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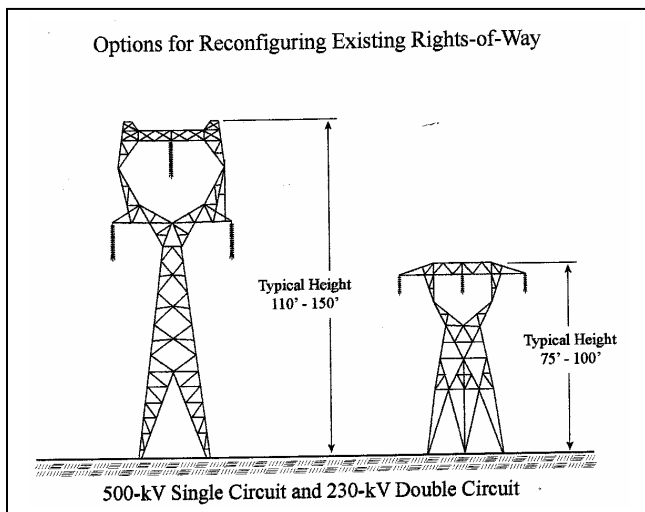
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BPA UPDATE – Cowlitz County taking on BPA over expansion of I-5 Corridor power lines

“Citizens Against the Towers” is not the only group taking the BPA to task for its duplicity regarding the proposed power line expansion. A newly formed group in Cowlitz County called “Better Way for BPA” is having a meeting on April 6th at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd floor of the Cowlitz County Building across the street from the Kelso Post Office at 207 N. 4th Ave. PLEASE TRY AND ATTEND and give *Better Way for BPA* our support as well. And remember, that the Clark County group, Citizens Against the Towers, is having it’s meeting on Sunday, April 25th at 4:00 p.m. at *Prairie High School, 11500 NE 117th Ave, across NE 119th St from the new WINCO.*

When Bonneville Power Administration first sent notices to the neighborhood associations that it was planning an expansion, it also sent a map showing several proposed routes through east county. NOW they seem determined to simply expand the existing line/right-of-way, claiming that it will be “easier and cheaper.” The original reason given for needing the new power lines, posted on the BPA website on December 1st (but now removed), was that *“The federal agency wants to improve its transmission grid to meet future electricity needs and provide greater reliability”* and they did not want to use the existing route (they own numerous right-of-ways in east country) because “placing a second line adjacent to the existing 230-kilowolt line would place both lines at risk in case of a forest fire, plane crash or other disaster and could disrupt power transmission to a large area.” This, apparently, was a subterfuge to dupe people who live in the vicinity of the existing lines into complacency.



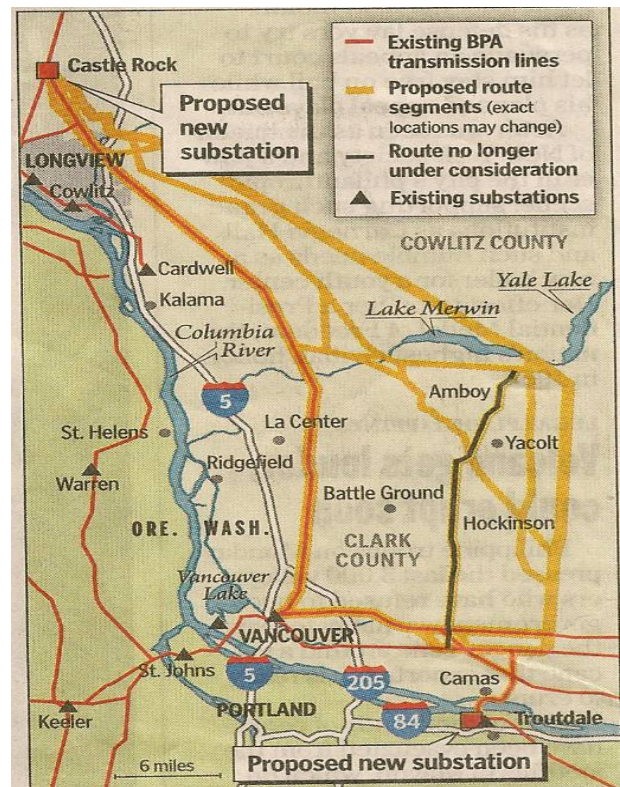
According to Erna Sarasohn of Citizens Against the Towers, the BPA has already signed agreements with 28

power companies for purchase of the power that will be transported through these new lines but so far has not provided a list of those companies. Most of this power will go out-of-state.

Citizens Against the Towers is providing signs and flyers which we will be picking up on Tuesday, April 6th. If you are interested in distributing flyers or placing signs, please contact EFFNA at 263-3336, or

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Citizens Against the Towers Committee



La Center Annexation Plans revealed

Currently, the city has only 650 acres but by next year it hopes to quadruple that size by annexing 1,675 acres that are within its urban growth boundary. Although this would take the city limits to I-5, giving the city access to more industrial and business opportunity and adding more than 100 residents, it is not a prospect that pleases everyone. According to *The Columbian*, “The current annexation plan does not include 575 acres of land at the I-5 junction because the inclusion of the area is being disputed in court.” These 575 acres also includes the property that the Cowlitz Tribe would like to develop with a mega casino.

get in touch with the all of the options local CSA farmers have to offer. We would like to share with your group/organization to illustrate a version of community supported agriculture and how that ties in to the farming viability of the Clark County areas your members may not be aware of.

Feel free to give us a call to find out how we would be able to tie in a monthly article for your monthly or quarterly newsletters and 20 minute presentation of what a CSA farm operation is. We will also include the details of efforts and benefits behind it all."

Sincerely,
Brenda Millar and Jim Hunter
Rosemattel's and Hunters Greens CSA Farmers
(360) 576-9767

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If you have a story of interest to our neighborhood association, please contact us. We'd very much like to hear from you.

Also, if you know of a neighbor who isn't getting the newsletter and would like to receive it, please sent us their email address. If they are not on e-mail, please make a copy of the newsletter to share with them.

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EFFNA NOTE: *Inc. Magazine is all about how companies work, how they got started, how they succeeded, where the markets are, where to find backers, networking, and just way out interesting information that you might not see anywhere else. For anyone interested in taking a step into the business world, this magazine is full of ideas. Here's an interesting excerpt from the March Issue.*

Inc. Magazine March 2010

Wanna watch the Web?

There's no shortage of stuff to watch online these days – TV shows, movies, music videos, and, of course, scads of amateur video clips. Because there are so many choice, it's often tough to find the content you want by just using Google or YouTube. And though popular sites such as Hulu and Fancast work by streaming a limited collection of TV shows, there's so much more floating around on the Web. So, just as TV Guide in its day was the go-to resource for shows, video navigation websites are competing to serve a new generation of couch potatoes. Here is how four leaders stack up. – *Tamara Schweitzer*

The line: As one of the first companies to offer video indexing, OVGuide has the early lead. But as Clicker and VideoSurf come out with search technologies that are more refined, they could pull ahead. Clicker's sleek interface and well-organized results could give it the edge to emerge as the winner down the stretch

Clicker

Launched last November, Clicker catalogs programming available online, including 600,000 full-length TV episodes and 50,000 movies available through free and paid sources. The site, founded by former Ask.com CEO Jim Lanzone, organizes content from 2,000 Web sources. Users search by categories (there are more than 1,400), show titles, or keywords. Results are listed chronologically by episode and organized by season. Each page contains links to sites where a show is available to watch. Clicker is in talks with broadband and mobile providers to become their onscreen guide for Web-enabled TVs.

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITORS: ONE MILLION (IN THE FIRST MONTH OF LAUNCH)

VideoSurf

VideoSurf organizes content based on visual recognition of faces and images in videos, rather than using text-based data such as meta tags. The technology returns a string of snapshots showing frames within a video, much like fast-forwarding through a DVD. Each query generates a visual list of people or characters; from there, a user navigates to videos in which the subject of the query appears. The technology filters out subpar or incomplete videos. VideoSurf trolls content from more than 10,000 sources and has indexed more than 480,000 TV episodes and 25,000 movies. VideoSurf gets revenue from sponsored videos.

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITORS: 1.5 MILLION

OVGuide.com

OVGuide debuted in 2006 and was among the first sites to sort the growing pool of YouTube and other online video content. OVGuide's search engine indexes videos based on popularity. The results are further vetted by a quality-control staff that reviews and ranks more than 6,000 video sites for their technical quality. Users can also rate and comment on those sites and the more than 100 million entertainment videos available through OVGuide. There is also a mobile version of the site. Cable channels and broadcast networks pay OVGuide to stream their content.

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITORS: 15 MILLION

TV1.com

This site offers about 10,000 Web video shorts, based on their popularity on the Web as well as on staff recommendations. The site is organized around playlists—*Tina Fey as Sarah Palin*, for example—and is heavily skewed toward humor. Launched about a year ago, TV1 has a video blogs component on which users can create playlists of their favorite videos. They can then post links to their video blog on their Facebook or Twitter page. The most popular TV1 video blog to date is Bollywood Banter, a roundup of the best of Bollywood film, video, and music. This site is supported so far through Google Ads.

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITORS: 30,000