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In reply refer to: TEP-TPP-3

To: People Interested in the Hooper Springs Transmission Project

The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has finalized the environmental impact statement (EIS) for the **Hooper Springs Transmission Project**.

This final EIS is enclosed if you previously requested it. If you did not receive a copy of the final EIS with this letter and you would like one, please call our toll-free document request line 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project as well as your name and complete mailing address. Information about this project is also available on our website at www.bpa.gov/goto/HooperSprings.

Proposal: BPA proposes to build a new 115-kilovolt (kV) line in Caribou County, Idaho from a proposed new 138/115-kV BPA substation (Hooper Springs Substation), near Soda Springs, Idaho, to either an existing Lower Valley Energy (LVE) substation or a proposed BPA connection facility that would connect with LVE's existing transmission system in northeastern Caribou County. BPA also would construct an approximately 0.2-mile-long, single-circuit 138-kV line between the proposed Hooper Springs Substation and PacifiCorp's existing Thremile Knoll Substation to connect the new line to the regional transmission grid. The proposed Hooper Springs Transmission Project would improve system reliability in the southern portion of LVE's transmission system and would address ongoing load growth in southeast Idaho and in northwestern Wyoming.

Comments Received: We received about 32 comment communications in addition to comments received during the supplemental draft EIS public meeting held on May 27, 2014. The final EIS presents the comments received, BPA's responses to those comments, and corrections to the supplemental draft EIS. Based on the analysis in the final EIS, BPA will issue a record of decision on any action we may take on this project.

For More Information: If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll free at 1-800-622-4519, or e-mail me at eorth@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in our work.

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Enclosure:
Final EIS (if requested)