house, is it 500 ft from the lines? Do you agree if you can see the tower from your home/ property, you should be counted as there is no doubt whatsoever that it will lower the value of your property. We have been told by professional appraisers if you are close to the line, your property will drop as much as 40% and if you are further away but can see the towers, 30% to 10%, depending on the distance.

I will appreciate any clarification you can provide to my questions

Erna Sarasohn
Citizens Against the Towers
Another Way BPA
Yale Valley Coalition

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From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 8:38 AM
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Cc: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Latest e-mail update from A Better Way for BPA

FYI only -

Cheryl Brantley's latest message to her group list encouraged property owners to document potential impacts to their property before the scheduled release of our draft EIS in late fall.

An example of a presentation to BPA is on the front page of their website:

http://abetterway4bpa.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=177:presentations-by-you-the-property-owner-to-bpa&catid=70:latest-news

She also included a link to the following article about underground transmission lines. The article focuses on how expensive underground transmission can be, but finally gets to other drawbacks and benefits in the second page. Here's the link: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Underground-lines-can-inspire-sticker-shock-2154703.php#page-1>

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To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Weiss,Steven D (BPA) - DKR-7; Ball,Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Subject: recent messages from A Better Way for BPA

Cheryl Brantley is the leader for citizen group A Better Way for BPA.

She sent the message below to her member list this weekend. She is encouraging her members to contact their elected representatives multiple times a week with the following messages:

If BPA builds on land it currently does not own, the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project will

- Lead to electrical rate increases throughout the four state BPA service area
- Deny property owners their right to make decisions about the future of their own property
- Have a detrimental impact on funding for schools in the State of Washington
- Cut properties in half or quarters rendering land useless for private property owners and private tree farmers
- Create permanent devastation to the environment

These are examples of comments her members sent her:

"I doesn't matter how many homes are on the existing ROW. They are already near powerlines. The only home count that matters is how many ADDITIONAL homes would be affected by each of the routes:

west: ZERO (this is the existing ROW)
central: 213
east: 197
crossover: 408."

"This staggering fact that Jammie Herera advocates taking private land might just be the stick of dynamite that gets more people fired up. That and the housing statistics you just e-mailed. **Please send a follow up e-mail with info on how and where to write to her and anyone else we need to send our "fired up" comments to.** "

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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 01, 2011 12:01 AM
To: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7
Subject: Numbers are in, are your property rights important to you?

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A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

Hi,

As we move forward into the fall of 2011, we are facing not only BPA trying to take our land, but our U.S. Representative endorsing it.

Our 3rd Congressional Representative called on BPA to find the **"Number of property owners or parcels near and within the right-of-way along each route."**

We met with Mrs. Herrera Beutler in June. She confided in us that she would be meeting with BPA soon. With this information, we asked her to ask this vital question of BPA : **"The number of private property parcels that would lose land to BPA along each of the proposed routes"** We reiterated this to her and her staff several times to no avail. Obviously none of them cared to hear us.

Well, today we received the numbers from BPA that our U.S. Representative requested.

Are your property rights important to you? If they are, you really should take to heart and hear what I was advised today from a land rights leader regarding this situation: **"Every impacted property owner must be involved in order to prove to the BPA that it must utilize its own real property for the line and not those properties belonging to others."**

What our U.S. Representative is telling BPA to do is to **"build the line across as little private property as possible and as far east and away from population centers as possible,"** This isn't telling BPA to do what's right and to not take private properties. This is outright advocating for the loss of our real property and our property rights!

Don't you think our elected officials should be advocating BPA to use the LAND IT ALREADY OWNS and to NOT TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTY?

It's up to you, no one can do this for you. If you don't get busy and write our elected officials and BPA to leave your property alone, BPA will only have one choice, and that's to choose one of the least populated routes as noted below.

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Received late today from BPA:

We now have information on the number of houses along our four proposed route alternatives. We'll include this information in our environmental analysis. Land use is only one of many factors we consider as we compare the alternatives. We care how people could be impacted, and this information is an important part of our analysis. There are many issues we evaluate, including human and environmental impacts, electrical need, and economic considerations.

Number of houses near route alternatives				
From edge of right of way*	West	Central	East	Crossover
50 feet	174	14	15	29
100 feet	323	26	25	59
300 feet	1,526	173	157	320
500 feet	3,032	327	286	657

* Right of way is typically a 150-foot wide easement. Power line and towers are placed within the right of way.

Notes: This is preliminary data and may be updated in the future. Housing counts are only one of many factors we consider when comparing alternative routes. There are many issues we evaluate including human and environmental impacts, electrical

need, and economic considerations.

Cheryl Brantley
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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:14 AM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Housing/Parcel Count

FYI

Maryam Asgharian
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-----Original Message-----

From: Erna Sarasohn [mailto:leserna1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2011 11:06 AM
To: Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Cc: Keith Bundy; Ryan Hart
Subject: Housing/Parcel Count

Greetings Maryam,

I am sorry to bother you again but I noticed Representative Herrera Beutler requested "The number of property owners or parcels near and within the right of way along each route" in her June 28, 2011 letter to Mr Wright. When BPA provided the count Sept 30, 2011, it appears the count is a housing only count. Did BPA provide a separate count of parcels near and within the right of way along each route in a separate document? If yes, will you please e mail me a copy. If it has not been given to the Congresswoman, when will BPA provide the information as requested by Representative Herrera Beutler?

I also noticed that no counts were given for any of the "option" routes that BPA is considering in the DEIS. I believe if Representative Herrera Beutler realized there are segments on the map that are not attached to one of the four routes, she would also have requested a count for the number of those property owners or parcels as it is impacting those citizens lives just as much as it is impacting the lives of the people living near the four routes. When these figures are provided to the Congresswoman, I will appreciate your sending me a copy.

Thank you Maryam, as always, your time is appreciated.

Erna

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From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 8:02 AM
To: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Cc: Baskerville,Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: FW: Early Fall Newsletter

FYI - key points from newsletter from A Better Way for BPA (link below):
The group believes Herrera Beutler has taken a position against the rural landowner and property rights.
They urge BPA not to select a preferred alternative this fall in the draft EIS because they believe we have not had enough time to evaluate the routes.
They include a copy of the letter we received from Cantwell and Murray yesterday, saying they agree with their US Senators.

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Hi again,

See our early fall newsletter for news about BPA's I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project and what our elected officials are saying (better yet, what they're not saying). Click here: [Early%20Fall%202011%20newsletter.pdf](#)

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Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 8:36 AM
To: Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Wittpenn, Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Korsness, Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Cc: Marker, Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Baskerville, Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Subject: FW: Your input is requested

Latest from A Better Way for BPA - asking people to provide us information on what areas they want us to focus on in DEIS and meeting formats they recommend.

Luanna Grow
Acting Manager, Public Communications
DKE-7
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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 12:00 PM
To: Grow, Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Your input is requested

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Hi,

BPA is asking for your input on how you want to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

Because the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be several hundred pages, BPA wants to provide summaries or links to specific chapters for the areas that are most important and are of most interest to you. They're asking for your input. If there is anything missing in the below list that you would like to see added, please let me know and I'll get that to them.

Property - land valuation, compensation, access/surveying
Route selection process
Human health effects - EMP
Visual impacts
Project schedule
Impacts to natural environment - water, vegetation, fish & wildlife
Public process
Purpose and need

They are also asking for suggestions for their upcoming meeting formats once the DEIS is released, any thoughts? I'll be sure to get your answer to them.

Thanks,
Cheryl

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Cc: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Subject: Latest citizen group message from A Better Way for BPA!

The latest message from this citizen group:

- Reinforces their previous messages that BPA should use existing rights-of-way rather than cut through new private properties on other routes.
- Asserts that the Crossover Alternative would be cheap to build because we own some of the rights already, but it would still require new rights across public and private properties in the southern half of the project.
- Continues to encourage members to write/call congress and BPA.

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From: A Better Way for BPA! [mailto:mail@abetterway4bpa.ning.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 1:10 PM
To: Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Landowner Alert!

A Better Way for BPA!

Working To Preserve Our Land And Our Landowner Rights

A message to all members of A Better Way for BPA!

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Are landowner rights important to you?

Do you think it's okay to have a federal agency take private properties when the federal agency has enough of its own land to use?

Take a look at the link below with the BPA map from May 2011 to see what routes are being addressed in this Landowner Alert! http://abetterway4bpa.org/index.php?option=com_docman&task=cat_view&gid=79&Itemid=77

BPA surveyors have been busy for months looking at the routes along BPA's Crossover Alternative. From reports from landowners, they are in the area of route 18 now surveying.

All of BPA's rural routes are important to us; however, BPA's Crossover Alternative has been very

concerning to us throughout this project and it should be concerning to you as well.

If BPA chooses these routes, hundreds of private properties will be cut into pieces and these beautiful areas will be forever damaged by a new transmission corridor. Other than BPA using their existing corridor along routes 9 and 25 in their entirety, the Crossover Alternative would be the least expensive route for BPA to take, by using some of the land they already own along route 9 and then north of Woodland cutting east, via the Green Mountain community. The Crossover Alternative would avoid the "population centers" as our elected officials have requested of BPA.

To make things worse, people advocating for the mythical "unpopulated grey" route are advocating for BPA to use the "O" route, which would cut through private properties to make way into and out of corporate and State lands. These people have now admitted that their route has homes and private properties on it, but have not publicly come forth with how many private properties their "unpopulated" route would cut through.

WHEN DID IT BECOME OKAY FOR OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ENCOURAGE A FEDERAL AGENCY TO TAKE PRIVATE PROPERTIES WHEN THE FEDERAL AGENCY HAS ENOUGH OF ITS OWN LAND TO USE?

The dirty little secret only we have exposed and some people don't want you to know is that BPA owns most of the land along routes 9 and 25. BPA would only need to purchase an estimated 9 acres of rural forested and agricultural land along these routes. No land would need to be taken in any neighborhoods along routes 9 and 25.

What You Can Do---Call Congress Now---Write BPA Now!

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The question for U.S Representative Herrera-Buetler and U.S Senators Murray and Cantwell and any other elected official is simple: **Do you support the idea of BPA (a federal agency) TAKING over 1,300 acres of land it does not own when it already has plenty of its own land set aside for this project?**

Anything different than a simple "no" answer is anti property-rights, pure and simple.

A "no" answer affirms the property rights of the hundreds of property owners who will lose actual property if BPA is successful in gobbling up these new properties. BPA is in the process of evaluating which properties to use for its project. NOW is the time to make your voice heard.

If BPA builds on land it currently does not own, the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project will

- Lead to electrical rate increases throughout the four state BPA service area
- Deny property owners their right to make decisions about the future of their own property
- Have a detrimental impact on funding for schools in the State of Washington
- Cut properties in half or quarters rendering land useless for private property owners and private tree farmers
- Create permanent devastation to the environment

Here is what you need to do

Don't wait. Call now. Fax now.

You will win if you keep the pressure on Congress. But you must act now. Don't sit back and assume someone else will do it.

You are actually winning. BPA has already changed its tune regarding its own land. With the pressure you put on our Congress to do more, BPA will have no choice but to do the right thing and support property rights.

You must make more calls and send more faxes and e-mails to your Congresswoman and both Senators.

Action Items

- 1.** Please paste a copy of this e-mail on your refrigerator door with a magnet or tape. Remember to call at least three times over the next two weeks.

- 2.** Vital: Copy and paste this blog and send it to your entire e-mail list. Let networking work. It is so important it must **go viral**. It must be spread by you widely if you are to compete successfully with the BPA and its efforts to control your land. Use your Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and other social networking services to spread the word.

- 3. a.** Call U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler
Washington DC office: 202-225-3536
Vancouver office: 360-695-6292
Fax: 202-225-3478

- b.** Call U.S. Senator Patty Murray
Washington DC office: 866-481-9186 (Toll Free)
Vancouver office: 360-696-7797
Fax: 360-224-0238

- c.** Call U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell
Washington DC office: 202-224-3441
Vancouver office: 360-696-7838
Fax: 360-228-0154

Ask for the person who handles Bonneville Power Administration, Electric Transmission and Property Rights issues. Tell them they must stop BPA from seizing property it does not own for this project and respect the rights of property owners. Make sure you ask for the e-mail address of the staff person to follow up, and be sure and leave your name, address and email.

To contact other elected officials, you can find the mailing addresses on our more current website:
http://abetterway4bpa.org/index.php?option=com_contact&view=cat...

- 4.** Write BPA and tell them to do the right thing by using their own land: <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/i-5-eis/ecomment.cfm>

- 5.** Visit abetterway4bpa.org for the latest information and other important steps you can take to protect your property rights.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Cc: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: DKR11-0062 I-5 Wright ltr to counties draft of Aug 23.doc

Thank you. I'll start on it right away.

From: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Miller,Lori E - DKR-7
Cc: Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Subject: DKR11-0062 I-5 Wright ltr to counties draft of Aug 23.doc

This has a paragraph added at Steve's request. I ran it by Donna Oden-Orr, so we can replace the versions that are on Steve's desk.

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Hildreth, Shari [Shari.Hildreth@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Meeting with Better Way BPA

Hi Liz,

Is it possible to arrange a meeting with myself, the Better Way BPA board, and yourself, or other staff who are working on the BPA I-5 issue, on November 9th, anytime after 1pm? Just as an aside, I am now taking over that issue since Keith is no longer with our office. In addition to the meeting request, I would also very much appreciate a briefing on this issue since I haven't really been involved. Would it be possible to meet with you on a date prior to the 9th?

Thank you!

Shari Hildreth
Deputy District Director
Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03)
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To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Stauffer,Nicki (BPA) - A-7; Hage,Bonnie J (BPA) - K-7; Baskerville,Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Jones,Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Baltimore-Bey,Ebony A (CONTR) - DKN-WASH; Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Gastineau,Betty J (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Brookshire,Sherry S (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7; Bodi,Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Kerr,Mary K (BPA) - KE-4; Roach,Randy A (BPA) - L-7; Willard,Barbara M (BPA) - L-7; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Winn,Kim S (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: Incoming correspondence #2011-162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Attachments: #2011-0162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Project.pdf

This has been ASSIGNED to Liz Klumpp.

Everyone else please print for yourselves.

Thank you!



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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

October 13, 2011

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 NE 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

RECEIVED BY BPA ADMINISTRATOR'S OFC-LOG #: 2011-0162
RECEIPT DATE: 10/14/2011
DUE DATE: 11/4/2011

Dear Administrator Wright:

We write regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project, which involves the construction of a new electric transmission line from the Castle Rock area in Cowlitz County, Washington to Troutdale, Oregon.

It has been 41 years since the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) built a high-voltage transmission line in southwest Washington. Since then, the population in southwest Washington has more than doubled. Businesses and industries have grown along the I-5 corridor, resulting in substantial economic development. We understand that BPA believes additional high-voltage transmission capacity in southwest Washington is necessary to continue providing reliable electricity service to citizens and businesses, and capacity for future economic growth.

We appreciate your work to ensure continued low-cost, reliable electricity service for the northwest and Washington State. It is the economic backbone for our region. While these benefits must be maintained, we share the concerns that many of my constituents have raised regarding possible locations for the new transmission line.

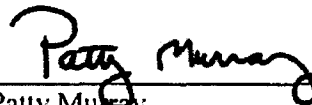
We understand that BPA has undertaken substantial efforts to engage local residents as part of the public comment process required by the National Environmental Policy Act in drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project. We are pleased that BPA extended the comment period at our request for the initial scoping of the environmental review process to allow more residents to participate. It is also important that affected residents have ample time outside of the busy holiday season to offer comments on the Draft EIS (DEIS) that is expected to be released in the coming months. To this end, we respectfully request that you postpone the release of the DEIS until January 2012 at the earliest.

While an exact route for the proposed transmission line has not been chosen, we urge you to carefully listen to local residents' concerns and identify a solution that has the smallest impact on property owners as possible. We look forward to hearing from you as the public process for identifying an appropriate route for the proposed transmission line continues.

Sincerely,



Maria Cantwell
United States Senator



Patty Murray
United States Senator

ASSIGN: Liz Klumpp, DKR-WSGL
cc: FO3, DKN/Wash, DKR-7, KE-4, L-7, T-DITT2,
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From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 4:15 PM
To: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Milstein,Michael C (BPA) - DK-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Cc: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Subject: RE: For review - proposed web update

Not sure why we create partial lists, for instance calling out wetlands and recreation in the answer but excluding lots of other stuff.

I would recommend changing that part of the answer to what you have as Notes at the bottom which is what I had at the bottom of my housing count spread sheet, which is based on the August 2010 "how route options are evaluated...."
"BPA evaluates how people and the environment could be impacted, along with considering the electrical need and reliability and economics. Housing counts are only a few of many things used to compare alternatives." I would strike last sentence in answer. Personal preference only though. For your consideration.....

Thanks.....Mark

From: Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 10:54 AM
To: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7; Milstein,Michael C - DK-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL; Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4
Cc: Marker,Douglas R - DKR-7
Subject: For review - proposed web update

This would replace the existing spotlight question on the I-5 homepage and would be added to the FAQ list. Suggestions?

Spotlight question

Q: Does BPA have housing counts for route alternatives?

A: Yes. We now have draft data for number of houses (*will link to a separate page with the table and notes below*) along our four proposed route alternatives. We'll include this information in our draft environmental impact statement as an element of land use. Land use is one of many factors we consider as we review alternatives for projects. BPA evaluates how people and the environment could be impacted, along with considering the electrical need and reliability and economics. We also consider social and economic factors as well as impacts to wetlands, wildlife, water quality and recreation.

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Notes: This is draft data only. Other alternatives can be developed by grouping line segments in different

ways. BPA evaluates how people and the environment could be impacted, along with considering the electrical need and reliability and economics. Housing counts are only a few of many things used to compare alternatives.

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2011 4:40 PM
To: Wolcott,Marian (BPA) - TER-3; Bottemiller,Steven C (BPA) - TERS-3; Woolson,Paul B (BPA) - TERR-OLYMPIA; Dostert,Dawneen M (BPA) - TERR-LMT; Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Jaramillo,Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Ball,Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Grover,John J (BPA) - TELP-TPP-3; Smith,Philip W (BPA) - KEP-4; George,Kevin B (BPA) - KEP-4; Pierce,Kathy (BPA) - KEC-4; Adams,Herbert V (BPA) - LC-7; Sheppard,Charles A (BPA) - TFBV-DOB1; Tompkins,Ed (BPA) - TFBV-LMT; Montero,Miguel A - TESD-CSB-2; Tippetts,Greg P (BPA) - KEPR-4; Liebhaber,Danna J (BPA) - TEL-TPP-3; York,Charles E (BPA) - TELC-TPP-3; Rydell,Kendall A (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Radcliff,Tony P (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Larvick,Carol M (BPA) - TPM-OPP-3; Duncan,Stephen C (BPA) - TERS-3; Ikakoula,Corrina A (BPA) - DKT-7; Swedo,Robert L (BPA) - DKR-SPOKANE; Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Howell,Kim J (BPA) - TF-DOB-1; Frost,David L (BPA) - TFVB-LONGVIEW; Underwood,F Darrel (BPA) - TFO-OLYMPIA; Weiss,Steven D (BPA) - DKR-7
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Subject: Heads up: I-5 PDEIS Review

Early next week you will receive another email inviting you to review the I-5 PDEIS electronically on Sharepoint. This next email will contain more information and instruction on how to review.

The schedule allows two weeks for your review so please set aside some time in your schedule for this purpose (pretty much the first 2 weeks in November). If you need help determining where you might spend your time given your expertise, please let me know.

If I've forgotten anyone who you know should be on the distribution list, please let me know so I can remember to include them on the next email. I don't feel like I have thoroughly included Field Services.

Thank you, Nancy

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From: Jones, Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 2:39 PM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Re: Incoming correspondence #2011-162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Hello Liz - This means that the final response is due to DOE by the 9th. However, before that happens the letter must go through DOE Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs before Steve signs the final response.

From: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2011 09:13 AM
To: Jones, Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Subject: RE: Incoming correspondence #2011-162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

Hi Sheron,

I've got this one since Doug is gone. Does Steve Wright need to sign response by November 9? Or does the due date mean something else?

Thanks.

Liz Klumpp
360-943-01057

From: Jones, Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 9:27 AM
To: Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Stauffer, Nicki (BPA) - A-7; Hage, Bonnie J (BPA) - K-7; Baskerville, Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Baltimore-Bey, Ebony A (CONTR) - DKN-WASH; Silverstein, Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Gastineau, Betty J (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl, Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Brookshire, Sherry S (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Cogswell, Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Bodi, Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Kerr, Mary K (BPA) - KE-4; Roach, Randy A (BPA) - L-7; Willard, Barbara M (BPA) - L-7; Marker, Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Winn, Kim S (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: RE: Incoming correspondence #2011-162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

The attached document has been controlled by ES. Please make sure you send me the draft TAC response for CI concurrence. Also note due date of November 9th.

<< File: EXEC-2011-Letter to BPA from Senators Cantwell and Murray regarding the I-5 Project.pdf >>

Thank you

Sheron M. Jones
Bonneville Power Administration
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From: Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

Sent: Monday, October 17, 2011 2:10 PM

To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL

Cc: Stauffer,Nicki (BPA) - A-7; Hage,Bonnie J (BPA) - K-7; Baskerville,Sonya L (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Jones,Sheron M (BPA) - DKN-WASH; Baltimore-Bey,Ebony A (CONTR) - DKN-WASH; Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Gastineau,Betty J (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Brookshire,Sherry S (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7; Bodi,Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Kerr,Mary K (BPA) - KE-4; Roach,Randy A (BPA) - L-7; Willard,Barbara M (BPA) - L-7; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Winn,Kim S (BPA) - DK-7

Subject: Incoming correspondence #2011-162 Senators Cantwell and Murray re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project

This has been ASSIGNED to Liz Klumpp.

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Thank you!

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From: Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7
Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 4:28 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Cc: Stauffer,Nicki (BPA) - A-7; Hage,Bonnie J (BPA) - K-7; Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Brookshire,Sherry S (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Campbell,Geri A (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Incoming Correspondence: #2011-0168 Clark County Commissioners re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project re Support Delay of Draft EIS-Constituent Concerns
Attachments: #2011-0168 Clark County Commissioner re I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project re Support Delay of Draft EIS-Constituent Concerns.pdf

This has been ASSIGNED to Liz Klumpp, DKR-WSGL.

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Thank you!

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B A C.C. DOC # 2011-0168 DKR'S
RECEIPT DATE: 10/26/11
DUE DATE: 11/15/11

October 24, 2011

Stephen J. Wright, Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
905 N.E. 11th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232

Dear Mr. Wright,

As you are aware, the Board of County Commissioners takes seriously the Bonneville Power Administration's proposal to build a new transmission line through Clark County. The board has written numerous letters to your agency requesting information and held joint meetings with BPA regarding the siting process. As a cooperating agency, Clark County has appreciated BPA's willingness to answer questions and provide information. In that spirit, we write today hoping to get answers to residents' recent questions. We also write to reaffirm positions we have taken regarding your project.

Recently, the board received a copy of a letter Washington's Senator Patty Murray and Senator Maria Cantwell sent you requesting that release of the project's final draft EIS be delayed. We add our support to that Oct. 13, 2011 request, and ask BPA to make public its decision about when it will release the draft EIS. We agree with our senators that concluding the draft's comment period during the holiday season is not in the best interest of our constituents.

Also, we understand your agency is considering adding another alternative route, dubbed the "gray line," to the November 2010 project map. Is BPA indeed considering the addition of another alternative? If so, will BPA officially amend the map of alternatives to include the gray line? We reaffirm our opinion that BPA also should study the Pearl Alternatives. Their inclusion would complete a fair and proper scope of alternatives for the National Environmental Policy Act process.

Regarding the NEPA process and alternatives studied for the EIS, the Board of County Commissioners requests a formal update regarding BPA's progress on the "non-wires" panel work. We know residents are excited, hopeful and confused about future outcomes and the intent of this work. We believe the process could be more transparent. With Portland General Electric building additional transmission capacity for its customers, slow economic growth and a strong public awareness of energy conservation, many people are focusing on the "no-action" or "no-build" alternative as a viable alternative.

ASSIGN: Liz Klumpp, DKR-WSGL
cc: FO3; DK; DKR; TE; TEP; Maryam Asgharian,
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The board would like to know if BPA intends to use the “non-wires” panel conclusions as its “no-action” or “no-build” alternative in the EIS for NEPA? If not, why not? How does the “non-wires” work differ from work and research done for a “no-build” alternative? If the “non-wires” work proves a new transmission line could be delayed five years or more, would the project be put on hold?

BPA has said the draft EIS will propose mitigation measures to avoid and reduce impacts on Clark County residents. Will those mitigation measures be route-specific only for the preferred alternative or are they measures that will benefit all Clark County residents for bearing the burden of another line through their county? Will the Board of County Commissioners be apprised of suggested mitigation measures prior to the release of the draft EIS? The board hopes that as a cooperating agency, Clark County would be invited to talk with BPA about potential mitigation measures for its residents.

Finally, we appreciate and find useful the work that BPA did to determine housing numbers impacted on the edge of the right of way for each route. We believe that the number of impacted homes within five hundred feet should be the focus for BPA when making determinations about a preferred alternative. Has BPA done a similar study for the Pearl Alternatives? If not, will it do one? We reaffirm our position that it was improper for BPA to administratively remove the Pearl Alternatives from the scope of the EIS. BPA’s own research shows that most of the need for future load growth is driven by Oregon users and that the Pearl Alternatives would impact a fewer number of homes.

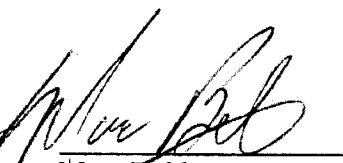
Thank you for your attention to these questions. Our inquiry follows our repeated call for BPA to establish a citizen advisory panel to formalize communication and efficiently distribute information during the siting process. The transmission line issue is important, complex and of considerable concern to the people living along the proposed routes. We think many questions residents here continue to ask will be better served and answered through a more formal public process.

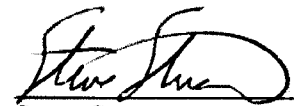
Again, we greatly appreciate BPA’s willingness to answer questions and provide information throughout this process. We respectfully ask that BPA works to reach a decision that respects property rights by building a transmission line that would impact the fewest property owners possible.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,


Tom Mielke, Chair


Marc Boldt


Steve Stuart

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 2:29 PM
To: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Weyerhaeuser letter to Steve Wright
Attachments: BPA Letter -signature SEPT2011.pdf

Wanted to let you all know that Anthony Chavez with Weyerhaeuser called to check on the status of this letter and the request for a meeting between two Weyerhaeuser executives and Steve Wright. I told Anthony I'd call him back early next week to let him know the status. I am assuming this will be added to the comment record and the meeting request will be handled on a separate track.

Just want all of you to be in on the fun. Also, want whoever pinch hits for Doug M at the Administrator's call to be able to discuss.

Have a great long weekend. I know I will.

Doug Johnson
Bonneville Power Administration
503-230-5840

From: Chavez, Anthony [mailto:Anthony.Chavez@weyerhaeuser.com]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2011 2:23 PM
To: Johnson,G Douglas - DKPM-7
Subject: Weyerhaeuser letter to Steve Wright

Doug,

Nice chatting with you this afternoon. Per our conversation, attached is the letter we mailed to Steve Wright on September 20th regarding the I-5 reinforcement project. As you will see at the end of the letter we have requested a face-to-face meeting with Steve Wright and two of our senior executives.

Thanks for the help and look forward to talking to you soon.

Take care.

-Anthony

Anthony Chavez

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September 20, 2011

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator
Bonneville Power Administration
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Dear Mr. Wright:

I am writing to you on behalf of Weyerhaeuser Company to express concern with BPA's I-5 Reinforcement Improvement project and potential significant adverse impacts on our timberland operations. We evaluate this initiative from an integrated perspective as both significant timberlands as well as multiple manufacturing operations will be affected by this project. Our manufacturing complex in Longview employs approximately 1,500 employees, produces a variety of finished goods for both domestic and global customers, and is a vital component of the local southwestern Washington economy. The energy demand from this complex makes us BPA's largest non-DSI load. In addition to our diversified manufacturing assets, we also own approximately 425,000 acres of timberlands, which make up our St. Helens Tree Farm. As an energy-intensive manufacturer, the company clearly recognizes the need for improved transmission capacity in southwestern Washington, but achieving improved transmission capacity cannot result in the loss of productive commercial timberlands. Unfortunately, new routes for BPA's I-5 Reinforcement Improvement project are likely to have a significant adverse effect on our timberlands operations and therefore, the only acceptable route to Weyerhaeuser is expansion of the existing right-of-way.

Our southwestern Washington timberland holdings in both Clark and Cowlitz counties represent some of the company's most valuable and globally strategic timberlands. All of the proposed alternative transmission routes, with the exception of the expansion of the existing right-of-way, will be sited in the core of our St. Helens Tree Farm. The first concern is the permanent loss of the timberlands that need to be cleared for the creation of the new right-of-way. In addition, land on either side of the transmission lines will effectively have to be taken out of production as well, multiplying our loss. Due to safety requirements and other operational constraints, productive timberlands in and around the right-of-way will have to be set aside or will be very difficult to manage at best. We have extensive experience managing around transmission lines and, it is difficult to think of anything that is more disruptive to our operations on a permanent basis. Attached you will find a detailed list of the impacts to our lands.

In addition to the concerns with our timberland holdings, Weyerhaeuser is also troubled by the impact increased energy costs associated with the building of new transmission routes will have on our manufacturing operations. Although the increased costs for this project would be spread across the BPA

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system, as the largest non-DSI load, our integrated manufacturing complex is sure to experience a noticeable increase in energy costs. Our manufacturing facilities operate in an extremely competitive global market and an increase in energy costs will make it that much more challenging for our manufacturing operations to stay competitive in this depressed economic climate compared to other global suppliers operating in countries where labor, raw materials and energy are all less costly. The company supports the need for improved transmission capacity, but it is critical that the cost implications of this project be given serious consideration before making a decision on a route.

The only viable transmission route Weyerhaeuser can support is expansion of the existing right-of-way. In sum, all the other proposed routes would:

- Result in the permanent loss of some of the company's most productive timberlands,
- Significantly impact woodlands operations in the vicinity of the lines,
- Create safety and fire hazards, and
- Likely increase energy costs at our integrated manufacturing operations in Longview, reducing our ability to compete in our core markets, namely, Japan, China and Korea.

In addition, the expansion of the existing right-of-way contains the distinct advantage of being the most economic alternative for all ratepayers as it is the lowest cost option.

I respectfully request your careful consideration of the negative economic consequences to Weyerhaeuser's operations, particularly with the challenges of the current economic recession. To continue a more in-depth dialogue on the issues raised in this letter, Tom Gideon, Executive Vice President for Timberlands and Shaker Chandrasekaran, Senior Vice President for Cellulose Fibers, will be requesting a meeting with you as soon as can be arranged. If you have any questions, I would be more than happy to speak with you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dan Fulton
President and Chief Executive Officer
Weyerhaeuser Company

Enclosure

cc: Shaker Chandrasekaran – CH 5A
Tom Gideon – CH 5F

Additional Weyerhaeuser Timberlands Operational Concerns

Concern	BPA Restriction	Impact
Cutting/Harvesting/Road building/excavation	Activity adjacent to R/W must be approved through BPA notification process	Administrative burden, adds to planning and notification timeline
Harvesting (cable/ground)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must maintain min. 20' line clearance, no tailholds under the lines • 14' above ground height limit for equipment moving under the power lines • No equipment fueling within the R/W (no flammable storage allowed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landing locations are precluded from within the BPA R/W. Harvest plan configured to minimize risk of electrical arc. • Additional road building/landing construction • From our experience, direct logging costs are approximately 20% higher on power line adjacent harvest units
Road Building/Rock Pits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No blasting within 1000' of R/W without BPA permission • Electrical blasting methods are not allowed 	Rock pits are scattered throughout the ownership, risk of fly rock hitting towers/lines must be mitigated. Restricted zone goes well beyond area of the actual R/W (1000' each side)
Moving/Parking Vehicles	No parking within R/W, must physically ground vehicle with chain/cable directly to the soil to prevent shock.	Grounding requirements apply to any equipment or vehicle within the R/W. In addition, heavy truck traffic under dusty conditions can create arc hazard to equipment and personnel.
Increased Non-WY Traffic	BPA and contractors will have rights to 24/7 access within the R/W	Added safety risk associated with non-WY personnel travelling within our ownership during active operations.
Trespassers	No fences or gates allowed within R/W	BPA R/W creates access point for trespassers and attractive nuisance issues—motorcycles, quads, 4x4's, and etc.
Smoke	BPA must be notified prior to any burning activity "near" a R/W	Slash or pile burning operationally restricted, risk of smoke arc very high. Must pile or mitigate slash issues through other means (mechanical removal or piling)
Regeneration	No tree planting within R/W, adjacent planting to R/W must meet clearance requirements	Regeneration is limited well beyond the physical R/W width—a 120' tree, at harvest, cannot be safely felled if it's grown within 140' from the edge of the R/W
Changes in Safety Codes, environmental and other rules	Since the RW and towers exist essentially in perpetuity, we are subject to the rule changes that occur over time	Creates uncertainty in harvest planning and what type of equipment is required for logging
Invasive Species	BPA manages vegetation control to a 10' height standard within R/W—brush; scotch broom, gorse, and etc. are not treated.	Invasive species and brush spread beyond the width of the R/W and invade our plantations
Weather Events (wind/lightening/ice storm)	Downed power line is a severe issue	Operations impacted when a line goes down, large fire risk. Weather events are a higher risk in mountainous areas versus lower elevations.

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From: Hildreth, Shari [Shari.Hildreth@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 3:16 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: I-5 non-wires Meeting request

Let me check with Ryan to see if he wants to take part in this too, and then I can get back to you. I know you have travel time to have to take into account, so even if we don't have a joint briefing with the other staffs, then maybe we can at least make sure it is on the same day so you don't have to do this multiple times!

Shari

From: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL [mailto:ecklumpp@bpa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 2:31 PM
To: Hildreth, Shari
Subject: RE: I-5 non-wires Meeting request

Shari,

Would you prefer an individual briefing or would you prefer that we provided one to you, Murray's and Cantwell's staff at the same time. Honestly, we can do either. (With the one qualifier that congressional staff can have conflicting schedules!)

Liz

From: Hildreth, Shari [mailto:Shari.Hildreth@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 2:21 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: RE: I-5 non-wires Meeting request

Hi Liz,

Thank you for getting these dates back to me. I will make sure our scheduling committee sees these and then let you know what they come up with.

I think it would be very helpful if you could provide me with an earlier briefing. My calendar is amazingly open next week, so if there is a date/time that works for you, please let me know.

Thanks again Liz!

Shari

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To: Hildreth, Shari
Subject: I-5 non-wires Meeting request

The draft non-wires report should be released next week. The Non-wires Roundtable meets on Nov 17 near PDX to review this report and hear updates on projects in Montana and Idaho.

Here are dates, that I believe work within House recess schedules, where Steve is available to meet with the Rep. Herrera Beutler in Vancouver.

November 23: afternoon
November 30: afternoon
December 9: afternoon
December 12: afternoon
December 16: afternoon

I can arrange for a staff briefing on the analysis sooner for you. I suspect the senators' staffs would like a briefing also. Let me know if this is of interest to you and I will schedule something sooner for you folks.

Thanks.

Liz Klumpp
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From: Hildreth, Shari [mailto:Shari.Hildreth@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 1:20 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Meeting request

Hi Liz,

We are going to work on getting a meeting with Administrator Wright on the Congresswoman's District schedule for November. Are there dates that work better for him? Please let me know and I'll work with our scheduler. When will the report be released?

Thank you,

Shari

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From: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 1:19 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Letter to the Editor: Longview Daily News

Attachments: Letter to the editor LDN 10-28-11 (2) LG, MA.doc

Mark made one minor change in the last paragraph. Other than that, it is what it is. Sorry for forgetting to include you. Don't know what I was thinking.

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From: Johnson,G Douglas (BPA) - DKPM-7
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: Letter to the Editor: Longview Daily News

In a recent story, the Longview Daily News kind of misconstrued some of what I told reporter Erik Olson. I have attached a link to the story. Specifically, points were twisted beyond recognition about who has said the line is to get power from Canada to California and what identification of a preferred alternative would mean for the project. I have written a short letter to the editor for Mark's signature that would correct those points. Please take a look. If we're going to send this, we would need to get it out by Tuesday at the latest. The story ran yesterday. Thanks.

http://tdn.com/news/local/article_4c27be1a-002b-11e1-b190-001cc4c03286.html

Here's the draft letter to the editor. Thanks.



Letter to the
ditor LDN 10-28.

Doug Johnson
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The Bonneville Power Administration continues to work with landowners and stakeholders as we analyze alternative route options for the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. We thank them all for their continued participation and patience.

Your recent article, "Citizens groups propose new route for BPA transmission line," includes two points we would like to clarify.

First, we have consistently stated that the purpose of the proposed line is to clear BPA transmission system congestion in the Longview/Vancouver/Portland area and respond to requests for transmission service on the BPA grid. We need to avoid serious problems including blackouts that could occur in the area as early as 2016. Others have asserted that the line is needed to help transmit power from California to Canada. However, most of the electricity coming through the corridor is consumed in the Longview/Vancouver/Portland area long before it can reach California.

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Thank you for your continued coverage of this important project.

Sincerely,

Mark Korsness
project manager

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Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 12:09 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: FW: Rep. Herrera Beutler's Letter to Administrator Wright
Attachments: BPA I-5 Corridor.JHB.10.26.2011.pdf

If you schedule after 11/1, please call Claire as I will be gone for a week. Pretty sure we can get all this data but some might take a little manipulation of the data sets.

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October 26, 2011

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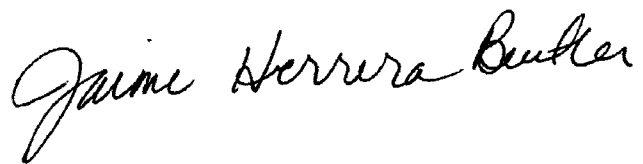
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Subject: Clark co sending letter on I-5

Just wanted to share a heads up that the Clark Co commissioners will send another I-5 letter after a visit from Erna and Richard. They'll address:

- 1) Asking for DEIS after holidays.
- 2) Are we considering gray line? Adding it to the map?
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- 4) How will the county commissioners be involved in the mitigation plan? (I offered to bring someone to meet with him to explain our mitigation on other T projects.)

I expect they'll get the letter out in the next week.

Liz (in Vancouver today and tomorrow)



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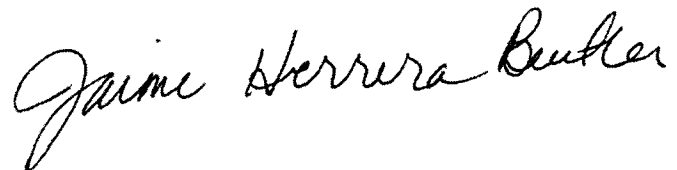
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Cc: Hauser, Karen M (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: Please review draft copy for project update

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Due By: Monday, October 24, 2011 9:30 AM
Flag Status: Flagged

Attachments: Project Update Nov.doc

Team,

It's been five months since BPA sent a project update to the stakeholders of the I-5 project. It's time to talk to our neighbors again.

I would like to get this November project update reviewed, approved and in production by next Friday.

We wrote this update as if we will delay the release of the draft EIS. Although BPA has not made that decision, it's important to prepare our message in the event we need it. We may remove that section if we need to.

Also, the meeting on Dec. 7 is a proposal. This is not definite. It is an option we may offer once we have the results of the non-wires study.



Project Update
Nov.doc (669 KB...)

Please review, correct errors and return to me by **COB Monday, Oct. 24**.

Call if you have questions or would like to discuss.

Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
(503) 230-4413

Draft project update – November 2011

Text for page 1:

In this issue:

Release of the draft EIS

We need more time to complete our studies of the project alternatives. We had hoped to publish the draft environmental impact statement this fall, but we are still completing our analysis. The draft EIS will not be available until 2012.

Comment [MAA1]: This decision has not been made. This section is written in case we do make this decision.

Options to delay the need for this project

BPA is exploring technical and commercial solutions that could delay the need for building a new line. We expect more details in a report this month. Non-Wires update on page 2.

Join us on Dec. 7, 2011

We've been hearing from you through our comment process, but it's time for us to get together again. BPA is hosting a listening session to give you an opportunity to share your thoughts with us in person. We'll share the latest project news, but mostly, we'll listen. Meeting details on page 2.

Comment [MAA2]: This is not a firm date. Holding a meeting at this time would provide a venue for those who most want to share with us face-to-face. Steve Wright suggested we offer a means for people to provide input they might not otherwise receive during this process.

One factor we consider – houses nearby

We now know the number of houses along our four proposed route alternatives. We'll include this information in our environmental analysis in addition to other human and environmental impacts, electrical need, and economic considerations. Complete story on page 3.

Preparing and sharing our environmental analysis

We'd like to know how you'd prefer to review the draft environmental impact statement. Either online, in person at a library or resource center, or at home on a compact disc. See your options for responding to our survey on page 4.

Text for page 2:

Draft EIS expected after the new year

BPA originally planned to complete the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) this fall. Since early 2010, we have been conducting studies and reviewing input from citizens, property owners and other stakeholders. We continue to test our assumptions about the timing for this project by looking at options that could postpone the need for a new line. The second phase of the non-wires study is not yet complete and we need time to review it and consider those findings in the draft EIS. Further, given the number of issues and factors to be evaluated, we want to take the time necessary to complete our studies.

Taking this additional time will ensure that you can provide us comprehensive comments before we prepare the final EIS and make a decision about this project.

Non-Wires

BPA is exploring technical and commercial solutions that could delay the need for building a new line. After receiving an initial report of potential non-wires solutions, we sought further study on their feasibility and on the effects they could have on the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. We hoped to have this study completed this fall, but the study has taken longer to complete than expected. We now expect a final non-wires report this month and will provide a summary at the public meeting on Dec. 7, 2011.

The Non-Wires Round Table is a group of electric utility industry experts in transmission issues and planning, electricity demand and regional power operations. BPA originally brought the group together in 2003 to see if there were non-construction alternatives to building transmission lines. We reconvened the Non-Wires Solutions Round Table to evaluate the initial report we received for this project, as well as another proposed BPA transmission project in Idaho.

Side Bar/box: What does “non-wires” mean?

“Non-wires” solutions are methods of relieving congestion along transmission corridors without constructing new transmission lines. These may include energy efficiency measures such as thermostat controls to better regulate energy use during peak demand hours. Non-wire solutions can also mean using small-scale power generation technology such as backup generators at hospitals and local government sites to decrease demands on the larger transmission system during peak load times. Pricing strategies are another non-wire solution that uses financial incentives to encourage consumers such as industrial operations or irrigators to shift demand for power to off-peak times. Grid operators can also pay generators to lower or stop production in one area and to generate more energy in other areas to relieve transmission system congestion.

Selecting a “preferred alternative”

A draft EIS is not required to include a preferred alternative, but there are a number of advantages to selecting and sharing a preferred alternative in one. A preferred alternative would provide clarity about a new line’s likely location. This would let potentially affected property owners and other stakeholders review the preferred route in detail so they can provide us with focused comments to ensure our studies are complete and that we have identified ways to avoid or reduce adverse impacts.

Side box – attention getting:

Public listening session – hear an update, share your thoughts

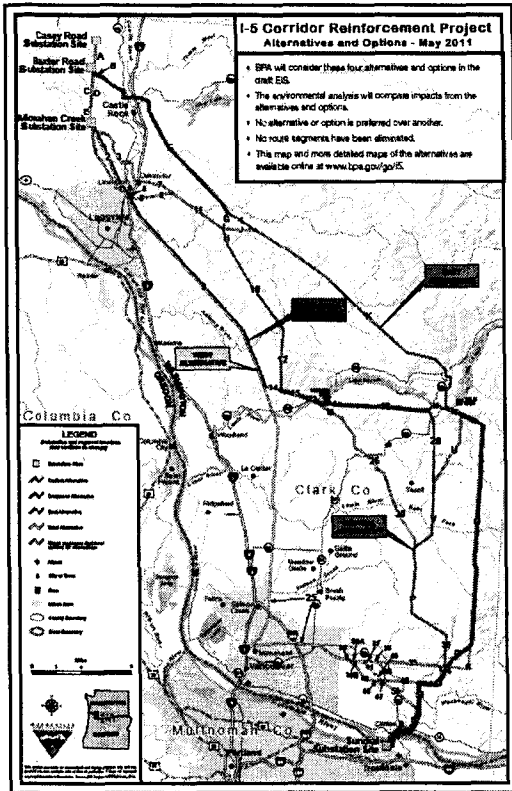
BPA will host a listening session on Dec. 7, 2011. By this time, we’ll have the final study on non-wire solutions. We’ll share information from the study as well as other project updates. The majority of the time at this meeting will be for you to talk to us. You can share your thoughts about the project, potential impacts that are important to you and the like.

Text for page 3:

How many people live near proposed routes?

One question we hear a lot is: How many people live along the proposed route alternatives? This is one of many factors we will consider in the environmental analysis. We counted homes by reviewing available maps from Clark and Cowlitz counties along our four proposed route alternatives.

Land use is only one of many factors we consider as we compare the alternatives. We care how people could be impacted, and this information is an important part of our analysis. There are many issues we evaluate, including human and environmental impacts, electrical need, and economic considerations.



From edge of right of way*	Number of houses near route alternatives			
	West	Central	East	Crossover
50 feet	174	14	15	29
100 feet	323	26	25	59
300 feet	1,526	173	157	320
500 feet	3,032	327	286	657

* Right of way is typically a 150-foot wide easement. Power line and towers are placed within the right of way.

Notes: This is preliminary data and may be updated in the future. Housing counts are only one of many factors we consider when comparing alternative routes. There are many issues we evaluate including human and environmental impacts, electrical need, and economic considerations.

Text for page 4:

How do you want to review the draft EIS?

We will notify you when the draft EIS for the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project is available. We encourage you to review the draft EIS on the project website if that method is convenient for you. It will also be available on compact discs or as a printed hard copy.

Internet

Anyone with internet access will be able to view the EIS on the project website. The document will be available online before it is ready on compact disc or in print. We'll notify you when it's on line and tell you where to find it.

Compact disc

CD versions will be mailed as quickly as possible after the EIS is posted online. To receive a CD version of the document, please do one of the following before Jan. 10, 2012:

- Complete a request form at www.bpa.gov/qo/i5.
- Call the automated recording line at 1-800-230-6593 and leave your name and mailing address and a phone number we can call if we have questions.

Hard copy

Because the document will be more than 1,000 pages, we will limit printing to reduce costs and save paper (it costs more than \$30 to print one copy of the draft EIS).

If you need a hard copy, you may request one by completing the online request form or by calling our automated line and leaving a message. Hard copies will be available for review at many locations between Castle Rock and Troutdale. We will let you know where these copies can be reviewed.



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PUBLIC AFFAIRS

November 21, 2011

In reply refer to: DK-7

Mr. Richard van Dijk
Another Way BPA
Ex 6

RE: FOIA #BPA-2012-00236-F

Dear Mr. van Dijk:

This is a partial response to your request for information that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 USC § 552.

You requested the following:

Copies of all internal and external emails and letters sent and received by Liz Klumpp that reference the I-5 Project. Date range requested is from July 1, 2011 through November 2, 2011.

Response:

BPA has provided the enclosed CD with the information you have requested, in its entirety, or with some information withheld pursuant to 5 USC §(b)(6) Exemption 6 of the FOIA.

Exemption 6

Exemption 6 protects the disclosure of personnel, medical, and similar files when disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. To determine whether information should be withheld under Exemption 6, an agency must: (1) identify whether a privacy interest exists in the information; (2) identify whether release would further the public interest by shedding light on the operations and activities of the government; and (3) weigh the identified privacy interests in the information against the public interest in disclosure.

In this response the information withheld under Exemption 6 of the FOIA includes personal email and phone numbers. Because there is a significant privacy interest in the information being withheld, and no public interest that would be served by disclosure, BPA finds that disclosure would cause an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

If you are dissatisfied with this determination, you may appeal within 30 days from the date you received this letter to The Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20585. The appeal must be in writing and both the envelope and the letter must be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Due to the size of the responsive documents that cannot be posted. To obtain a copy contact the BPA FOIA office at 503-230-7305.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you with this matter. If you have any questions or concerns about this letter, please contact Laura M. Atterbury, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist, at 503 230-7305.

Sincerely,

/s/Christina J. Munro

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Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: CD with responsive documents

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Subject: Proposed revision: letter to counties

Attachments: DKR11-0062 I-5 Wright ltr to counties Stuart Aug 23.doc

Recommendations in Track Changes.

Since we haven't yet discussed holding quarterly public meetings with a broader group, I didn't add that in.



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Here is the letter that Steve reviewed with a few edits that address Steve's request to specify some of the challenges with an advisory committee. It includes a few more recent edits from Maryam. Given that we are in the midst of considering timelines for the EIS, I have deleted the reference to our timelines.

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Cc: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Concannon,Kathleen A (CONTR) - KEC-4; Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4; Ikakoula,Corrina A (BPA) - DKT-7; Jackson,Melanie M (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Ball,Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7; Weiss,Steven D (BPA) - DKR-7; Liebhaber,Danna J (BPA) - TEL-TPP-3; Swedo,Robert L (BPA) - DKR-SPOKANE; Timberman,Toni L (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Sweeney,Charles R (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Weathers,Blake P (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Woolson,Paul B (BPA) - TERR-OLYMPIA; Dostert,Dawneen M (BPA) - TERR-LMT; Hauser,Karen M (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: FW: Please review draft copy for project update
Attachments: Project Update Nov.doc Ex 5

Comments from Kathleen and I. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Nancy

From: Concannon,Kathleen A (CONTR) - KEC-4
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 11:08 AM
To: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4
Subject: FW: Please review draft copy for project update

My comments on this if you want to add and send on. I'll be gone tomorrow and Friday. kc

From: Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 9:29 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Concannon,Kathleen A (CONTR) - KEC-4; Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4; Ikakoula,Corrina A (BPA) - DKT-7; Jackson,Melanie M (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Ball,Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7; Weiss,Steven D (BPA) - DKR-7; Liebhaber,Danna J (BPA) - TEL-TPP-3; Swedo,Robert L (BPA) - DKR-SPOKANE; Timberman,Toni L (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Sweeney,Charles R (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Weathers,Blake P (BPA) - TSE-TPP-2; Woolson,Paul B (BPA) - TERR-OLYMPIA; Dostert,Dawneen M (BPA) - TERR-LMT
Cc: Hauser,Karen M (BPA) - DK-7
Subject: Please review draft copy for project update

Team,

It's been five months since BPA sent a project update to the stakeholders of the I-5 project. It's time to talk to our neighbors again.

I would like to get this November project update reviewed, approved and in production by next Friday.

We wrote this update as if we will delay the release of the draft EIS. Although BPA has not made that decision, it's important to prepare our message in the event we need it. We may remove that section if we need to.

Also, the meeting on Dec. 7 is a proposal. This is not definite. It is an option we may offer once we have the results of the non-wires study.



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Please review, correct errors and return to me by **COB Monday, Oct. 24.**

Call if you have questions or would like to discuss.

Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
(503) 230-4413

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3

Sent: Thursday, October 27, 2011 2:54 PM

To: Wright,Stephen J (BPA) - A-7; Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Bodi,Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Juj,Hardev S (BPA) - TP-DITT-2; Weedall,Michael J (BPA) - PE-1; Scott,Brian M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Jaramillo,Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Pierce,Kathy (BPA) - KEC-4; Adams,Herbert V (BPA) - LC-7; Radcliff,Tony P (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Rydell,Kendall A (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Kohne,Kyle R (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Matthews,Chuck (BPA) - TPP-OPP-3; Grimm,Lydia T (BPA) - KEC-4; Binus,Joshua D (BPA) - PEH-1; Munro,Christy (BPA) - NT-1; Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4; Grow,Luanna J (BPA) - DKE-7

Subject: I-5 Route Data Spreadsheet Rev. 10/12/2011

Attachments: I-5 Route Data_DRAFT_20111012.xlsx; I-5 Route Data Sources-Assumptions_20111012.docx Ex 5

Attached is the latest draft Route Data sheet for the 4 alternatives for I-5

Please note cost estimates are at the top of the sheet.

Numbers have been updated, and some new line items added, including:

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From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 8:56 AM
To: 'Parkins, Geoff'; 'Hereim, Scott A.'
Cc: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Zehntbauer,Nicole R (CONTR) - TERG-3
Subject: FW: **** I-5 Route Data Spreadsheet Rev. 09/07/2011
Attachments: I-5 Route Data_DRAFT_20110907.xlsx; i-5 Route Data Sources and Assumptions.docx Ex 5

Please make the following changes and answer questions, and provide by October 6-

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Thanks.....Mark

From: Parkins, Geoff [mailto:Geoff.Parkins@hdrinc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 9:39 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Hereim, Scott A.
Subject: **** I-5 Route Data Spreadsheet Rev. 09/07/2011

Mark,

11/15/2011

Sincerely,

GEOFF PARKINS
P.E.

HDR Engineering, Inc.
PROJECT MANAGER

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406.651.6610 | c: 406.670.8329
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Hi Mark,

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Hope this helps. Will talk to you soon.

Joshua

-----Original Message-----

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3

Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2011 6:23 AM

To: Nabors,Ottie F - KLH-1; Binus,Joshua D - KLH-1; Weedall,Michael J - KL-1

Cc: Scott,Brian M - TEP-TPP-1; Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Rydell,Kendall A - TPP-OPP-3

Subject: RE: I-5 Schedule & Route Discussion

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Thanks.....Mark 503-539-5310

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3 On Behalf Of Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2

Sent: Monday, August 15, 2011 2:10 PM

To: Nabors,Ottie F - KLH-1; Binus,Joshua D - KLH-1

Subject: FW: I-5 Schedule & Route Discussion

When: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:00 AM-10:00 AM.

Where: HQ Rm 160 E&W / Phone Bridge 503-230-3344 Passcode 7667

When: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: HQ Rm 160 E&W / Phone Bridge 503-230-3344 Passcode 7667

Note: The GMT offset above does not reflect daylight saving time adjustments.

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You are invited too.....meeting with Steve Wright.....Mark

From: Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 4:27 PM
To: Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2; Scott,Brian M - TEP-TPP-1; Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Driessen,Laurens C; Johns,Michael C - TEP-TPP-1; Jaramillo,Emmanuel - TEP-TPP-1; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL; Pierce,Kathy - KEC-4; Adams,Herbert V - LC-7; Radcliff,Tony P - TPP-OPP-3; Rydell,Kendall A - TPP-OPP-3; Rodrigues,Melvin T - TOT-DITT2; Bodi,Lorri - KE-4
Cc: Grow,Luanna J - DKE-7; Bingaman,Claire D - KEC-4
Subject: Updated: I-5 Schedule & Route Discussion
When: Wednesday, August 17, 2011 9:00 AM-10:00 AM (GMT-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: HQ Rm 160 E&W / Phone Bridge 503-230-3344 Passcode 7667

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It is preferred that you attend in person, however, if you need to call in a Phone Bridge has been added.

I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Non-Wires Alternative Feasibility Study - Project Plan (7/29 Update)

Tasks	Deliverable	Start	End	Done	Owner
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Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:33 AM
To: Bingaman,Claire D (BPA) - KEC-4
Cc: Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Concannon,Kathleen A (CONTR) - KEC-4; Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Subject: RE: I-5 Mount St. Helens

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From: Bingaman,Claire D - KEC-4
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 10:19 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Cc: Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Concannon,Kathleen A - KEC-4
Subject: RE: I-5 Mount St. Helens

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Claire Bingaman
office: 503.230.5922 | fax: 503.230.5699

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 9:02 AM
To: Bingaman,Claire D - KEC-4; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; Pierce,Kathy - KEC-4; Dostert,Dawneen M - TERR-LMT; Johns,Michael C - TEP-TPP-1; Driessen,Laurens C
Subject: I-5 Mount St. Helens

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Thanks.....Mark

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 10:20 AM
To: Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Bekkedahl,Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Scott,Brian M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Berry,Theresa M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSQL; Driessen,Laurens C (CONTR); Johns,Michael C (CONTR) - TEP-TPP-1; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Jaramillo,Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Brookshire,Sherry S (BPA) - TE-DITT-2
Subject: FW: I-5 route selection considerations
Attachments: RouteSelectionConsiderations.xls Ex 5

FYI.....Mark

From: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 8:13 AM
To: 'Hereim, Scott A.'; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Driessen,Laurens C; Johns,Michael C - TEP-TPP-1; 'Reiter, Brandon'; 'Cooney, Michael A.'; 'Brown, Daniel'; 'Moe, Donald'; Zehntbauer,Nicole R - TERG-3; Asgharian,Maryam A - DKE-7; 'Wilcox, David'; Brannan,Nicole F - KEC-4; Saunders Jr,Robert F - TERS-3; Duncan,Stephen C - TERS-3; 'dustin.cooley@hdrinc.com'; Grover,John J - TEP-TPP-3
Subject: I-5 route selection considerations

Please review attached and respond with any questions or suggestions.

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Thanks.....Mark x6326]



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Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2011 2:35 PM
To: Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Final draft copy for project update

Attachments: Project Update Nov.doc Ex 5

Liz,

I'm using this text to get final approvals from Mark, Larry and Brian.

Want you to have it so you see how I talk about the draft EIS and the meeting.



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Maryam Asgharian
Public Affairs Specialist
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Miller, Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness, Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 2:58 PM
To: Jaramillo, Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Wittpenn, Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Woolson, Paul B (BPA) - TERR-OLYMPIA; Grover, John J (BPA) - TELP-TPP-3; Asgharian, Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Liebhaber, Danna J (BPA) - TEL-TPP-3; Semrau, James E (BPA) - TELF-TPP-3; Cook, Kerry B (BPA) - TELF-TPP-3; Saunders Jr, Robert F (BPA) - TERS-3; Duncan, Stephen C (BPA) - TERS-3; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Daeda, Craig D (BPA) - TER-TPP-4; Jones, Terrie L - TF-DOB-1
Subject: FW: I-5 - Casey Road Substation Site - Security Incident Report
Attachments: I-5 FW: Security Incident Report Ex 6

Please advise your teams to use caution when out in the field on the I-5 project, especially in the Casey Road substation area.
Thanks.....Mark

From: Cooney, Michael A. [mailto:Michael.Cooney@hdrinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 1:49 PM
To: Korsness, Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Emery, Brian E - TED-TPP-2; Stoughton, Scott A - TERM-TPP-4
Cc: Driessen, Laurens C; Johns, Michael C - TEP-TPP-1; Hereim, Scott A.; Grimstad, James; Custer, Claude; Moe, Donald; Cooley, Dustin; Gray, Matthew; Bentley, John; Capell, Paul; Peterson, Cheryl
Subject: FW: I-5 - Casey Road Substation Site - Security Incident Report

Mark and All,

DEA submitted the Incident Report this morning to BPA Security. The Report has been loaded on BPA PW in the "Survey & Mapping" folder for I-5. I have attached an email from the Security Office to DEA.

Thanks, Mike

Michael A. Cooney, PLS
HDR | ONE COMPANY | Many Solutions
Direct: 503.423.3764 | Cell: 503.278.0833 |

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Korsness,Mark A (BPA) - TEP-TPP-3
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 3:09 PM
To: Jaramillo,Emmanuel (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1; Wittpenn,Nancy A (BPA) - KEC-4; Woolson,Paul B (BPA) - TERR-OLYMPIA; Grover,John J (BPA) - TELP-TPP-3; Asgharian,Maryam A (BPA) - DKE-7; Liebhaber,Danna J (BPA) - TEL-TPP-3; Semrau,James E (BPA) - TELF-TPP-3; Cook,Kerry B (BPA) - TELF-TPP-3; Saunders Jr,Robert F (BPA) - TERS-3; Duncan,Stephen C (BPA) - TERS-3; Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL; Daeda,Craig D (BPA) - TER-TPP-4; Jones,Terrie L - TF-DOB-1; Scott,Brian M (BPA) - TEP-TPP-1
Subject: Gun fire, Field crew safety
Attachments: GAR_BPA_CREW_RPT_08062011.pdf



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RPT_08062011.pdf

Original incident report.....Mark

-----Original Message-----

From: Moe, Donald [mailto:Donald.Moe@hdrinc.com]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 9:59 AM
To: Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3
Subject: FW: Field crew safety

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-----Original Message-----

From: Cooney, Michael A.
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 6:44 AM
To: Moe, Donald; Cooley, Dustin; Gray, Matthew
Subject: FW: Field crew safety

FYI

Michael A. Cooney, PLS
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-----Original Message-----

From: Cooney, Michael A.
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 4:17 PM
To: 'Gregory Crites'; Stoughton, Scott A - TERM-TPP-4; 'Jeff Whitson'
Cc: Kris R. Westersund; Hereim, Scott A.; Grimstad, James; Bentley, John; Karsch, Don
Subject: RE: Field crew safety

Jeff,

Please set up a meeting tomorrow morning for us to discuss this issue. This conference call needs to occur between 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM. BPA has provided guidance that is very clear when it concerns this issue and we need to make sure that everyone understands their responsibilities as a BPA Contractor.

Thanks, Mike

Michael A. Cooney, PLS
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-----Original Message-----

From: Gregory Crites [mailto:GAC@deainc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 4:07 PM
To: Stoughton, Scott A - TERM-TPP-4
Cc: Cooney, Michael A.; Kris R. Westersund
Subject: Field crew safety

Scott/Mike:

I may have been remiss in bringing this issue to your attention, as Gavin Reiter came in and told me about what was happening, but I assumed the issue resolved itself. Perhaps not. Anyway, please see the attached crew report.

As you may know, the proposed Casey Road Substation site is on WADNR land in Section 18, Township 10 North, Range 2 West, WM., Cowlitz County, WA. Several local gun owners have been using BPA's r/w as a rifle range. Specific individuals seem to think they have a right to be there, even when we have field crews working in the area. Though we've kindly asked them to leave, some have refused to do so, even exhibiting a degree of belligerence. We are concerned about crew safety in this area. When our crews are confronted with these issues, what would you advise we do? My inclination is to contact the Cowlitz County Sheriff, but I'm fearful of reprisal, whether to us or our clients. In this particular instance, the field crew simply left the site and returned another day. Let me know your thoughts regarding what rights you think we may have under this circumstance and any advice on appropriate response. Thanks.
Greg

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Week Ending: 8/6/11 BPA/HDR Proj. No. HDRX0046 Contract/Release : _____

Project : I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Location: _____ Co./State: Clark / WA.

SUNDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	7/31/11
	NOTES								
MONDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/1/11
	NOTES								
TUESDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/2/11
	NOTES	Ex 6	PCHF INST SVFT	10 10 10					
Drive to site. Tailgate safety topics- Working around gun fire, Brush cutting safety. Start to run trav to SE cor sec 27 03N04E (9042-9043, 9042-P1-1 thru 9042-P1-9)									
WEDNESDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/3/11
	NOTES	Ex 6	PCHF INST SVFT	9 9 9					
Drive to site. Tailgate safety topics- Working around gun fire, We had to stop work 3 times to ask people to stop shooting into our work area. In one instance they refused to stop and continued to shoot into my work area, in more than one instance loaded guns were pointed in my direction(Washington LIC B312DR Red Toyota Tacoma). Work stopped at this point. Cont to run trav to SE cor sec 27 03N04E (9042-P1-9 thru 9042-P1-15, 03N04E500200)									
THURSDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/4/11
	NOTES	Ex 6	PCHF INST SVFT	10 10 10					
Drive to site. Tailgate safety topics - Working around gun fire. Finish trav from SE cor sec 27 03N04E to L-1500 RD (9042-P1-15 to 9042-P1-21, 4026 4027)									
FRIDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/5/11
	NOTES	Ex 6	PCHF INST	7.5 7				download data	
Drive to site. Tailgate safety topics - Working around gun fire. Static gps tie to secondary control 9042-9043 and used Rawsonrd as primary control									
SATURDAY	EMPLOYEE NAME	LABC	HRS	PD	LDG	MISC.	Notes	Date	8/6/11
	NOTES								

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Silverstein,Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:59 AM
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Subject: Proposed CT at Troutdale

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Thanks
Brian

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Cogswell,Peter (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 9:43 AM
To: Ball,Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7
Cc: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: FW: Proposed CT at Troutdale

We have an assignment on this one.

From: Silverstein,Brian L - T-DITT2
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:59 AM
To: Juj,Hardev S - TP-DITT-2; Bekkedahl,Larry N - TE-DITT-2; Ehli,Cathy L - TS-DITT-2; Kohne,Kyle R - TPP-OPP-3; Raddliff,Tony P - TPP-OPP-3; Korsness,Mark A - TEP-TPP-3; Wittpenn,Nancy A - KEC-4; Weedall,Michael J - KL-1; Warner,Joshua P - KLH-1; Delwiche,Gregory K - P-6; Mainzer,Elliot E - S-7; Bodi,Lorri - KE-4; Cogswell,Peter - DKR-7; Ball,Crystal A - DKR-7; Klumpp,Elizabeth C - DKR-WSGL
Subject: Proposed CT at Troutdale

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Brian

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Delwiche, Gregory K (BPA) - P-6
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 12:44 PM
To: Silverstein, Brian L (BPA) - T-DITT2; Juj, Hardev S (BPA) - TP-DITT-2; Bekkedahl, Larry N (BPA) - TE-DITT-2; Mainzer, Elliot E (BPA) - S-7; Bodi, Lorri (BPA) - KE-4; Cogswell, Peter (BPA) - DKR-7; Ball, Crystal A (BPA) - DKR-7; Klumpp, Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
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Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 8:59 AM
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Subject: Proposed CT at Troutdale

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Thanks
Brian

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 4:24 PM
To: Klumpp,Elizabeth C (BPA) - DKR-WSGL
Subject: I-5 Wright ltr to counties7-7.doc
Attachments: I-5 Wright ltr to counties7-7.doc Ex 5

Some suggestions. In this instance, I think the third person is more appropriate.

Miller,Lori E (CONTR) - DKR-7

From: Marker,Douglas R (BPA) - DKR-7
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2011 3:03 PM
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Mark Korsness helped me with remaining details to respond to the constituent concerns. Before I put this on a TAC, I'd appreciate your review for accuracy and appropriateness.

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Draft of September 13

The Honorable Jaime Herrera Beutler
United States House of Representatives
General O.O. Howard House
750 Anderson Street, Suite B
Vancouver, WA 98661

Dear Representative Herrera Beutler,

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of your constituent, Arnold Dingley. Mr. Dingley contacted you with specific questions about the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement transmission project. His questions included the costs and budgeting for the project, its purpose, and the need for route alternatives near his property.

BPA is proposing the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project to relieve longstanding issues of system reliability and congestion between the Puget Sound and Portland-Vancouver areas. It has been more than 40 years since new high-voltage transmission has been built in this area and the population has more than doubled in that time. BPA is considering numerous issues for evaluating route alternatives that will be presented in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) next spring.

BPA manages budgets for capital projects for transmission projects, hydro system improvements, fish and wildlife investments, and major energy efficiency projects. BPA continuously reviews the competing needs for capital funding and reviews its planned allocations of capital funds through public processes. If after environmental review, BPA determines the I-5 project is not needed or can be deferred, planned capital budgets would be reallocated to other needs. The funding for the project is not a "use it or lose it" allocation.

BPA's primary source of capital funding is its United States Treasury Borrowing Authority. Congress first authorized BPA to borrow capital funding in 1974 and in 2009, as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, increased BPA's borrowing authority by \$3.25 billion so that the total Treasury borrowing authority is \$7.7 billion. BPA repays its capital borrowing from the Treasury at market rates.

The current estimated direct cost for the I-5 project is \$342 million. The budget for environmental review and preliminary engineering before arriving at a final decision on the project is \$45 million. BPA has spent \$13 million of that so far.

Mr. Dingley asks why the project is needed when BPA has determined it has adequate resources through the remainder of this decade and periodically experiences an oversupply of wind generation on its system. The I-5 project is needed to resolve specific local transmission congestion and reliability needs. The issues arise from electricity load

growth over time and changing patterns of electricity use, such as summer air conditioning, that are independent of wind production east of the Cascades.

Finally, Mr. Dingley asks why BPA identified a route segment near his home when there are other existing lines nearby. BPA selected a number of route segments to study for suitability to reach the anticipated river crossing sight near Camas. The area north of Camas is congested with homes, wetlands, roads, and other transmission lines among other siting considerations. The environmental review process is studying these issues in detail with continued public involvement as BPA completes the DEIS to compare the alternative segments. BPA understands the concern the identification of segment alternatives causes for neighbors along the alternatives. It is for that reason that BPA is working to complete the environmental review as efficiently as possible.

Again, I appreciate your bringing Mr. Dingley's concerns to my attention. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact me or Liz Klumpp, BPA's Constituent Account Executive for Washington at 360-943-0157.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Wright
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer