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#### **To: Parties interested in the Olympic Peninsula Transmission Line Reinforcement Project**

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) is proposing to upgrade an existing 20-mile, 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line between BPA's Olympia and Shelton substations on the Olympic Peninsula. This letter invites you to comment on the Olympic Peninsula Transmission Line Reinforcement Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) and includes information on how to submit your comments.

#### **Background**

In December 2006, BPA sent a letter describing the proposed project and invited comments. If this is the first letter that you have received about this project, it is because the project has changed slightly and may now affect you. BPA has refined its proposal to include removing a section of the line and not replacing it (see area identified in pink on the enclosed map). The attached fact sheet and map give an overview of the project.

The EA describes the proposed project, the No Action Alternative, and potential environmental impacts. The EA also gives an assessment of the floodplains and wetlands potentially affected by the project in Mason and Thurston counties, and lists proposed mitigation measures that could lessen or eliminate those impacts. The EA is enclosed if you requested it during the scoping period. You can request a copy by calling our toll-free document request line: (800) 622-4520. The EA is available at [www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental\\_services/Document\\_Library/Olympic/](http://www.efw.bpa.gov/environmental_services/Document_Library/Olympic/). Review copies are also available at the libraries on the enclosed list.

#### **How to comment**

BPA is accepting comments on the preliminary EA through **March 6, 2008**. You can mail the enclosed comment form to Bonneville Power Administration, Public Affairs Office - DKE-7, P.O. Box 14428, Portland, OR, 97293-4428, submit your comments online at [www.bpa.gov/comment](http://www.bpa.gov/comment), or fax comments to (503) 230-3285. You also can call us toll free with your comment at (800) 622-4519. Please note all comments will be posted on BPA's external Web site.

**For more information**

Additional information is online at [www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/). If you have questions or would like more information about the project, please call toll free at (800) 622-4519, e-mail me at [gobeck@bpa.gov](mailto:gobeck@bpa.gov), or call me at (360) 619-6596. Thank you for your interest in the project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gary O. Beck, 2/15/2008*

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Enclosures:  
Preliminary Environmental Assessment (if requested)  
Fact sheet and map  
Comment form  
List of libraries