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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Southwest Washington and northwest Oregon, including Vancouver, Longview, Portland, and surrounding suburban cities and towns, have a high concentration of industrial, commercial and residential electric load. The power plants that serve this area include hydroelectric dams; gas, coal and nuclear plants; and more recently, wind farms. These power facilities use the electrical transmission system to get the power they produce to the people and industries that use it.

The transmission system in this area has become increasingly congested and is approaching its capacity as power production, particularly from wind, and electrical use have increased. In addition, BPA continues to receive requests for more transmission service. BPA's annual Network Open Season process allows utilities, power generators, and other power marketers to make long-term transmission service requests on BPA's transmission system. Existing and new requests received through BPA's 2008 Network Open Season process further increases the likelihood that the transmission system will exceed its capacity. BPA must respond to these requests for transmission service under its Open Access Transmission Tariff. This tariff, which is generally consistent with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's pro forma open access tariff, has procedures that provide access to BPA's transmission system for all eligible customers, consistent with all BPA requirements (including the availability or development of sufficient transmission capacity) and subject to an environmental review under NEPA. If an additional line is not built, continued congestion will jeopardize transmission system reliability and, possibly, lead to power interruptions or blackouts in the area.

The proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project would help respond to these existing and new requests for transmission service, help accommodate load growth, and address reliability concerns. BPA, therefore, will prepare an EIS under NEPA to assist the agency as it decides whether to build the proposed project, and if a decision

is made to build a line, which transmission line alternative should be constructed.

BPA will be the lead agency for preparation of the EIS. In furtherance of existing cooperative agreements between BPA and the States of Washington and Oregon, the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (Washington EFSEC) and the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council (Oregon EFSC) will be cooperating agencies in the NEPA process. Among other things, these state agencies will assist BPA in evaluating transmission line alternatives, identifying State interests that should be addressed in the EIS, and participating in preparation of the EIS. Additional cooperating agencies for the EIS may be identified as the proposed project proceeds through the NEPA process.

Preliminary Route Segments for Developing Alternatives. BPA's proposed 500-kV transmission line would extend from a new substation near Castle Rock, Washington, to a new substation near Troutdale, Oregon. BPA has identified many preliminary transmission line route segments that can be combined in various ways to form different potential routes for the proposed transmission line. All potential transmission line routes generally extend southeast from Castle Rock through Cowlitz County, Washington, and then generally south through Clark County, Washington, to a proposed crossing of the Columbia River near the city of Camas, Washington. Just south of this river crossing, all potential line routes would end at the proposed new substation directly north of the city of Troutdale in Oregon.

The route segments vary in length and are composed of either existing or new rights-of-way, or parallel existing rights-of-way. Route segments cross privately and publicly owned urban and rural lands. Depending on the combination of these route segments, potential routes for the proposed transmission line vary in length but are approximately 70 miles long.

While many preliminary route segments have already been identified, other route segments may be identified and existing route segments may be modified or eliminated as a result of the scoping process. BPA will use comments received during the scoping period, continuing discussions with various interested parties, and further transmission line design work to develop route segments into transmission line alternatives to be studied in the draft EIS. BPA will also consider the No Action Alternative, that

is, not building the transmission line and substations, in the draft EIS.

Public Participation and Identification of Environmental Issues. The potential environmental issues identified for most transmission line projects involve land use, recreation, transportation and aviation, socioeconomics, cultural resources, visual resources, public health and safety, noise, electric and magnetic field effects, sensitive plants and animals and their habitats, soil erosion, wetlands, floodplains, and fish and water resources. BPA will conduct a 45-day scoping period during which tribes; affected landowners; concerned citizens; special interest groups; local, State, and Federal governments; and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS, including the route segments under consideration and the environmental impacts to be evaluated. Scoping will help BPA add, modify, or eliminate route segments and ultimately help BPA develop transmission line alternatives to be studied in the EIS. Scoping will also ensure that a full range of issues related to this proposal is addressed in the EIS, and also will identify significant or potentially significant impacts that may result from the proposed project. When completed, the draft EIS will be circulated for review and comment, and BPA will hold public meetings to answer questions and receive comments. BPA will consider and respond to comments received on the draft EIS in the final EIS. The final EIS is expected to be published in spring 2012. BPA's decision will be documented in a Record of Decision that will follow the final EIS.

Issued in Portland, Oregon, on October 2, 2009.

**Stephen J. Wright,**

*Administrator and Chief Executive Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER09-1760-000]

#### Wilton Wind II, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

October 2, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Wilton Wind II, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule, noting that

such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability is October 20, 2009.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 14 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First St., NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding(s) are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive e-mail notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please e-mail [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER09-1748-000]

#### Inupiat Energy Marketing; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

October 2, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Inupiat Energy Marketing's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is October 20, 2009.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Fox Island Electric Cooperative Inc.; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

October 2, 2009.

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Fox Island Electric Cooperative Inc.'s application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate schedule, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability is October 21, 2009.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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