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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### **To: Parties Interested in the Transmission Services Facility Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to build a new office building on the federally-owned Ross Complex in Vancouver. The proposed construction project is commonly referred to as the Transmission Services Facility Project. This letter briefly explains what is being proposed, outlines the process and schedule, and invites you to a meeting where you can learn more.

**Proposal** - The proposed Transmission Services Facility would be a three-to-five story office building located on the western edge of the Ross Complex between Ross Street and North Road, near BPA's existing Dittmer Building (see map). This building could be developed as either a 167,000 or a 210,000 square foot facility. Either size facility would be constructed to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard in energy efficiency and sustainability. While the design and exact placement of the building has not been determined, the design would adhere to the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances of the City of Vancouver. The area is zoned for industrial/commercial development. The proposed design also includes expanded surface parking at the Ross Complex.

**Public Meetings** –We will soon be assessing the environmental impacts of the proposed project, but before we do, we would like to hear from you. What questions do you have? What resources should we analyze? We have scheduled a public meeting to hear your ideas.

**September 29, 2009, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Minnehaha Elementary School**  
**2800 NE 54th St.**  
**Vancouver, WA 98663**

We do not plan to give a formal presentation at the meeting, so come anytime between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Several members of the project team will be available with project information and maps to answer your questions and listen to your ideas.

**Other Ways to Comment** - If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still comment through October 29, 2009 by one of the following ways: You may submit comments to BPA online at: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment); return the enclosed postcard, via mail to: Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428; or by fax to (503) 230-3285. You also may call us with your comment toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference "Transmission Services Facility Project" with your comments. BPA will post all comments it receives in their entirety on its website at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

**Process/Schedule** - The information we gather in our environmental analysis will be published in a Preliminary Environmental Assessment that will be available for review and comment in June 2010. If you would like to receive a copy, please return the enclosed postcard and check whether you would like to receive it by regular or electronic mail. If you do not return the postcard, you will still receive notice when the study is available.

Once we have completed the environmental review, BPA will decide whether and how to proceed with the project.

**For More Information-** To find out more about the project go to BPA's web site [www.bpa.gov/go/NEPA](http://www.bpa.gov/go/NEPA), and click on "Project Reviews – Active" and select "Transmission Services Facility Project".

If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Stephanie Breeden, toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, or at 503-230-5192; or by e-mail [sfbreeden@bpa.gov](mailto:sfbreeden@bpa.gov). If you have questions or would like more project information, please call Charles Fleisher, toll-free at (800) 282-3713; or at (503) 230-4092.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Stephanie Breeden*

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Enclosures:  
Project Map  
Postcard