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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Bonneville Power Administration

Supplement to Administrator's Record of Decision on Bonneville Power Administration's Service to Direct Service Industrial (DSI) Customers for Fiscal Years 2007-2011

AGENCY: Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of final policy.

SUMMARY: BPA Administrator Stephen J. Wright signed a supplement to the Administrator's Record of Decision (ROD) on Bonneville Power Administration's Service to Direct Service Industrial (DSI) Customers for Fiscal Years 2007-2011. The original ROD was signed on June 30, 2005, and outlined BPA's tentative decision to offer a surplus power sales contract to each of its remaining three aluminum company DSI customers, totaling in aggregate 560 aMW, at a capped cost of \$59 million per year, and a 17 aMW surplus power sales contract to its one remaining nonaluminum company DSI customer. BPA will now move forward on signing contracts with the DSIs for the FY 2007-2011 period. The post-2011 period will be addressed in the upcoming Regional Dialogue public process.

DATES: On May 31, 2006, the Supplemental ROD for DSI service for FY 2007-2011 was signed.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available on BPA's Record of Decision Web site at <http://www.bpa.gov/corporate/pubs/RODS/2006/> and BPA's Regional Dialogue Web site: www.bpa.gov/power/regionaldialogue. Copies are also available by contacting BPA's Public Information Center at (800) 622-4520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Scott Wilson, Customer Account Executive, Bulk Marketing and Transmission Service, at (503) 230-7638, for information regarding the Supplemental Record of Decision on Bonneville Power Administration's Service to Direct Service Industrial (DSI) Customers for Fiscal Years 2007-2011.

Issued this 7th day of June, 2006.

Stephen J. Wright,
Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Construction and Operation of the Trinity Public Utility District Direct Interconnection Project, Trinity County, CA

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and conduct scoping meetings; Notice of Floodplain and Wetlands Involvement.

SUMMARY: The Western Area Power Administration (Western), Department of Energy (DOE), intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to construct and operate proposed power transmission facilities in Trinity County, California. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will participate in the preparation of the EIS, which will address the proposed removal of about 5.3 miles of 12-kilovolt (kV) distribution line, and the construction and operation of about 16 miles of new 60-kV transmission line, a tap structure and associated equipment, and a new switchyard. Input for the scope of the EIS may be provided in writing or at a scoping meeting in the project area.

DATES: Open-house public scoping meetings will be held:

1. July 10, 2006, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Weaverville, CA.

2. July 11, 2006, 3 p.m.-7 p.m., Redding, CA.

The public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will end at midnight on July 19, 2006. The Draft EIS is expected to be available in October 2006 and the Final EIS in April 2007. Western's Record of Decision (ROD) is expected in May 2007. The Draft EIS, Final EIS, and ROD will be issued only after Western's Administrator approves these documents.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

1. Weaverville—Victorian Inn, 1709 Main Street, Weaverville, CA 96093.

2. Redding—Oxford Suites, 1967 Hilltop Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

Written comments regarding the scoping process should be addressed to Ms. Cherie Johnston-Walstead, Western Area Power Administration, Sierra Nevada Region, 114 Parkshore Drive, Folsom, CA 95630-4710; fax (916) 985-1934; or e-mail walstead@wapa.gov.

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281213, Lakewood, CO 80228-8213; fax (720) 962-7263, or e-mail wieringa@wapa.gov for information about the proposed project, to be added to the project mailing list, or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS. For general information on DOE's NEPA review procedures or status of a NEPA review, contact Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Western is a power marketing agency of DOE that markets Federal electric power to statutorily defined customers including project use, municipalities, irrigation districts, and Native American tribes. Western initially proposed to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Trinity Public Utility District (PUD) Direct Interconnection Project on February 25, 2005. The USFS expressed concerns regarding potential impacts to the northern spotted owl and designated critical habitat and on Late Successional Reserve forest areas. Based on a review of the USFS concerns, Western determined to prepare an EIS, with USFS and BLM as cooperating agencies.

The EIS will address the environmental impacts of the removal of about 5.3 miles of existing 12-kV distribution line and the construction and operation of about 16 miles of new 60-kV transmission line, a tap structure and associated equipment, and a new switchyard in Trinity County. Western's EIS process will comply with NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347, as amended), Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 1500-1508) and DOE NEPA implementing procedures (10 CFR part 1021). Because the proposed project may involve action in floodplains, the EIS will include a floodplain assessment and floodplain statement of findings following DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review (10 CFR part 1022).

Purpose and Need

Western proposes to establish a direct connection between Western's Central Valley Project (CVP) and Trinity PUD at a higher voltage to strengthen power deliveries and enhance reliability of service. Delivery of CVP power to Trinity County, in part, is authorized by the Trinity River Division Act.

Proposed Project Description

The proposed project would include (1) removal of about 5.3 miles of old 12-kV distribution line from Trinity Power