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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To: Parties interested in the Central Ferry to Lower Monumental Transmission Line Project

I am sending this letter to update you on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) plans to construct the Central Ferry to Lower Monumental Transmission Line Project.

Project - The project consists of about 38 miles of new 500-kilovolt single circuit transmission line. The line will run from BPA's Central Ferry Substation near the Port of Central Ferry in Garfield County, generally west through Garfield, Columbia, and Walla Walla counties to BPA's Lower Monumental Substation in Walla Walla County.

Project status - BPA completed an environmental impact statement and signed a record of decision to build the project in March 2011. The project is the same as described in the environmental impact statement, with the exception of several access road modifications.

The last project update letter you received was in May 2012, which explained that construction of the line was placed on hold until it was required to provide transmission service to BPA customers. Now, due to a recent agreement between Puget Sound Energy and Portland General Electric, the line is needed and BPA is planning to construct the project next year. As BPA prepares for construction, we continue to work with landowners, agencies and tribes regarding the project, easements and access road modifications.

Project schedule - BPA anticipates that construction will start in the spring of 2014 and line energization is expected in December 2015. Prior to construction, BPA will hold a "Meet-the-Contractor" open-house meeting and provide construction schedule information.

We appreciate your understanding regarding the schedule change. Information about this project is available at www.bpa.gov/go/centralferrylomo. If you have questions regarding the project, contact me at toll free 800-622-4519, direct 360-619-6313 or by email at tmberry@bpa.gov.

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Theresa Berry

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Enclosure:
Project location map