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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### **To: Parties Interested in the Proposed Juniper Canyon I Wind Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has received a request from Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Iberdrola) for interconnection of a proposed wind project to BPA's transmission system. This letter explains BPA's role in the proposed interconnection and provides information about how to participate in BPA's public process for consideration of the proposed action.

#### **Background**

In 2005, Iberdrola submitted a request to BPA for interconnection of up to 150 megawatts (MW) of electric power from Iberdrola's proposed Juniper Canyon I Wind Project to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS), which is owned and operated by BPA. The Wind Project is one phase of a two-phased wind generation project proposed by Iberdrola in Klickitat County, Washington. Each phase has a separate proposed point of interconnection with the FCRTS.

Iberdrola would independently build, own, and operate the Wind Project and its associated facilities, including a proposed transmission line to the proposed point of interconnection with the FCRTS. Klickitat County, which has siting and approval jurisdiction over the Wind Project, has coordinated with Iberdrola to prepare an environmental impact statement under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act for the Wind Project.

Iberdrola has proposed to interconnect the Wind Project to the FCRTS at BPA's existing Rock Creek substation in Klickitat County (see map). Under its Open Access Transmission Tariff, BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of generation, to all eligible customers on a non-discriminatory and first-come, first-served basis, subject to an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### **Proposal**

BPA is proposing to allow the interconnection of the Juniper Canyon I Wind Project to the FCRTS. To interconnect the Wind Project, BPA would expand its Rock Creek substation yard within BPA's property boundary by approximately 100 feet by 65 feet and install a new 230-kV terminal (see map inset). BPA also would install new metering and communications equipment in the Rock Creek substation control house, as well as in the substation control house for the proposed Wind Project.

#### **How to Comment**

We are accepting comments on BPA's proposed action through **January 30, 2010**. Comments can be submitted online at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>, via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKC-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, or faxed to (503) 230-3285. You can also call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519.

Please reference “Juniper Canyon I Wind Project” with your comments. Please note that all comment letters will be posted in their entirety on BPA’s Web site at:  
[http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/public\\_affairs/Comment\\_Listings/](http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/public_affairs/Comment_Listings/).

**Schedule**

We plan to complete our environmental review of BPA’s proposed action for this interconnection by summer 2010. If we determine that the decision to interconnect the Wind Project is consistent with our Business Plan (BP) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), we will prepare a record of decision (ROD) tiered to the BP EIS and its ROD.

**For More Information**

If you have questions or would like more project information, please call me toll free at (800) 622-4519 or visit our Web site at [www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Wind/).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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