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TRANSMISSION BUSINESS LINE

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Schultz-Wautoma Transmission Line Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has decided to construct a new 63.7-mile 500-kilovolt (kV) transmission line, connecting the Schultz Substation (north of Ellensburg) with the new Wautoma Substation that is being built two miles south of Highway 24 in Benton County, Wash. Some minor line and fiber construction is scheduled to start in January 2004. The project's construction is scheduled to be complete by November 2005. This letter briefly describes construction activities and provides contact information if you have questions or would like additional project information.

Background

This project will improve reliability and ensure that BPA can continue to meet its statutory and contractual obligations to deliver power to where it is needed in Washington state and the Pacific Northwest. The new Schultz-Wautoma line will primarily use 500-kV, single-circuit steel lattice structures on new 150 to 180-foot wide right of way. The line will replace the existing Midway-Vantage 230-kV line through an agricultural area near Mattawa for approximately nine miles. In this agricultural segment the 230-kV structures will be replaced with 500-kV double-circuit lattice structures, which will hold the new 500-kV line and the existing 230-kV line.

Construction Activities

Construction on the Wautoma Substation started in April 2003 and will be complete by the end of 2004. BPA will prepare for construction of fiber installation and line work starting in January 2004. All construction work should be completed by November 2005 and the line energized soon after.

The following transmission line construction activities can be expected: access road construction, excavation for setting transmission tower legs, tower steel delivery and assembly, helicopter placement of tower bodies and stringing of conductor, and the use of implosive fittings for connecting conductors. You will be notified in advance of these construction activities.

The construction contractor's land liaison will provide notices of construction activities and coordinate those activities with landowners. If you have improvements within the right of way, such as wells, pipelines, drain tiles, fences and/or gates, for which BPA has not provided written authority; please notify us so we can avoid damaging these improvements during our work activities.

The contractor will take precautions to avoid or minimize damage to property and the environment, will coordinate with landowners on restoration of any disturbed areas and keep them informed regarding construction activities in their vicinity.

For More Information

If you have renters or lessees that may be impacted by this project, please provide BPA with their name and address so they can be sent this letter and added to the mailing list. If you need more information about the project please call toll-free 1-888-276-7790. Project information is also available on the web at: www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lou Driessen, Dec. 29, 2003

Lou Driessen
Project Manager

Enclosure: Project Map