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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

**To: People Interested in the Raymond-Cosmopolis 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project**

Bonneville Power Administration will rebuild the Raymond-Cosmopolis 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line. The transmission line needs to be rebuilt to improve reliability, address safety concerns and replace aging transmission line structures that are deteriorating. The rebuild of this 18.3-mile-long transmission line located in Pacific and Grays Harbor counties in Washington will begin in June 2004 and continue through November 2004. This letter provides you with information about the project, the type of construction activities that are being planned, and project contacts if you have questions or need more information.

### **Construction Activities**

BPA plans to replace the existing single-circuit 115-kV transmission line with a new 115-kV transmission line. The existing lattice steel box structures and conductors will be replaced with new galvanized single steel poles and conductor. The new structures will be about 30 feet taller and located within 10 feet of the existing structures.

Most of the construction activities will take place within BPA's existing right of way, including upgrading and developing some access roads and a small amount of tree trimming and removal. BPA has acquired additional right of way for a few new access roads to structures with no access, and two short line relocations needed to avoid sensitive resources.

### **Construction Schedule**

Construction will begin June 15, 2004 with completion of the project by early November 2004. We have already contacted and will continue to work with landowners and businesses along the corridor to minimize impacts during construction. During construction, traffic on Highway 101 may be impacted and BPA is working with Washington State Department of Transportation to develop a traffic management plan.

BPA prepared a final Environmental Assessment to determine if the proposed action could cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. Based on the analysis in the final environmental assessment BPA has determined that the proposed project is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the environment. BPA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed action on Sept. 5, 2003.

**For More Information**

If you have general questions 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 [http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/).

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gary Beck, June 9, 2004*

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