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To: Parties Interested in the Proposed BPA Interconnection of the Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) received a request from E.ON Climate and Renewables North America, Inc. (E.ON) for interconnection of their proposed Brush Canyon Wind Power Facility (Brush Canyon Facility) to the Federal Columbia River Transmission System, which is owned and operated by BPA. This letter explains BPA's role in the proposed interconnection and provides information about how to participate in BPA's public process for consideration of the interconnection.

Background - The Brush Canyon Facility that has been proposed by E.ON would be an up to 535-megawatt (MW) wind facility located on privately owned land in northeastern Wasco County, just east of the towns of Antelope and Shaniko, and in southern Sherman County, just east of Kent, in Oregon. E.ON would independently build, own, and operate the Brush Canyon Facility. In order to interconnect the Brush Canyon Facility, E.ON also would construct and own a 32-mile long 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from their collector substations to BPA's Buckley Substation, which is located approximately 10 miles southwest of the town of Grass Valley, in Sherman County, Oregon. E.ON is responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals for their Brush Canyon Facility.

The Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) has siting and approval jurisdiction over the proposed Brush Canyon Facility, including the proposed 230-kV transmission line. Accordingly, E.ON has applied to EFSC for a site certificate. EFSC review of the proposed Brush Canyon Facility is ongoing. A draft proposed order for the Brush Canyon Facility was issued by EFSC on November 18, 2013, and a public hearing on this order is currently scheduled for December 9, 2013 at 6:00 PM in Madras, Oregon. Additional information on the EFSC review and associated opportunities to comment on the wind facility is available on the Oregon Department of Energy, Energy Siting Division website at: <http://www.oregon.gov/energy/Siting/Pages/BrCW.aspx>.

To allow the proposed interconnection of up to 299-megawatts at BPA's Buckley Substation, E.ON has submitted a request to BPA for this interconnection. Under its Open Access Transmission Tariff, BPA offers transmission services, including interconnection of generation, to all eligible customers on a non-discriminatory and first-come, first-served basis, subject to an environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

BPA Proposal - BPA is proposing to allow the interconnection of 299-megawatts of power from the Brush Canyon Facility at BPA's Buckley Substation. As part of this proposed interconnection, BPA would rebuild Buckley Substation. The rebuilt Buckley Substation would be located near or immediately adjacent to the existing substation to take advantage of existing communications and because existing transmission lines that currently terminate at Buckley would need to be reterminated into the rebuilt substation. Some elements of the existing substation, such as the control house could remain intact. BPA does not plan to purchase any power from the Brush Canyon Facility.

Public Comments – BPA is accepting comments on BPA’s actions related to the proposed interconnection of the Brush Canyon Facility. Please submit comments by **January 15, 2014**. BPA staff will be present at the December 9, 2013 EFSC public hearing to answer any questions about the proposed interconnection.

You may submit comments to BPA online at www.bpa.gov/comment, return the enclosed comment form or other written correspondence in the postage-paid envelope provided, or fax your comments to (503) 230-4019. You also may call us with your comments toll free at (800) 622-4519. Please reference “Brush Canyon Wind Facility Interconnection” with your comments. We will post all comments we receive on our project web site at www.bpa.gov/goto/BrushCanyonInterconnection.

Environmental Review and Schedule - BPA will conduct environmental review of the proposal, including environmental studies of the proposed substation location, once the proposed location of the rebuilt substation is determined and preliminary design of Buckley Substation begins. BPA will assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed interconnection. The completion of the environmental review will depend on when preliminary design of the rebuilt substation begins. If preliminary design begins in 2014, environmental review could be completed in 2015.

If BPA determines that the decision to interconnect the wind project is consistent with BPA’s Business Plan Environmental Impact Statement (BP EIS), BPA will prepare a record of decision (ROD) tiered to the BP EIS and its associated ROD. The ROD will explain the decision on the interconnection and summarize the environmental review.

For more information - If you have questions or would like more information about BPA’s proposed interconnection of the Brush Canyon Facility, please call Angela DeClerck toll free at (800) 622-4519 or e-mail ardeclerck@bpa.gov. If you have questions regarding the environmental process, please contact the environmental project lead, Kimberly St. Hilaire, at the toll-free number above, directly at (503) 230-5361 or e-mail krsthilaire@bpa.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

/s/ Angela DeClerck

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