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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-1

### **To: People interested in the Holcomb-Naselle Transmission Line Rebuild**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to rebuild an existing transmission line in your area. This letter explains what is being proposed, outlines our environmental review process, and requests your comments.

**Proposal:** BPA is proposing to rebuild the 21 mile-long Holcomb-Naselle 115-kilovolt (kV) Transmission Line located in Pacific County, Washington. The line was constructed in 1949 and deteriorating wood-pole structures and other components need to be replaced to maintain reliable electrical service.

The rebuild work would include removal and replacement of existing electrical wires (conductors), and replacement of about 50 of the 160 wood-pole structures along the line. The conductors would be strung to a higher tension and an overhead ground wire would be replaced one mile outside of the Holcomb and Naselle Substations. All pole and conductor hardware would be inspected and replaced as needed, including insulators, guy wires, and cross arms. All structures would be designed to support future installation of a fiber optic cable—no fiber installation is proposed at this time.

To access parts of the line during construction, and to provide adequate access for regular maintenance cycles, about 400 feet of existing access roads would be reconstructed and 15 miles of existing roads would be improved. One new bridge crossing and about 32 new culverts would be installed, and 17 existing culverts would be replaced. Up to 400 trees that have the potential to fall into the transmission line may need to be removed adjacent to the existing right-of-way. In addition, some equipment replacements and upgrades would occur within the electrical yards of the Holcomb and Naselle Substations.

**Environmental Review and Surveys:** BPA will be conducting an environmental review to understand the potential environmental impacts of this proposal. The environmental review will analyze anticipated impacts to natural and human resources and will help identify mitigation measures that would help avoid or minimize impacts. We are asking for your comments to help determine the issues that should be addressed in the environmental review. During this process, BPA will work with federal, state and local agencies, Tribes, potentially affected landowners, and other interest groups.

Beginning this Spring 2018, you may see BPA staff or contractors in the area as we conduct engineering and environmental surveys. If we need to enter property where we do not have existing access rights, we will contact property owners for permission through a separate mailing. Please note that separate from this process, regular line and vegetation maintenance activities may continue to occur along the line to keep it safely operating.

**How to Comment:** Please send your comments by **March 26, 2018** and reference the Holcomb-Naselle Transmission Line Rebuild project. All comments will be available on the project website at [www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild](http://www.bpa.gov/goto/HolcombNaselleRebuild). There are several ways to comment:

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Public Affairs – DKE-7  
P.O. Box 14428  
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**Toll-free:** 800-622-4519  
**FAX:** 503-230-4019  
**Online:** [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment)

If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Claire McClory, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-5922, or by e-mail at [cdmccclory@bpa.gov](mailto:cdmccclory@bpa.gov).

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-619-6634, or by e-mail at [amloran@bpa.gov](mailto:amloran@bpa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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