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In reply to: T-DITT-2

To: Landowners in the surrounding area of the Yakima River Crossing Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has removed two towers that cross the Yakima River on the Hanford-Ostrander 500-kilovolt (kV) No. 1 and North Bonneville-Midway 230-kV No. 1 transmission lines. This letter provides an update on construction activities and contact information if you have questions or would like additional information on the project.

Background

BPA has been re-constructing an existing river crossing on BPA's Hanford-Ostrander 500-kV No. 1 and North Bonneville-Midway 230-kV No. 1 transmission lines since July 2003. An environmental review was completed in June 2003. The project is needed to reduce the vulnerability of future riverbank erosion, potential undermining, and subsequent toppling of transmission line towers. The two most threatened single-circuit towers nearest the Yakima River have been removed, where this location of the shoreline is eroding at a rate of 10 feet per year. New taller single "double-circuit" towers have been installed in order to span the active portion of the Yakima River.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety regulations require that permanent airway lights be installed at the crossing. The 295-foot tower (FY193A), southwest of the river, will have three medium intensity dual obstruction lights and the 263-foot tower (FY191A), northeast of the river will have two lights. FAA, as a safety precaution also require, marker balls to be positioned on the line.

Construction Update

The tower replacements are located within and centered on the same right-of-way as the existing towers. The old towers have been dismantled and the footings were removed to below grade. The tower installation was completed October 10, 2003, and permanent tower lights will be in place by November 12, 2003.

BPA has removed an articulated concrete revetment mat from the northeast bank of the river, this has provided temporary bank stabilization and erosion control during construction. Shrubs will be planted to re-vegetate the slope. BPA will install a new crossing on Toppenish Creek to provide the only access to one tower site and to enhance fish passage and habitat.

For More Information

If you have questions or need more information about this project, please call toll-free at 1-888-276-7790. Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jim Rustvold 10/24/03

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