

WELCOME

Proposed Interconnection of the Willow Creek Winds Project

OPEN HOUSE MEETING



Meeting Agenda

6 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome & Open House

Review information at tables, ask questions of BPA staff

6:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Overview Presentation

Proposed project overview and answer questions

6:45 - 8 p.m.

Open House

Opportunity to review information and ask specific questions

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How to Participate

- Speak with BPA staff who will explain the proposal and answer your questions.
- Ask for more information on specific topics at the different stations.
- Provide your comments and ideas so they can be addressed.
- Ask to be put on the mailing list to stay informed.

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Proposed Schedule

Public Meeting Oct. 18, 2005

Public Comment Comments due
Nov. 1, 2005

Tiered Record of
Decision (ROD)
Available January 2006

**If BPA decides to proceed with
the project, construction could
start as early as Spring 2006
and be complete by October
2006.*

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BPA Project Purpose

- BPA is responding to a request to interconnect power from proposed wind development to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System.
- BPA is required to provide non-discriminatory access to BPA's transmission system to all existing and proposed generation projects.
- A generator wishing to interconnect to BPA's transmission system must:
 - Pay for all interconnection studies and required interconnection facilities; and,
 - Contractually agree to comply with BPA standards to ensure reliable operation of the BPA power system.
 - BPA offers interconnection services subject to consideration of the environmental impacts under the National Environmental Policy Act.

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BPA Project Description

- BPA proposes to provide interconnection for up to 150 megawatts to BPA's Tower Road-Alkali Road 115-kilovolt transmission line in Gilliam County, Ore.
- The proposed interconnection site is within a BPA right-of-way.
- Additional work would be needed at the BPA Boardman Substation, within the substation fence.

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BPA Project Details

- Rebuild of approximately one mile of wood pole transmission line.
- The interconnection structure (below) will be similar to those proposed for the Willow Creek Winds Project Interconnection.



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- The proposed interconnection site is located approximately 2.3 miles southeast of I-84 and 0.3 mile east of State Highway 74.
- A wood pole structure within the project area (photographed below).



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Land and Realty

- BPA works with landowners on transmission line projects and can answer any BPA land questions that you may have.
- BPA realty staff is here to answer any questions you may have about this project.



Environmental Considerations

- BPA will produce an environmental document that analyzes the environmental impact of the BPA project, including the following resources:
 - Noise, public safety and health
 - Public services and transportation
 - Socioeconomics
 - Recreational features
 - Visual character of area
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Cultural resources
 - Geology and soils

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How to Comment After the Meeting

Write: Bonneville Power Administration
Communications Office – DM-7
P.O. Box 14428
Portland, OR 97293-4428

Online: <http://www.bpa.gov/comment/>

E-mail: comment@bpa.gov

Call: 1-800-622-4519

Last day to comment: Nov. 1, 2005

Please reference “Willow Creek” in all communications.

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