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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

Dear Landowner:

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will construct the Grand Coulee-Bell 500-kV transmission line project, an 84-mile line connecting Spokane with Grand Coulee, Washington from April 2003 thru November 2004. This letter provides you with information about the contractor hired by BPA to complete the project, the type of construction activities that are being planned and the project contacts if you have questions or need more information.

BPA has contracted with Duke Energy Corporation, Energy Delivery Services (EDS), who has subcontracted with Henkels and McCoy (H&M) to remove the Grand Coulee-Bell #1 115-kilovolt (kV) wood pole line and construct a new steel lattice 500-kV line in its place. This line runs from the Bureau of Reclamation's Grand Coulee Substation near the City of Grand Coulee to BPA's Bell Substation in Spokane in Washington.

Construction Activities

Most of the construction will occur on existing right of way, however, there are a few areas where BPA is still negotiating for additional property. BPA will only enter those additional properties after they have been acquired. If you have any improvements within the right-of-way, such as wells or pipelines for which BPA has not provided written authority, please notify us (contact information is listed below on the next page) so that we can advise the contractor so that these improvements will not be damaged during construction.

The contractor will take reasonable precautions to avoid or minimize damage to crops, trees, irrigation lines, soils, etc. Landowners will be paid for crops damaged as a result of construction activities. Landowners will be contacted at the end of each construction season to help determine the amount of crop damage payment. In cultivated areas, the contractor will perform sub-soiling in disturbed areas near the end of construction. They will contact the landowner and, whenever possible, the farm operators before doing sub-soiling to help determine the appropriate method and depth. They may also make arrangements to reimburse landowners to do the sub-soiling. Topsoil will be saved for site restoration. Large stones, deleterious material and debris will be set aside or removed prior to reseeded. The decision on final site mitigation will consider the type of field, crop and landowner's preference. The options of spreading sterilized, weed-free mulch, or of re-seeding with seed provided by the contractor or the landowner will be considered. In non-cultivated areas, the contractor will re-seed the disturbed ground with a native grass seed mixture.

Construction crews, in some areas within the transmission line corridor, will use an implosive wire fitting to connect the lengths of wire to one another. This type of fitting produces a superior

connection. The process involves a number of loud explosions (or implosions), which produce some smoke. Please do not be alarmed if you hear these noises over several days. Before this type of work begins the contractor will notify you and local law enforcement officials. If you have farm animals that may be disturbed by the noise, please call the contractor's land liaison (listed below) and he will make every effort to coordinate this work with you.

For More Information

BPA and the contractor have staff available to answer questions and provide you with project information. If you have questions or want more information about construction activities call Charlie Williams (509) 528-3512, EDS Land Liaison. For property questions call BPA Realty Specialists Paula Campbell (509) 358-7437 or Renee Dickson (509) 358-7358. If you want general information about the project or have renters or lessees that may be affected by this project and want them added to the project mailing list call us toll free at 1-888-276-7790 or contact me directly at (360) 619-6326. You may also get project information and access documents on our website at www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects.

We look forward to hearing from you throughout the project. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark Korsness, April 10, 2003

Mark Korsness
Project Manager