



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: DK-7

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### **FOIA #BPA-2011-01102-F**

Dear Mr. Seligman:

This is a final response to your request for records that you made to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552.

#### **You have requested the following:**

Copies of all "30-60-90 Day Reports" between November 2009 and the present.

#### **Response:**

BPA has provided the responsive documents in their entirety for November and December 2009. DOE no longer requires BPA to submit this report.

Pursuant to 10 CFR 1004.8, if you are dissatisfied with this determination, or the adequacy of the search, you may appeal in writing within 30 calendar days of receipt of a final response letter. The appeal should be made to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA Appeal is being made.

I appreciate the opportunity to assist you. Please contact Cheri Benson, FOIA/Privacy Act Specialist at (503) 230-7305 with any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

*/S/Christina J. Munro*  
Christina J. Munro  
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act Officer

Enclosure: Responsive documents



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

November 4, 2009

In reply refer to: DKR-7

### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

November  
Next 30 Days

**Federal Hydro System Operations:** On November 17, Judge James A. Redden, of the United States District Court for Oregon, has scheduled a status review in the litigation challenging the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). The status review responds to briefs filed by the Department of Justice on September 15 on behalf of the Administration stating its position on the BiOp.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Central Ferry Substation:** The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is accepting public comment through November 16 for the scoping of environmental review for a new 500/230 kilovolt substation in Garfield County, Washington. The proposed substation responds to a request from Puget Sound Energy, Inc. to interconnect up to 1,250 megawatts of new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Energy Efficiency Program Development:** In November, BPA will continue discussions with customers to develop a proposal to define its role in achieving regional energy efficiency targets when its new power sale contracts begin in 2012. BPA will use a public comment process to refine the draft proposal.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Columbia River Treaty:** On November 10, the Columbia River Treaty Entities will meet in Portland. The BPA Administrator is Chairman of the United States Entity. The meeting is primarily to discuss the preliminary results of studies related to the 2014 Treaty review.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Confirming Transmission Service Requests:** In November, BPA will release the preliminary results of its "cluster study" to analyze available transmission capacity for customers seeking long-term firm transmission service through BPA's second Network Open Season (NOS). The NOS is BPA's approach to manage long-term firm transmission requests and for determining any network transmission facility reinforcements that might be required to accommodate the requests. In August, 16 customers signed preliminary service agreements for 1,553 megawatts of transmission service, approximately 60 percent of which would be for wind generation. The cluster study will determine whether any system upgrades or new transmission projects are necessary to provide additional service. BPA expects to complete the study in January. The entire process for the 2009 NOS will last 12 months with a decision in late May 2010.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**McNary to John Day Transmission Line:** BPA is continuing construction on the 79 mile McNary to John Day transmission line in Oregon and Washington. The line and associated system upgrades will enable BPA to satisfy a large number of transmission requests including 575 megawatts of additional wind generation. This project will alleviate constraints and will allow significant amounts of wind generation to cross otherwise constrained transmission paths to load centers. To date, BPA has erected more than 22 miles of towers and is ahead of its construction schedule.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**I-5 Corridor Transmission Line:** In November, BPA will complete nearly 2 weeks of public meetings for the scoping of the I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project. The proposed project would include a new approximately 70 mile 500kV line from a new substation near Castle Rock, WA, to a new substation in Troutdale, OR. The exact path of the line would be determined after public input and environmental review.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Big Eddy – Knight Transmission Line Scoping:** In November, BPA will continue developing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for its proposed Big Eddy – Knight transmission line. The proposed 500-kilovolt line would extend from about 26 miles to 28 miles from near The Dalles, Oregon to northwest of Goldendale, Washington. Through studies completed following its 2008 NOS, BPA determined that constructing the line could add capacity to meet transmission service requests including for new wind generation.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Central Ferry – Lower Monumental Transmission Line Scoping:** In November, BPA will continue preparation of a draft EIS for its proposed 500-kilovolt Central Ferry – Lower Monumental transmission line in southeastern Washington state. Surveyors are currently in the field along potential routes. The proposed line is needed to respond to requests for transmission capacity, much of it for new wind generation, in that area.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Regional Power Plan:** In November, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) will complete public comment on its draft Sixth Power Plan. BPA is developing its 2009 Resource Program in coordination with the Council's planning process. The Council's Power Plan examines power load growth and resources for the Pacific Northwest as a whole. BPA's Resource Program examines how the FCRPS can be expected to meet BPA's projected power supply obligations. If and when BPA actually acquires resources, it intends to do so consistent with the Council's plan.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Resource Plan:** BPA has released a draft Resource Program for public comment through November 30. The Resource Program evaluates whether and what resources BPA may need to acquire to meet its power supply obligations. The planning horizon goes through 2019.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

December  
Next 60 Days

**Wind Measurement Improvements:** In December, BPA expects to have the systems in place to begin receiving data from the installation of 14 additional wind measurement units across Oregon and Washington. The project will improve the ability of wind generation project operators and BPA to forecast wind generation. This project is one of six initiatives outlined in BPA's wind integration plan to help increase the amount of wind generation BPA's transmission system can carry.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Intra-Hour Scheduling Pilot:** In December, BPA will begin a pilot project to allow wind generators to begin scheduling transmission service at the half-hour as well as the hour to improve their ability to sell power from unexpected increases in wind generation. This pilot project is one of the six initiatives in BPA's wind integration work plan

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

January  
Next 90 Days

Nothing to report.



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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

December 2, 2009

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### MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: Stephen J. Wright  
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: 30-60-90 Day Report

December  
Next 30 Days

**U.S. District Court Hearing on Columbia River Biological Opinion:** On November 23, the United States District Court for Oregon held a status review on the litigation on the Biological Opinion (BiOp) for the Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). NOAA Administrator Dr. Jane Lubchenco attended. The status review discussed the brief filed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) on September 15 on behalf of the Administration stating its position on the BiOp and response briefs filed by parties to the litigation. Judge James A. Redden asked the DOJ to address procedural concerns for the Administration's review of the BiOp, and return to him with recommendations in mid-December.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

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No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**I-5 Corridor Transmission Line:** In response to significant public interest in the proposed I-5 corridor project, BPA has extended the public comment period for scoping of the environmental review for the project to December 14. In October and November, BPA held six public meetings attended by more than 2,700 people. The proposed project would include a new approximately 70 mile 500-kilovolt (kV) line from a new substation near Castle Rock, Washington, to a new substation in Troutdale, Oregon. The exact path of the line would be determined after public input and environmental review.

No Secretarial action is requested at this time.

**Proposed Power Sale Contracts for Aluminum Smelters:** BPA expects to offer conditional seven-year power sale contracts to serve Alcoa Inc.'s Ferndale, WA aluminum smelter and the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company's (CFAC) smelter in Columbia Falls, MT. BPA completed public comment on the proposed contract on November 9. If Alcoa and CFAC sign the contracts, BPA will then decide whether to sign them when it completes a Record of Decision (ROD) later in the month.

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**Chief Joseph Hatchery Record of Decision:** In December, BPA expects to release its ROD for the a final EIS for a program sponsored by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assist in conservation and recovery of summer/fall chinook and the re-establishment of spring chinook salmon in the Okanogan subbasin and the Columbia River below Chief Joseph Dam. The program would augment the ceremonial and subsistence harvest of salmon for the tribes.

No Secretarial action requested at this time.

**Draft Resource Plan:** In December, BPA will analyze the public comment it received on its draft Resource Program. The public comment period concluded on November 30. The Resource Program evaluates whether and what resources BPA may need to acquire to meet its power supply obligations. The planning horizon goes through 2019.

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Next 60 Days

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February  
Next 90 Days

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