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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

To: People Interested in the Albany-Eugene 115-kilovolt Transmission Line Rebuild Project

Bonneville Power Administration will begin constructing phase two of the Albany-Eugene 115-kV Transmission Line Rebuild Project. The project is needed to serve new power loads at the Halsey Mills and to eliminate sagging voltages in the immediate area. This line parallels a portion of Highway 99 between Albany and Eugene, Ore. The rebuild project occurs in the section of line between Highway 36 and the Eugene substation. This letter briefly describes the project, provides a construction schedule, and explains how you can contact BPA if you have questions or would like more information.

Background

The existing line serves two substations with taps between the Eugene substation and Alderwood tap: Parker substation and Junction City substation. The project involves removing the old wood pole structures and conductors, and replacing them with new steel poles and conductors able to carry additional current. The steel poles will be approximately 10 to 20 feet higher than the existing wood pole structures. Fiber optic cable currently serving BPA and other customers will be replaced with new, better-suited fiber for the entire length of the project.

BPA completed an environmental review in late 1997 and early 1998, and concluded that the action, with mitigation, would not adversely affect any sensitive environmental resources and would comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Construction Schedule

Phase two is the project's final phase, will begin the first week of June 2004 and be completed in fall 2004. Phase two consists of converting a five-mile stretch of the line from single to double-circuit. The rebuilt line will be located in the same location as the existing line. BPA completed phase one last fall (from Parker Tap to Eugene substation) and the line was energized on Oct. 27, 2003.

BPA has contacted and will continue to work with landowners and businesses along the corridor to minimize construction impacts.

For More Information

If you have general questions or concerns about this project you may call our toll-free line at 1-888-276-7790. You may also access project information and documents on our Web site at <http://www.transmission.bpa.gov/projects>. Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirk M. Robinson".

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