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The tribes' Power & Water Enterprises and Portland General Electric own and operate the Pelton-Round Butte dams; and below, the current Bethel-Round Butte transmission lines, proposed for significant upgrade.

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And a third revenue stream would be from the tribes' leasing some capacity on the new lines to other entities wanting to use them.

The total cost of upgrading the Bethel-Round Butte transmission lines is estimated at about \$614 million; so the tribes' \$250 million would have to be matched through other sources. And there very likely will be various options to meet this, as this initial boost is significant, Ehli said. An example of a possible

future source would be the GRIP program itself. In this first round of funding, the Department of Energy awarded a total of \$3.5 billion to 58 entities across the U.S., while over time a total of \$10.5 billion will be available for energy projects.

Of these first projects chosen for funding, the award to the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs was easily among the largest in the country.

— Dave McMechan



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