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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: **People Interested in the Albany-Eugene 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has decided to begin constructing the Albany-Eugene 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line Rebuild Project. This line parallels Highway 99 between Albany and Eugene, Oregon. The rebuild project occurs in the section of line between Highway 36 and Eugene Substation. This letter briefly describes the project, provides a construction schedule, and explains how you can contact BPA for questions.

### **Construction Activities**

The project involves removing the existing wood pole structures and conductors, and replacing them with new steel poles able to carry additional current. The new steel poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet higher than the existing wood pole structures. Fiber optic cable currently serving BPA and other customers will be exchanged for new, better-suited fiber for the entire distance of the project. A Categorical Exclusion was released for this project February 18, 1998. Enclosed is a fact sheet that provides additional details about the project.

The new 115-kV line will be constructed in two phases. Phase one will begin the first week of August 2003, and phase two will start in May 2004. Final energization will complete the project in fall 2004. We have already contacted and will continue to work with some landowners and businesses along the corridor to minimize impacts during construction.

### **For More Information**

If you have general questions or concerns about this project you may call our toll-free line at 1-888-276-7790. You may also access project information and documents on our Web site at [www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/](http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/)

Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Project Fact Sheet