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December 16, 2024

Bonneville Power Administration
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Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Shelton – Fairmount Transmission Rebuild and Fiber Optic Replacement, Mason and Jefferson Counties Washington

Dear Emmanuel Jaramillo:

On November 4, 2024, the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) submitted a Consistency Determination with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP). Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on November 19, 2024, and received no comments. BPA initiated early consultation with Ecology regarding this proposal, which had been ongoing since July 2022, and which included a discussion of CZM federal consistency requirements and an informal review of the consistency of the proposal with the state's enforceable policies.

BPA proposes to rebuild Phase 1 of the Shelton-Fairmount Transmission Line Rebuild and Fiber Optic Replacement project, located on the Olympic Peninsula. Phase 1 of the project includes the approximately 37-mile-long segment of the entire proposed project from BPA's Shelton Substation at the southern end (near Shelton, WA) to BPA's Duckabush Substation at the northern end (near Duckabush, WA). Between the Shelton and Duckabush Substations, the Shelton-Fairmount No. 1 transmission line is located within a 250-ft-wide shared Right-of-Way (ROW) with the Shelton-Fairmount No. 2, No. 3, and No. 4 transmission lines. This portion of the line occurs primarily in Mason County, with the northern extent of the line occurring in Jefferson County.

Phase 1 of the project involves replacing or constructing 278 structures, associated hardware, conductors, and ground wire. New structures would be located in the same footprint or in close proximity to existing structures wherever possible. The new conductors may necessitate taller structures, and the addition of new, intermediate structures installed in the existing transmission line ROW. Associated transmission line construction activities include setting up

material yards and temporary staging areas, installing temporary guard structures adjacent to roads and railroads and over other utility lines, and removing vegetation posing a safety hazard to the line. Inside the Shelton Substation, equipment such as disconnect switches and bus work risers would be replaced.

In addition to the transmission line rebuild, the project also includes the replacement and upgrade of BPA's fiber optic system, which is suspended on the Shelton-Fairmount No. 1 transmission line. The fiber optic cable would be replaced during the same approximate time period to the transmission line rebuild over the 37-mile-length of Phase 1.

Access roads in Phase 1 of the project would be upgraded to provide safe access while rebuilding the transmission line, replacing the fiber optic system, and performing ongoing operation and maintenance activities. Approximately 2 miles of existing access roads have deteriorated to the point of being unusable by construction equipment and would be reconstructed. Approximately 17 miles of existing access roads would be improved with minor adjustments, including cleaning, shaping, and compacting the existing road surface, graveling, or installing drainage features. Approximately 0.3 miles of new access roads would be constructed.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with BPA's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP. This CZM decision is for Phase 1 of the proposed project only. BPA will need additional CZM decisions from Ecology for Phases 2 through 4 for this project.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Teresa Pucylowski at teressa.pucylowski@ecy.wa.gov.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Address and Location Information

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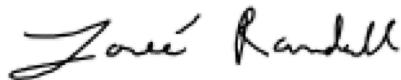
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