



## Department of Energy

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In reply refer to: T-DITT-2

### To: **Landowners Interested in the Wanapa Energy Center Interconnection Project**

The proposed Wanapa Energy Center is a 1,200-megawatt (MW) electrical generating plant that would be constructed as two separate 600 MW blocks. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) would build a new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line from the plant location in Umatilla County, Oregon that would interconnect with BPA's McNary substation. This letter briefly explains the project, how to contact BPA with questions, request the environmental documents and submit comments.

#### **Background**

The Wanapa Energy Center project is being proposed by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Diamond Generating Corporation, City of Hermiston, City of Eugene acting through the Eugene Water and Electric Board, and the Port of Umatilla.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is the lead federal agency, and BPA is participating as a cooperating agency in preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The draft EIS analyzes the proposed route and three route alternatives for the new transmission lines (see enclosed map). The BIA held public scoping meetings in October and November 2001 and early December 2003. BIA is accepting comments on the draft EIS which was released in October 2003. A final EIS is expected in April 2004.

#### **How to Comment**

You can mail the enclosed comment form to Phillip Sanchez, BIA Superintendent, Umatilla Agency, PO Box 520, 46807 B St., Pendleton, OR 97801. The end of the formal comment period is Dec. 29, 2003.

#### **For More Information**

If you need more information or if you would like copies of the draft EIS, please call toll free at 1-888-276-7790 or send me an email [gobeck@bpa.gov](mailto:gobeck@bpa.gov). You may also access project information and documents on our web site at [http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission\\_Projects/](http://www2.transmission.bpa.gov/PlanProj/Transmission_Projects/). The BIA contact for information is Mr. Jerry Lauer at 541-278-3786. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary O. Beck".

Gary Beck  
Project Manager