

Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project

Ione Landowner Meeting Summary

Location: Ione, Oregon

Date: January 24, 2011

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Purpose and introduction: Idaho Power conducted a landowner meeting for the Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project to update attendees on project progress, new proposed and alternate routes, answer questions, and collect feedback. The meeting was followed by individual meetings between landowners and Idaho Power.

Notification and attendance: Thirty-six landowners in the Ione area at the north end of the proposed route were notified by mail and invited to attend. Thirty-five people attended, including Umatilla County Commissioner Larry Givens, Umatilla County Planning and Zoning Director Tamra Mabbott, Morrow County Commissioner Terry Tallman, Morrow County Planning Director Carla McLane, and BLM Federal Project Manager John Styduhar.

Format: The meeting began as an open house and project staff encouraged attendees to take informational materials and review project display boards. Project staff also provided general information about the project, answered questions, and helped identify specific parcels on landowner maps. Presentations included:

- Welcome and introductions: Kristi Pardue (Idaho Power)
- Project and routing update: Kristi Pardue (Idaho Power)
- Questions and answers: Idaho Power Project Team

Key questions and themes:

- How will Idaho Power avoid conflicts with future wind turbines and impacts to potential income for landowners? *It may be possible to have both the transmission line and wind turbines on the same property. This creates a need to speak with the wind farm developers to reduce impacts by coordinating siting and design. Idaho Power can also design the line to impact the fewest number of potential wind turbines possible.*
- Will landowners be able to see the route before it is final? How will landowners see if changes discussed with Idaho Power have been taken in to account before construction? *Landowners will know the exact route is across their property before any final decisions are made.*
- Some landowners have entered into confidential agreements with wind developers that can't be divulged. Prices for land have been established with them; how will Idaho Power incorporate that information into evaluations? *Idaho Power can only use information that is available to the appraiser. We look at current and best use of the property, and then the appraiser will determine fair market value. Idaho Power will use recent sales in the area as part of the determination of fair market value.*