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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: Klondike III/Biglow Canyon Wind Integration Project

To: People interested in the Klondike III/Biglow Canyon Wind Integration Project

You are invited to review and comment on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Klondike III/Biglow Canyon Wind Integration Project.

BPA was asked by PPM Energy, Inc. to interconnect up to 300 megawatts of electricity generated from PPM's proposed Klondike III Wind Project into the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. Orion Energy, LLC has also asked BPA to interconnect up to 400 megawatts of electricity from its proposed Biglow Canyon Wind Farm. Portland General Electric recently announced that it is buying the rights to develop the wind power at Biglow Canyon from Orion Energy, LLC. This recent development is not reflected in the text of the draft EIS, but BPA is now working with PGE on this project.

Both proposed wind projects are in Sherman County, Ore. To interconnect these wind projects to BPA's existing John Day Substation, BPA would build and operate a 230-kV double-circuit transmission line (about 12 miles long), expand one substation, and build one new substation. The draft environmental impact statement considers both interconnection requests.

Documents Available

The draft EIS describes the proposed project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project, including the wind projects, would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. The draft EIS is available online at

www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Klondike/.

Those of you who have already asked to receive a copy of the document will find it enclosed. If you are interested in receiving a hard copy or a compact disc with an electronic copy of the document, please call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name and your complete mailing address.

Public Meeting

You are also invited to an open house public meeting on this project. Project team members will be available to take your comments on the draft EIS and answer any questions you may have regarding the interconnection. The meeting is on:

Wednesday, May 24, 2006
6 - 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Parish Hall
807 Barnett Street, Wasco, Ore. 97065

How to Comment

BPA will accept comments on the draft EIS until **June 19, 2006**. All comments will be included in the final EIS and posted on BPA's external Web site in their entirety. There are a number of ways to comment besides attending the public meeting. You may submit comments online at www.bpa.gov/comment or by e-mailing comments to comment@bpa.gov. You can mail the enclosed comment form to BPA Public Affairs, Bonneville Power Administration - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, Ore. 97293, call toll-free at (800) 622-4519 and record your comments or fax comments to (503) 230-3285.

Schedule

We will read and consider all the comments submitted during the comment period. A final EIS is expected to be published in September 2006. If you received the draft EIS, you will receive a final EIS unless you tell us you do not want a copy. All comments and our responses to comments will be published in the final EIS. The final EIS will be updated with any changes to the proposal or analysis in response to comments.

For More Information

Additional project information is available on BPA's Web site at: www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/ or by calling our toll-free line at (800) 622-4519. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary Beck, May 1, 2006

Gary Beck
Project Manager

Comment form
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