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ENVIRONMENT, FISH AND WILDLIFE

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**To: People Interested in the Proposed Construction of the Umatilla Generating Project and Integration into the Regional Electric Power Grid at BPA's McNary Substation**

We would like to hear from you on Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) proposal for integration of electrical power from the Umatilla Generating Project into the Federal transmission grid.

During the scoping process for this project, you indicated whether you wished to receive a copy of the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or just the Summary. Based on your response to us, please find a copy of the draft EIS enclosed for your review and comment, or the Summary enclosed for your information.

**How to Comment:** Choose the way you would like to comment: Write a letter to BPA, Communications – KC-7, P.O. Box 12999, Portland, Oregon 97212; call BPA's toll-free comment line at 1-800-622-4519, and leave a message; come to the public meeting identified below; or send an e-mail to [comment@bpa.gov](mailto:comment@bpa.gov). Comments will be accepted through October 15, 2001.

**Public Meeting:** BPA will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 25, 2001, at the Hermiston High School, 600 S. First Street, Hermiston, Oregon. The meeting will be an informal open house. Come anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. when it is convenient for you. BPA staff and representatives of the Umatilla Generating Company, L.P., will be available to take your comments on the draft EIS and answer any questions you may have about the proposed project.

**Proposal:** BPA has been requested by Umatilla Generating Company, L.P., to integrate electrical power from the proposed Umatilla Generating Project into the Federal transmission grid. BPA would provide an interconnection to the grid at BPA's McNary Substation, near Hermiston, Oregon. The project includes the construction of a gas-fired combined-cycle electric power generation plant with a nominal generation capacity of 550 megawatts. Up to 5 miles of new natural gas pipeline would be built to supply gas to the plant. Approximately 11 miles of an existing transmission line would be reconductored, and approximately one-half mile of new transmission line would be built for the interconnection at McNary Substation. In addition, about one-third mile of new pipeline would deliver raw water to the proposed power plant, and

about 3 miles of new pipeline would carry reclaimed water from the proposed power plant to irrigate cropland.

**Additional Copies:** If you would like more copies of this draft EIS or Summary, please call our toll-free document request line at 1-800-622-4520. Leave a message naming this project and giving your complete mailing address. It can also be viewed on our website at [www.efw.bpa.gov](http://www.efw.bpa.gov).

**For More Information:** If you need more information or have any questions, please call me toll-free at 1-800-282-3713, at my direct number, (503) 230-3786, or send an e-mail to [isgraetzer@bpa.gov](mailto:isgraetzer@bpa.gov).

Thank you for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Inez S. Graetzer*

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Enclosure:  
Draft EIS or Summary

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