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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To: Parties interested in Bonneville Power Administration's Rebuild of the Libby (FEC)-to-Troy Section of BPA's Libby-to-Bonniers Ferry 115-kilovolt Transmission Line

The Bonneville Power Administration has completed the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Libby-Troy transmission line rebuild in Lincoln County, Montana. The final EIS describes the proposed project and the environmental effects expected from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. The project is needed to continue to provide safe and reliable service to the local communities and to anticipate for the future growth of the area.

Last July, we released the draft EIS and asked for your comments. We also held a public meeting on August 15, 2007. We received thirteen comment letters during the comment period and nine comment letters after the comment period. We addressed all of these comments in the final EIS. Public comments on the draft EIS helped BPA and the project partners refine the environmental analysis.. Copies of all comments received on the draft EIS, our written responses to those comments and the changes between the draft and final EIS are included in the final.

Schedule

With the final EIS completed, BPA expects to produce a Record of Decision (ROD) that documents BPA's decision concerning the proposed rebuild project. The ROD will document whether BPA has decided to proceed with the proposed project and, if so, which alternative(s) was selected. BPA expects to issue its ROD for the proposed project by the end of June 2008. Any public comments on the final EIS that are received by BPA within three weeks of the date of this letter will be considered in the decision for the proposed project and, to the extent time allows, be included in the ROD. Information for submitting comments on the final EIS to BPA is provided below.

If BPA decides in the ROD to approve the proposed rebuild project, then rebuild construction activities could begin in the summer of 2008 after all necessary permits and approvals have been obtained. If this occurs, BPA expects that transmission line rebuild activities would be completed in the fall of 2009.

Copies available

If you would like to receive a copy or additional copies of the final EIS in hard copy or compact disc format, please call our toll-free document request line at (800) 622-4520. If you received the final EIS then you will also receive the ROD when it is completed unless you request otherwise. Please leave a message with the project name and your complete mailing address. You may also contact us via mail at Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428 or fax (503) 230-3285 or call our toll-free public involvement line at (800) 622-4519.

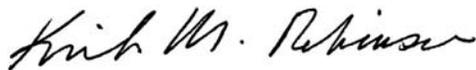
The final EIS is available on the project Web site at:

http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Libby/. Comments on the final EIS may be submitted to BPA online at: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment>, via e-mail to comment@bpa.gov, 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 also may call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519. All comments will be posted in their entirety on BPA's Web site at http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/public_affairs/Comment_Listings/.

For More Information

BPA is committed to providing reliable, low-cost transmission products and services to the region while minimizing environmental impacts. If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call us toll-free at (800) 622-4519 or e-mail me at kmrobinson@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Kirk Robinson
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Enclosure:
Final EIS