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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your reference is the abbreviated form Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed Wallula Power Project and Wallula-McNary Transmission Line Project. This document is designed to supplement or correct information provided in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The proponent, Wallula Generation, LLC, has requested to build a 1,300-megawatt, gas-fired combined cycle power plant in Wallula, WA. The Bonneville Power Administration (Bonneville) investigated the construction and operation of 33 miles of new 500 kilovolt (kV) transmission line and a switchyard to connect and distribute the new power generation into the transmission grid.

Bonneville and the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC or Council) have completed this FEIS under contract with Jones & Stokes. The analysis was undertaken to meet the direction of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and other relevant laws and regulations as they pertain to power plant requests and associated transmission lines.

A DEIS was issued for public comment on February 22, 2002. The public comment period closed on April 11, 2002. Public comment hearings were held on March 13, 2002, in Burbank, WA, and on March 14, in McNary, OR. EFSEC and Bonneville received 23 comment letters and oral comments from four individuals.

The FEIS was prepared from information received from agencies, organizations, and individuals who submitted written and oral comments on the DEIS, and from testimony presented in the adjudicative hearings before EFSEC. Comments on the DEIS have resulted in changes to text and illustrations where appropriate. Chapter 1 of this FEIS contains an updated summary and project description. Chapter 2 includes copies of written comments and public hearing testimony concerning the DEIS, as well as responses prepared by the FEIS authors to the written comments and testimony. Chapter 3 contains the text revisions to the DEIS.

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