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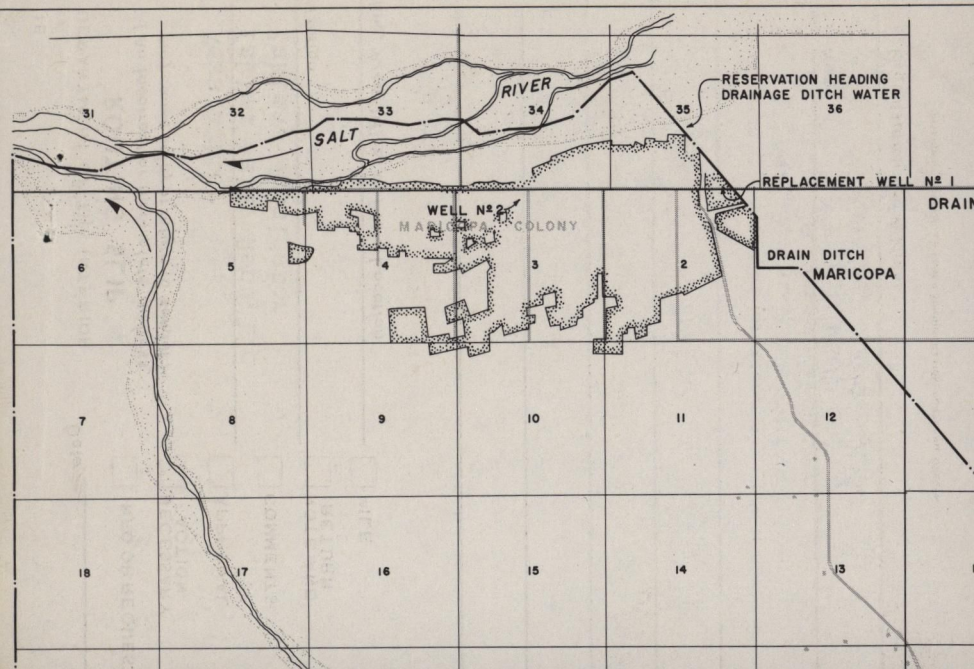
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Bonneville Power Administration
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August 27, 1957

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Bonneville Power Administration appropriations totaling \$30,668,000 for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1957 were signed by the President Monday, August 26, Administrator William A. Pearl announced today. Funds include \$22,038,000 for continuing construction programs at a comparable level with the past year, and \$8,630,000 for expanded operation and maintenance.

Major grid additions scheduled for the current year provide transmission facilities for 2,330,000 kilowatts of new peaking capacity, representing generator installations on the U. S. Columbia River System and nonfederal plants where wheeling arrangements are being undertaken.

Principal additions will transmit power from Chief Joseph, The Dalles, Roza, and Cougar plants to regional load centers and provide facilities for the contemplated wheeling of nonfederal power from the Pelton, Mayfield, Priest Rapids and Rocky Reach plants.

An increase of \$1,035,000 in operations and maintenance funds provides \$365,000 toward employee retirement and meets requirements for plant expansion, growing pool operations and added power marketing responsibilities.

Major Pacific Northwest transmission grid additions and fiscal year funds follow - Chief Joseph-Snohomish No. 3 and Chief Joseph-Covington No. 1 transmission lines \$572,000, Lower Olympia Peninsula service \$216,000, Snohomish Substation and line additions \$679,000, The Dalles Area service \$817,000, Southeast Portland Area service \$75,000, Snohomish-Sedro Woolley

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Area service \$60,000, Oregon City-Chemawa \$154,000, Round Butte-Redmond \$443,000, Santiam-Alvey No. 2 \$1,771,000, Coos Bay Area service \$119,000, Alvey-Reston \$621,000, McNary-Franklin \$91,000, Sand Dunes-Neppal \$204,000, Eastern Grant County service \$1,189,000, Columbia-Quincey No. 2 \$64,000, Rocky Ford-Tacoma \$1,863,000, Cougar-Eugene \$777,000, Covington transformer replacement \$862,000, Chief Joseph-Valley \$296,000, Columbia Series Capacitors \$289,000, System Reactive Facilities \$2,427,000, and Main System Neutral Boosters \$81,000.

BPA area customer transmission facilities include -

Portland area - Keeler-Forest Grove No. 2 \$65,000, Oregon City Substation terminal \$22,000, Boyer-Tillamook conversion \$202,000, Reedsport sectionalizing circuit breaker \$73,000, Coos tap point \$62,000 Toledo Area service \$1,767,000, Alvey terminal \$125,000, other transmission facilities \$427,000.

Seattle Area - Upper Olympic Peninsula service \$895,000, Olympia-Aberdeen No. 2 \$573,000, South Bend Area service \$222,000, Lewis County service, \$282,000, Larson Substation \$114,000, Ephrata service \$95,000, Southwestern Grant County service \$171,000, other transmission facilities \$215,000.

Spokane Area - Spokane Valley Area service, \$180,000, Eagle Lake Area service \$215,000, Columbia Falls-Trego \$368,000, Big Eddy-De Moss \$115,000, Goldendale Substation \$112,000, Hedges Substation \$69,000, McNary-Richland direct line completion \$86,000, other transmission facilities \$277,000.

General system facilities requested including communications, general structures, tools and equipment, engineering studies, transformer additions, and circuit breaker replacements total \$2,286,000.

The total appropriation of \$22,038,000 for construction takes into account a reduction of \$1,454,000 made from the sums of the individual items through use of system materials, deferrals, or other economies.

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