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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: People Interested in the Lane-Wendson Transmission Line Rebuild Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the environmental assessment (EA) for the Lane-Wendson Transmission Line Rebuild Project. Based on the final EA, BPA is issuing a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) and has made a decision to proceed with the project. This letter describes BPA's decision, the construction schedule, and how to obtain additional information.

Background: Bonneville Power Administration will rebuild the 41.3-mile Lane-Wendson No. 1 115-kilovolt wood-pole transmission line between the City of Eugene and Florence, Oregon. The project is necessary due to the overall age and condition of the line. BPA will rebuild the lines using generally the same structure locations and similar pole heights, except where changes may be needed to conform with safety standards. Improvements will involve replacing all wood-pole structures (including poles, cross arms, cross braces, guys, anchors, and insulator assemblies); replacing conductors and ground wires; replacing five disconnect switches; and improving access roads.

BPA prepared an EA to help the agency determine if the Proposed Action would cause significant impacts that would warrant preparing an environmental impact statement. BPA released the draft EA for public review and comment in November 2015 and received comments from five entities. The final EA provides responses to those comments and minor revisions to the EA. Based on the EA analysis and mitigation measures to help lessen impacts, BPA has found that the Proposed Action will not cause any significant impacts and, therefore, an environmental impact statement will not be prepared.

Decision: BPA has decided to proceed with the Proposed Action and will reconstruct the Lane-Wendson No. 1 line as described in the final EA. Project construction is expected to begin in August 2016 and continue through November 2019, with breaks in construction during the winter months.

Copies Available: The final EA, FONSI, and mitigation action plan are enclosed if you previously requested them. If you did not receive a copy of any of these documents and would like one, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Leave a request naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. It is also available on BPA's website at www.bpa.gov/goto/LaneWendson.

For More Information:

If you have questions regarding the project, please contact me at 360-524-5262 or rhheredia@bpa.gov, or questions regarding the environmental process, contact Doug Corkran, Environmental Protection Specialist, at dfcorkran@bpa.gov or 503-230-7646. You can also reach us toll free at 800-622-4519.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,



BPA Project Manager

Enclosures (if requested):

Final EA

FONSI