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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Anderson Ranch – Mountain Home 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to rebuild its Anderson Ranch – Mountain Home 115-kV transmission line in Mountain Home, Idaho. The rebuild is needed to maintain line reliability. Construction on the 18-mile transmission line will begin in mid-July in Elmore County. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, construction activities and schedule, and how to contact BPA if you have questions.

Construction Activities and Schedule

The Anderson Ranch – Mountain Home transmission line has endured extensive damage from area wildfires and aging poles. The pole replacement portion of the project involves replacing all of the existing aging wood poles installed around 1950. An environmental analysis, Categorical Exclusion, was completed and signed on June 2 for this project, under the National Environmental Policy Act.

The existing wood poles will be replaced with new steel poles. Some of the new poles may be taller than the existing poles, by an average of five to 10 feet. BPA would also replace some of the hardware and all of the insulators to meet current standards. In addition, two steel towers will replace five inaccessible wood pole structures for the South Fork Boise River Crossing in the first mile from Anderson Ranch Dam. An approximate 1,400-foot temporary access road will be required to gain limited access to one of our towers.

Construction will begin July 15 and is schedule to be completed by December 15, 2004. We have already contacted and will continue to work with landowners and businesses along the corridor to minimize impacts during construction.

For More Information

If you have general questions about this project you may call our toll-free line at 1-888-276-7790. Project information is also on our Web site at: http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirk Robinson, July 7, 2004

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