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Subject: RE: Study_Plan_Meeting_-_Meeting_Summary_6-14-07.pdf

Shane,

The minutes look pretty good and we could probably get by leaving them as they are; however, since you are giving us a chance to provide input we would appreciate it if you made the following changes.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks,
Bob

Under **City of Pateros—Impacts of Wells Project on Local Communities**, change last sentence of second paragraph to read:

Based on our experience, we have not seen the Commission require improvements to a city's infrastructure, such as roads, water and sewer, in a relicensing case. Usually these improvements are the responsibility of the city.

Under **Terrestrial Wildlife and Botanical Issues** add a heading for transmission line surveys after the first paragraph and replace the second paragraph with the following text:

David Turner, FERC, pointed out that avian electrocution and collision with project transmission line was identified as an issue at scoping based on our understanding of the issue statement. The transmission study proposes to look at habitat types and for evidence of dead birds, but does not explain how a risk assessment would be conducted. David Turner recommended that Douglas and the resource work group consider and develop a risk assessment protocol that clearly describes how the assessment of project impacts will be conducted. David Turner pointed to the example of a risk assessment protocol used by PacifiCorp that is described in AVIAN PROTECTION PLAN (APP) GUIDELINES issued by the Edison Electric Institute and Fish and Wildlife Service.

As a general matter, David Turner, FERC, wanted to stress a couple of points with regard to studies. Specific methods should be identified or spelled out in each study plan to the greatest extent possible. For example, make sure the timeframes for searching for noxious weeds or protected plants within the transmission line corridor are clearly defined. We are trying to avoid criticisms of study methods later in the process that may lead to recommendations for further study. Then continue with the remaining paragraph as written.