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To: People Interested in BPA's 2002 Power Rate Case Field Hearings

On August 13, 1999, the Bonneville Power Administration published its initial rate proposal for FY 2002-2006 wholesale power rates. The initial proposal describes how BPA intends to develop rates to implement BPA's Power Subscription Strategy, published in December 1998. The Power Subscription Strategy outlined a process that will enable the people of the Northwest to share the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System after 2001 when current rates and most firm power contracts expire. BPA will make a final decision on its rates in early to mid 2000 after the Administrator considers the record developed through the formal rate hearing process.

An important part of the record is the testimony we receive during our rate case field hearings. These hearings are an opportunity for those not participating in the rate case as an official party to share with us their thoughts and concerns about the initial proposal. The field hearings will be held throughout the region and presided over by the hearing officer conducting the rate case. Each meeting will include a brief explanation of the initial proposal, an opportunity to ask questions of BPA representatives and provide formal comment for the official rate case record. All meetings will begin at **6:30 p.m.** A complete list of field hearing sites is on the back.

For further information about the rate case, please refer to the rate case [Keeping Current: Sharing the Benefits; BPA's Initial Proposal for the 2002 Power Rate Case](#), the [1999 Power Rate Case: The Process and How to Participate](#); and the [1999 Power Rate Case: Studies Used to Develop the Rates](#). These documents and other related information are available on the BPA Web site at:

<http://www.bpa.gov/power/ratecase>

or may be requested from BPA's Public Information Center by calling 1-800-622-4519.

The field hearings will be held in the following locations:

Thursday, Sept. 30, 1999

Shilo Inn – Yellowstone Room
780 Lindsay Blvd.
Idaho Falls, ID 83402
(208) 523-0088

Monday, Oct. 4, 1999

Pasco Doubletree
2525 North 20th Ave.
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 544-3915

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1999

Missoula Doubletree
100 Madison St.
Missoula, MT 59802
(406) 728-3100,

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 1999

Spokane Valley Doubletree
House, Ponderosa Room
N. 1100 Sullivan Road
Spokane, WA 99037
(509) 924-9000

Thursday, Oct. 7, 1999

Best Western Cascadia Inn
Ballroom
2800 Pacific Avenue.
Everett, WA 98201
(425) 258-4141

Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1999

Ramada Inn/Governor
House
621 S. Capitol Way
Olympia, WA
(360) 352-7700

Wednesday, Oct. 13, 1999

Eugene Doubletree
3280 Gateway Road
Springfield, OR 97477
(541) 988-4017

Thursday, Oct. 14, 1999

Doubletree Portland Lloyd Center
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232
(503) 281-6111