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In reply refer to: KEC-4

To: People Interested in the Proposed Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Lyle Falls Fish Passage Project on the Klickitat River in Klickitat County, Washington. This abbreviated Final EIS consists of changes to the Draft EIS, copies of all comments received on the Draft EIS, and written responses to those comments.

The Final EIS is enclosed if you previously requested it. If you need additional copies of the Final EIS, please call our toll-free document request line: 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your name and complete mailing address. Information about this project is also available on our website at http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Lyle_Falls/.

Proposal: BPA proposes to fund modification of the existing Lyle Falls Fishway to improve fish passage to the upper part of the Klickitat watershed. Enhancing fish passage into the Klickitat Subbasin could also increase overall fish production in the Columbia River Basin. In addition to improving passage, the project would facilitate collection and monitoring of biological information for future fishery management.

Comments Received: Last March, we released the Draft EIS and asked for your comments on the proposed project. We received 16 comment letters. Comments in those letters, as well as comments from the April 16, 2008 public meeting, are categorized and responded to in this abbreviated Final EIS.

Schedule:

Based on the public comments and the analysis in the Final EIS, BPA expects to make a decision in December 2008 on any action we may take on the Lyle Falls Fish Passage project. This Record of Decision will be made available to the public and sent to those on the mailing list. If BPA decides to proceed with the project, activities could begin in spring 2009.

For More Information: If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-622-4519, or e-mail me at cjkeller@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl J. Keller".

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Enclosure:
Final EIS (if requested)