

Notice of Public Informational Meeting

RES America Developments (RES) will hold a Public Informational Meeting (Meeting) on a proposed wind project at the following time and location:

September 1, 2004

Meeting Agenda:

Dayton Elementary School Cafeteria	7:00 p.m.:	Open House
302 E. Park	7:30 p.m.:	Presentation
Dayton, WA 99328	7:45 p.m.:	Questions and Answers

At the Meeting the general public will have an opportunity to meet and speak with RES staff and their consultants regarding the proposed Hopkins Ridge Wind Project (Project) in Columbia County, Washington. RES will make a brief presentation regarding the description of the Project, reasons why the proposed site was selected, information on studies that have been completed, are underway, or are planned and a short summary of the anticipated environmental, social, and economic impacts.

The proposed Project would be located approximately 10 – 15 miles northeast of Dayton, Washington on the plateaus to the immediate south and west of the Tucannon River. The Project would consist of up to 233 wind generation turbines with a total capacity of up to 350 MW. Associated project elements include access roads, foundations, underground and overhead electrical lines, substations, interconnection facilities, an operations and maintenance center, and associated supporting infrastructure and facilities. RES plans to submit an application for a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed Project to the Columbia County Planning Department in September 2004. This application would be accompanied by environmental documents required for compliance with the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

In order to transmit the power generated by the proposed Project, RES America Developments proposes to interconnect the proposed Project to the two existing transmission lines in the Project vicinity. One generation interconnection request has been submitted to PacifiCorp for transmission of 200 megawatts of wind turbine generation over the PacifiCorp/Avista North Lewiston-Walla Walla 230kV transmission line, and another generation interconnection request has been submitted to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for transmission of the remaining 150 megawatts over the BPA Walla Walla-North Lewiston 115 kV transmission line. For the proposed BPA interconnection, BPA has studied this interconnection request and determined that an interconnection switching facility (i.e., substation) would be required immediately adjacent to the BPA line in order to receive Project power. This substation would be designed and constructed by BPA.

As part of its consideration of RES' interconnection request, BPA will prepare environmental documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for its proposed actions related to the interconnection of the Project. This NEPA document will also describe the indirect and cumulative environmental effects resulting from the

proposed Project and other actions in the project area, and will incorporate environmental information from the County's Conditional Use Permit process. BPA anticipates that it will begin design work and environmental analysis for its proposed action in September 2004.

For additional information about the proposed Hopkins Ridge Wind Project please contact: Scott Piscitello, Development Manager, 1 SW Columbia, Suite 460, Portland, OR 97258, (503) 219-9000, scott.piscitello@res-na.com. For questions for BPA, concerning their involvement, please contact Kimberly St. Hilaire at 503-230-5361, krsthilaire@bpa.gov or visit their web site at <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/>.

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