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In reply refer to: TNP-TPP-3

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

The Bonneville Power Administration is proposing to rebuild a 17-mile-long section of the 115-kilovolt (kV) Libby-Bonniers Ferry line in Lincoln County in western Montana to improve reliability on an aging line and meet future load growth in the area. The purpose of this letter is to update you on project activities as well as the project schedule.

Project Update

In April 2006, we sent you a letter explaining that after a thorough analysis, BPA recommends rebuilding the line at its current voltage: 115-kV single circuit. In addition, this 115-kV single circuit alternative is expected to meet load service requirements for the next 40 plus years.

In September 2005, BPA began to study the environmental impacts of rebuilding the transmission line and to further evaluate voltage needs. Over the past several months we've been preparing the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed rebuild. Unfortunately, it has taken longer to prepare the draft EIS than expected.

Schedule

BPA expects to release the draft EIS for the proposed rebuild project in November 2006. In December 2006, BPA will hold public meetings in Libby to hear your feedback and discuss the information in the draft EIS. Also, there will be a 45-day comment period following the release.

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 email me at kmrobinson@bpa.gov, additional information is available on our web site at http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kirk Robinson Oct. 11, 2006

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