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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

To: People Interested in the Big Eddy-Knight transmission line project

I am writing to share new information about the Bonneville Power Administration's Big Eddy-Knight transmission line project (Project) in Wasco County, Ore. and Klickitat County, Wash. This letter is a follow-up to my June 6, 2014, letter that notified you about construction activities resuming along miles 14 to 28 of the transmission line. As work on the line continues, we anticipate beginning construction activities at the Columbia River crossing near Wishram, Wash., in early January 2015 (see enclosed map).

Project Description

This Project consists primarily of constructing a 28-mile long 500 kilovolt transmission line between BPA's existing Big Eddy Substation in The Dalles, Ore., and the new Knight Substation about four miles northwest of Goldendale, Wash.

Construction Schedule

BPA began construction on portions of the Project in late September 2011. Project work was suspended in fall 2013 because of cultural resources concerns. To address these cultural resources in the construction area, BPA has been working closely with state, tribal and federal representatives. Moving forward, trained cultural resource specialists will be on site to monitor all construction activities.

During construction you may see vehicles and equipment, such as trucks, cranes, excavators and helicopters being used to build access roads, construct tower foundations, erect the steel towers and string the transmission line.

BPA estimates construction will be completed and the line energized in fall 2015.

For More Information

Information about this Project is available at <http://www.bpa.gov/go/BEK>. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, or if you want to inform us of activities – such as farming or business needs – within the Project area that we should be aware of during construction. I can be reached toll free at, 800-282-3713, direct at 360-619-6116, or by email at ejaramillo@bpa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
Project Map