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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the White Bluffs-Richland Transmission Line Relocation Project

Bonneville Power Administration will relocate a portion of its White Bluffs-Richland 115-kilovolt transmission line in Richland, Wash. Construction on Stevens Drive is scheduled to start as early as Sept. 30 and to be completed by May 2005. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about the project, construction activities and schedule and how to contact BPA if you have questions.

Background

BPA will relocate its transmission line to the city of Richland's power line located on the east side of Stevens Drive so that both lines would be located within the city's right-of-way. An environmental analysis, Categorical Analysis, was prepared for this project and signed on June 2, 2004, under the National Environmental Policy Act.

Construction Activities and Schedule

The first phase of construction activities will include two structure foundations outside the Stevens Drive Substation. Construction work will involve excavation, steel cage placement, pouring concrete and construction of two structure foundations. These activities may impact traffic along Stevens Drive and, at times, restrict or close portions of the street during the daytime period. These activities should take approximately one week to complete.

The second phase of construction activities will include placing five new tubular steel structures outside the Stevens Substation and along Stevens Drive. Construction work will involve tower assembly and stringing conductor (wire). These activities will take place in spring 2005.

Some of the new structures will be taller than the existing structures, by an average of 13 feet. BPA would also replace some of the hardware and all of the insulators to meet current standards.

BPA would, after the new line is completed, coordinate with impacted landowners prior to the removal of the existing line and wood poles. Once the poles and conductor are removed from the backyards, BPA will release the 100-foot right-of-way easement that currently encumbers those properties.

Initial foundation construction is planned to begin Sept. 30, 2004. Line construction and removal will begin in March with completion by May 2005. The City of Richland and BPA have already contacted and will continue to work with landowners and businesses along the corridor to minimize impacts during construction.

For More Information

If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call our toll-free number 1-888-276-7790. Project information is also available on BPA's Transmission Business Line Web site at http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirk Robinson, September 14, 2004

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