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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: Keeler to Tillamook Transmission Line Rebuild

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for our proposed Keeler to Tillamook Transmission Line Rebuild. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the project next steps.

As you may know, BPA is proposing to rebuild the Keeler-Forest Grove and Forest Grove-Tillamook 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission lines between the cities of Hillsboro and Tillamook in Washington and Tillamook counties, Oregon. The 58 mile-long rebuild would include replacement of all wood-pole structures over 10 years in age, including cross arms, cross braces, guy wires, anchors, insulator assemblies, switches, and overhead conductor. Some existing access roads would be improved to accommodate construction equipment and some new road access would be acquired or constructed in areas where access is not available. The line would continue to operate at 115-kV.

Draft EA

The draft EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen or eliminate those impacts. The EA is available for review and comment; you may access it online at www.bpa.gov/goto/keelertillamook, or if you requested a copy of the document, it is enclosed. If you would like a hard copy (about 330 pages), please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Please leave a message with the project name, your name, and complete mailing address.

How to Comment

Please send comments you have on the EA by **November 18, 2013**. All comments will be posted in their entirety on the project website. There are several ways that you can comment:

Mail: Bonneville Power Administration
Public Affairs – DKC-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

FAX: 503-230-3285
On-Line: www.bpa.gov/comment
E-Mail: comment@bpa.gov

Next Steps

We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantial comments in the final EA. If BPA decides to implement the proposed project, the final EA and a Finding of No Significant Impact would likely be available in January 2014.

For More Information

You may visit the project website at www.bpa.gov/goto/keelertillamook. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Claire McClory, at 503-230-5922, or by e-mail at cdmccclory@bpa.gov. If you would like more project information, please call me, Richard Heredia, at 360-619-6238, or rrheredia@bpa.gov. You can also reach us toll free at 1-800-282-3713. Thank you for your interest in our work.

Sincerely,

/s/ Richard Heredia

Richard Heredia

BPA Project Manager

Three enclosures (if requested):

Draft EA

Comment Form

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