

Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: TEPL-TPP-1

To: People interested in the Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement Project

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the proposed Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement project. The EA describes the project and why it is needed, discusses the environmental impacts the project would create, and lists the mitigation measures that would lessen those impacts. This letter requests your comments on the EA and outlines the next steps for the project.

How to Comment: The EA can be viewed at the project website at www.bpa.gov/nepa/Big-Eddy-Ostrander. If you requested a hard copy, it is enclosed. If you would like to request a hard copy (about 110 pages, including appendices), please call our toll-free line listed below.

Please send your comments on the EA by April 26, 2025, and reference the Big Eddy-Ostrander Conductor Replacement project. We will consider all comments submitted during the comment period and provide responses to substantive comments in the final EA. In addition, comments will be available on the project website. There are several ways to comment:

Mail:Bonneville Power AdministrationToll-free:800-622-4519Public Affairs – DKE-7FAX:503-230-4019

P.O. Box 14428 Online: <u>www.bpa.gov/comment</u> Portland, OR 97291-4428

Schedule: The schedule for the EA process is as follows:

Comment scoping period

Draft EA available for public comment

Final EA

Finding of No Significant Impact (if warranted)

June 17, 2022, to July 18, 2022

March 27, 2025, to April 26, 2025

Spring 2025

Spring 2025

If decision to build, construction start Spring 2026

For More Information: If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the Environmental Protection Specialist, Beth Belanger, toll-free at 800-622-4519, directly at 503-230-7579, or by e-mail at <u>babelanger@bpa.gov</u>.

If you have other questions or would like more project information, please call me at the toll-free number listed above, directly at 360-619-6634, or by e-mail at amloran@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Amanda Williams Transmission Project Manager

Enclosures:

Draft EA (if requested) Comment Form Return Envelope