

Bonneville Power Administration's Proposed Interconnection of the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm

Lifeline Energy, Inc., a private wind developer, submitted a generation interconnection request to BPA to integrate up to 750 MW of electricity from Lifeline's proposed Shepherds Flat Wind Farm into the Federal Columbia River Transmission System. Interconnection would require BPA to expand the existing BPA Slatt substation in Gilliam County, in order to add a 230-kV substation yard.

The proposed wind farm would be located in Gilliam and Morrow counties, Oregon. The wind project is currently being reviewed by the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC). The wind developer would permit, build, own, and operate the wind project and associated facilities, including a transmission line built between the project and the BPA interconnection point. BPA does not propose to purchase any of the power produced by this wind project.

Environmental Review and Schedule

BPA environmental review of the proposed interconnection of the Shepherds Flat Wind Farm to BPA's transmission system is in the preliminary stages. BPA has or will conduct various environmental studies for the proposed BPA interconnection site, including a weed survey, cultural resources survey, and a wildlife survey. The developer, through the EFSC Site Certificate Application process, has or will conduct environmental studies for the proposed wind project and associated facilities. BPA is currently in the process of determining the appropriate NEPA compliance documentation to be prepared for its involvement in the proposed interconnection.

BPA will hold a public meeting in late summer or fall 2006 in order to provide an opportunity for public comment on the proposed BPA interconnection and potential environmental issues and impacts. If you would like to be on the BPA mail list for this project and receive notice of the date, time and place for the public meeting, please submit your name to BPA, using one of the methods listed below.

For more information

If you have questions about BPA's proposed interconnection or would like to request to be on the mail list, call toll free at (800) 622-4519. Other ways to sign up for the mail list for this project include:

- Sign up on the BPA mail list at the OR EFSC meeting
- E-mail the BPA environmental lead, Kimberly St.Hilaire at krsthilaire@bpa.gov or call her at 503-230-5361;
- Visit the BPA web page for this project:
http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/ShepherdsFlatWindFarm/

