

West of McNary Reinforcement (WOMR) Group 1

BPA has decided to build the WOMR Group 1 project, which consists of the construction of the new 79 mile McNary-John Day 500 kV line (shown on the map as the pink line), sag upgrades on the McNary-Ross 345 kV line and Big Eddy-Ostrander 500 kV line (shown in yellow on the map), a short segment of line reconductoring on the John Day-Big Eddy 500 kV line No 2, a 230-kV shunt capacitor addition at Jones Canyon (2, 28.8 MVAR groups), and the RAS addition at McNary for McNary 500/230 kV transformer outage.

WOMR Group 1 will enable the integration of 2023 MW of firm transmission service requests received through the 2008 Network Open Season. These projects will increase transmission transfer capability in the West of McNary area to enable BPA to transmit power from the McNary area to load centers west of the Cascade Mountains and to the California interties. This will enable over 700 MW of wind generation to be interconnected into BPA's control area.

The project is scheduled to be completed and energized by Dec. 1, 2012. Project cost estimates are business sensitive information and cannot be disclosed until the competitive solicitation, evaluation, negotiation and award processes with vendors is completed.

