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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: Parties interested in the Lane-Wendson Transmission Line Rebuild Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for our proposed Lane-Wendson Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The draft EA further describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) proposes to rebuild the 41.3-mile Lane-Wendson No. 1 115-kilovolt wood-pole transmission line between the City of Eugene and Florence, Oregon. The project is necessary due to the overall age and condition of the line. Our intent is to rebuild the lines using generally the same structure locations and similar pole heights, except where changes may be needed to conform with safety standards. Improvements would involve replacing all wood-pole structures (including poles, cross arms, cross braces, guys, anchors, and insulator assemblies); replacing conductors and ground wires; replacing 5 disconnect switches; and improving access roads. If BPA decides to proceed with the project, construction would begin in the summer of 2016.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/LaneWendson. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 200 pages), please call our toll-free line listed below

Please send your comments on the EA by **January 4, 2016** and reference Lane-Wendson Rebuild Project. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/LaneWendson. There are several ways to comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration Public Affairs – DKE-7 P.O. Box 14428 Portland, OR 97291-4428	Toll-free: 800-622-4519 FAX: 503-230-4019 Online: www.bpa.gov/comment
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Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Draft EA available for public comment	November 30, 2015 to January 4, 2016
Final EA	Spring 2016
Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)	Spring 2016
If decision to build, construction start	Summer 2016

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Doug Corkran, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-7646, or by e-mail at dfcorkran@bpa.gov.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-524-5262, or by e-mail at rheredia@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Heredia". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Heredia
BPA Project Manager

Enclosures:

Draft EA (if requested)
Comment Form
Return Envelope