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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To: Parties interested in the Central Ferry to Lower Monumental 500-kilovolt Transmission Line Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) for the Central Ferry to Lower Monumental 500-kilovolt Transmission Line Project in Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties, Washington. This letter describes BPA's decision, the project schedule, how to obtain copies of documents, and how to contact us if you have questions. If you requested a copy of the ROD, it is enclosed.

Decision

BPA has decided to implement the Combination A Alternative identified in the Central Ferry - Lower Monumental 500-kV Transmission Line Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (DOE/EIS-0422, February 2011). The Combination A Alternative consists of constructing about 38 miles of new 500-kV single-circuit transmission line from BPA's Central Ferry Substation near the Port of Central Ferry in Garfield County, generally west through Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties to BPA's Lower Monumental Substation in Walla Walla County. The ROD explains the factors that were considered in reaching the decision and includes mitigation measures that will be used to avoid or reduce environmental impacts.

Schedule

Project construction may begin this summer after contract terms are determined and other permits and approvals are granted. You will receive notice once the timing for construction is determined.

Additional information

The ROD and EIS documents are available on BPA's website: www.bpa.gov/go/centralferrylomo. If you would like hard copies of these documents, you may call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520 and leave a message with the name of the project and your complete mailing address. If you have questions about this project you may contact me toll free at (800) 622-4519 or by email at tmberry@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theresa M. Berry

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Enclosure:
Record of Decision