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TRANSMISSION SERVICES

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In reply refer to: TEP- TPP-1

To: Parties Interested in the Olympia-Grand Coulee No. 1 Tower Relocation Project

Background

BPA is proposing to relocate a transmission tower along the Olympia-Grand Coulee 287-kV transmission line within the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in King County, Washington. The existing tower is at imminent risk of failure from erosion and bank sloughing from Sunday Creek, which is situated below the tower. Two maps showing the proposed project are included with this letter.

Relocating the tower approximately 30 feet west of its current location would ensure transmission system reliability and provide safe operation under all conditions, including peak demand and extreme weather.

Environmental review process and construction activities

BPA is the lead agency for the environmental review process required under the National Environmental Policy Act. We are currently conducting environmental and cultural resource survey work. BPA would begin construction once the environmental review process is complete. Work would be done within BPA's transmission line right-of-way, and be conducted during a project specific scheduled outage and within the recommended in-water work window, August 1-31, 2012, for any work conducted below the ordinary high water mark of the creek.

Work would include evening out approaches to two existing fords and either laying down of steel plates or installation of temporary bridges across the fords to protect the crossing so that heavy equipment can enter the site, creating a landing area next to the new tower location, and excavation of new footings. The existing tower would be dismantled and erected on the new footings and the existing footings would be cut below ground level and remain in place. Heavy equipment used on the proposed project may include, but is not limited to a mower, grader, excavator, crane and dump truck.

How to comment

As part of the environmental review process, we are accepting public comments through July 13, 2012. You may submit comments to BPA online at www.bpa.gov/comment, mail them to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428 or fax to 503-230-4019. You also may call us with your verbal comments, toll

free at 800-622-4519. Please submit comments to us by **July 13, 2012** and reference “Olympia-Grand Coulee Tower Relocation” with your comments. All comments will be considered part of the project record and will be posted for public review on our website at ww.bpa.gov/comment.

For more information

If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Laura Roberts, toll-free at 800-282-3713; or at 503-230-5073 or by email at laroberts@bpa.gov. If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me, Amanda Williams, toll free at 800-282-3713; or at 360-619-6634 or by email at amloran@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amanda Williams, 6/14/2012

Amanda Williams
Project Manager

Enclosures:

Map – Project Work Areas
Map – Ground Disturbance Areas