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### TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP-CSB-2

#### **To: Parties interested in the Proposed Interconnection of the Juniper Canyon II Wind Project**

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) received a request from Iberdrola Renewables, Inc. (Iberdrola) for interconnection of the proposed Juniper Canyon II Wind Project to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System (FCRTS), which is owned and operated by BPA. 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 interconnection.

**Background** - In 2006, Iberdrola submitted a request to BPA for interconnection of up to 101 megawatts (MW) of electric power from Iberdrola's proposed Juniper Canyon II Wind Project (Juniper Canyon II) to the FCRTS. Juniper Canyon II is the second phase of the Juniper Canyon Wind Project. The first phase, Juniper Canyon I, has undergone environmental review by Klickitat County and BPA. Both phases of Juniper Canyon Wind Project are located in Klickitat County, Washington.

Iberdrola would independently build, own, and operate Juniper Canyon II and its associated facilities, including a transmission line to the proposed BPA interconnection point. Iberdrola is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for Juniper Canyon II and associated facilities. BPA does not plan to purchase any power from Juniper Canyon II.

Klickitat County has siting and approval jurisdiction over Juniper Canyon II. The County coordinated with Iberdrola to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act, which included review of both Juniper Canyon I and II. Although the environmental review for Juniper Canyon I is complete, the Klickitat County environmental review of Juniper Canyon II is ongoing and expected to be completed in the fall of 2010.

Iberdrola has proposed to interconnect Juniper Canyon II to the FCRTS at a point along BPA's existing Horse Heaven – Harvalum transmission line in Klickitat County, near the town of Roosevelt (see enclosed map). The proposed transmission line route from Juniper Canyon II to this interconnection point is centrally located between Juniper Canyon II and the site of another proposed wind project, the Lund Hill Wind Project, which also has requested interconnection to the FCRTS. BPA expects to consider interconnection of the Lund Hill Wind Project separately under NEPA once environmental information about that project becomes available. 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.

**BPA Proposal** - BPA is proposing to allow the interconnection of Iberdrola's Juniper Canyon II Wind Project to the FCRTS. To interconnect Juniper Canyon II, BPA would build a new BPA substation, the Wood Creek Substation, at the proposed point of interconnection along BPA's Horse Heaven – Harvalum transmission line. This proposed substation would occupy approximately 3 acres immediately adjacent to the existing BPA transmission line corridor that contains the Horse Heaven – Harvalum transmission line,

another existing BPA transmission line, and a third BPA transmission line that is currently under construction.

**Public Meeting** - We will soon start to assess the potential environmental impacts of the interconnection of Juniper Canyon II and are accepting comments. A public meeting will provide an opportunity for you to share your ideas and submit comments related to the scope of the environmental review. We do not plan to give a formal presentation at the meeting, so come anytime between 4 PM. and 7 PM. Several members of the BPA project team will be available to answer your questions and listen to your ideas. The meeting will be held:

**Thursday, August 5, 2010, 4 - 7 PM**  
**Roosevelt Elementary School**  
**615 Chinook Avenue**  
**Roosevelt, WA 99356**

**Other Ways to Comment** - Please submit comments by **August 20, 2010**. You may submit comments to BPA online at: [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), return the enclosed comment form or other written correspondence in the postage-paid envelope provided, or fax your comments to (503) 230-3285. You also may call us with your comments toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference “Juniper Canyon II Wind Project Interconnection” with your comments. We will post all comments we receive on our Web site at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment).

**Schedule** - We currently anticipate completion of environmental review for this proposal in fall of 2010. If BPA determines that the decision to interconnect the wind project is consistent with BPA’s Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (BP EIS), BPA will prepare a record of decision (ROD) tiered to the BP EIS and its associated ROD. The ROD will explain the decision on the interconnection and summarize the environmental review.

**For more information** - If you have questions or would like more information about BPA’s proposed interconnection of the Juniper Canyon II Wind Project, please call me toll free at (800) 622-4519 or visit our project Web site at [www.bpa.gov/go/junipercanyonII](http://www.bpa.gov/go/junipercanyonII).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Amy Freel*

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Enclosures:  
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