

Starbuck to Lower Monumental Dam Transmission Line Project

"I'd Like to Tell You . . ."

1. When you develop alternative routes please consider \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY BPA  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT  
LOG#: STAR-001  
RECEIPT DATE: MAY 29 2001

2. Please avoid areas like \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Please be sure your environmental studies look at \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. I need more information about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. I have these other comments \_\_\_\_\_

We firmly believe that any small environmental impacts and/or inconveniences caused by the plant or the transmission lines are of no importance compared to the need for more electrical power. The remoteness of the project and the location being only a small distance from a main line gas supply makes it a needed and practical project.

Please put me on your project mailing list. (You are already on the mail list if you have received mailed notice.)

Name Port of Columbia

Address 1 Port Way

Dayton, WA 99328

Please mail your comments by June 25, 2001 to:

Bonneville Power Administration  
Public Affairs Office - KC  
P.O. Box 12999  
Portland, OR 97212



Starbuck to Lower Monumental Dam Transmission Line Project

"I'd Like to Tell You . . ."

1. When you develop alternative routes please consider \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED BY BPA  
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT  
LOG#: STAR 002  
RECEIPT DATE:  
MAY 29 2001

2. Please avoid areas like \_\_\_\_\_

3. Please be sure your environmental studies look at \_\_\_\_\_

4. I need more information about \_\_\_\_\_

5. I have these other comments *I am supportative of this project I think an ideal site has been selected. This plant will have a major favorable impact on Columbia County along with providing a needed service*

Please put me on your project mailing list. (You are already on the mail list if you have received mailed notice.)

Name *Bonnie Williams*

Address *214 No. Touchard Rd., Dayton, WA 99328*

Please mail your comments by June 25, 2001 to:

Bonneville Power Administration  
Public Affairs Office - KC  
P.O. Box 12999  
Portland, OR 97212





**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

**Sid Morrison**  
Secretary of Transportation

June 13, 2001

**South Central Region**  
2809 Rudkin Road, Union Gap  
P.O. Box 12560  
Yakima, WA 98909-2560

509-577-1600

Bonneville Power Administration  
Communications – KC-7  
P. O. Box 12999  
Portland, OR 97212-0999

RECEIVED BY BPA PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT LOG#: <i>STAR-003</i>
RECEIPT DATE: JUN 20 2001

Attention: Lou Driessen

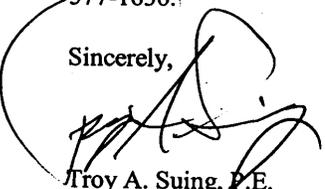
Subject: U.S. Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration  
KEC-4, Starbuck to Lower Monumental Dam Transmission Line Project  
SR 261, MP 13.683 vicinity

We have reviewed the proposed project, and we have the following comments.

1. The proposed transmission line would cross State Highway 261 (SR 261). SR 261 is a Class 2 Access Managed highway in this area.
2. A Utility crossing permit is required for all highway crossings. Please contact the South Central Region Utilities Office to obtain the utility crossing permits. Please contact Jamil Anabtawi at (509) 577-1785.
3. The Bonneville Power Administration will need to coordinate any access to the SR 261 project site with WSDOT's Area Maintenance office for both construction and maintenance of the transmission line. Please contact Bob Martin at (509) 527-4548.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposed project. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact John Gruber at (509) 577-1636.

Sincerely,

  
Troy A. Suing, P.E.  
Regional Planning Engineer

TAS: rh/jjg

cc: File #1, SR 261  
Jamil Anabtawi, Utilities Engineer  
Bob Martin, Area 4 Maintenance Superintendent

p:\planning\devrev\sr261\bpa\_starbuck-1 monum dam line.doc

**Kuehn, Ginny -KC-7**

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

LOG#: STAR-004

RECEIPT DATE:

JUL 18 2001

**From:** Rick\_Donaldson@r1.fws.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2001 2:31 PM  
**To:** comment@bpa.gov; lcdriessen@bpa.gov  
**Cc:** sheila\_huff@ios.doi.gov; Estyn\_Mead@r1.fws.gov; Dan\_Trochta@r1.fws.gov; Suzanne\_Audet@r1.fws.gov; Susan\_Martin@r1.fws.gov; Michelle\_Eames@r1.fws.gov  
**Subject:** Starbuck Power Project, BPA, NOI, June 14, 2001 FR (ER 01/0562)

To whom it may concern:

Per the instructions in the June 14, 2001 Federal Register Notice regarding the Bonneville Power Administration's Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Starbuck Power Project, the Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), requests that we be placed on the mailing list for any notices or documents associated with the proposed action.

The Service anticipates that several fish and wildlife resource issues will need to be addressed in the your EIS, including the following:

1) Endangered Species: It is likely that Federally listed threatened and endangered species may be present in the project area, therefore BPA is responsible for compliance with section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Because the proposed action is considered a "major construction activity" (based on your preparation of an EIS for this action), the BPA will need to prepare a Biological Assessment (BA) pursuant to 50 CFR 402.12. BPA will also need to submit a request to this office for a species list of any listed or proposed species or designated or proposed critical habitat that may be present in the action area, or provide written notification of the species and critical habitat that are being included in the BA for this action. Because of the project's proximity to the Snake River, BPA should contact the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), regarding Federally listed anadromous fish that may be present in the action area and/or affected by the proposed action. We suggest you contact Dale Bambrick of NMFS at 509-962-8911 for further information.

2) Migratory Birds: Project features, including transmission lines may cause injury to migratory birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Impacts to avian species, as well as measures to avoid and/or minimize impacts to these species will need to be fully evaluated in the EIS.

The Service will attend meetings and review and comment on future NEPA documents as staff time and availability allow. Please send any subsequent documents and/or notices to:

Susan Martin, Supervisor  
Upper Columbia Fish and Wildlife Office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
11103 E. Montgomery Drive  
Spokane, WA 99206

If you have any questions, please contact Rick Donaldson at the telephone and/or e-mail address shown below.

Rick Donaldson  
Federal Activities  
Ecological Services, USFWS-Spokane  
Phone: 509-893-8009  
FAX : 509-891-6748  
email: : rick\_donaldson@fws.gov

**Smith, Philip W - KEC-4**

---

**From:** Jayne, Douglas [DJAY461@ECY.WA.GOV]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2001 5:08 PM  
**To:** Phil Smith (E-mail)  
**Subject:** Some input on the proposed Starbuck Power line

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Friday, September 21, 2001 5:00 PM  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Phil: It was good to talk with you on 8/28 about the proposed Starbuck to Lower Monumental power line. We have a couple of initial comments to make on the power line project based on the brief description and map of the route that was forwarded to us.

1. We don't understand the need for a 1,200 foot spacing between the existing and the proposed lines. It appears that the spacing proposed will cause considerable more impact to the shrub-steppe ecosystem than, say a 300-400 foot spacing.
2. We would like to see route alternatives evaluated that would minimize impacts to the shrub-steppe ecosystem.
3. Where impacts to this ecosystem are necessary, we would like to see mitigation measures proposed and implemented to minimize impacts.
4. We are also concerned about potential impacts to migratory waterfowl and raptors in the vicinity of the power line.

We understand that along the proposed route there are no wetland, or shoreline jurisdictional issues associated with this project. This is except for the small wetland that you described that lies along the path of the power line, but which would not be directly impacted by its construction. The few streams that need to be crossed are small intermittent streams without any fish in them. We also understand that the primary issues of concern expressed thus far are potential impacts to Native American cultural sites.

We look forward to reviewing the Draft EIS for the project that I understand will be out mid-fall. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input. Please keep me informed of any upcoming public or agency meetings on this proposed project. My mailing address is shown below. Thanks, -----Doug Jayne, Permit Assistance (509) 456-3162, e-mail: djay461@ecy.wa.gov

Doug Jayne  
Eastern Regional Office  
Department of Ecology  
4601 N. Monroe, Suite 202  
Spokane, WA 99205-1295