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In reply refer to: PSP

To Rate Case Parties and Customers:

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will conduct two workshops to discuss the probability of triggering the Safety Net Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause (SN CRAC) outlined in the 2002 General Rate Schedule Provisions for the 2003 fiscal year.

BPA **has not** yet determined if the SN CRAC will trigger. However, due to the difficult financial situation, BPA needs to consider the prospect that the SN CRAC will trigger in the next fiscal year. Therefore, in order to prepare for this possibility, BPA is hosting these workshops with parties and customers to discuss various options available under the SN CRAC.

August 22, 2002 - Workshop

The following topics will be discussed:

- Briefly review BPA's current financial situation and assumptions about FY03 revenues and the probability of paying treasury. For a more detailed explanation of BPA's financial situation, please refer to "Financial Choices for FY 2003 2006." http://www.bpa.gov/power/pl/financialchoices/index.shtml
- Discuss possible methodologies for the SN CRAC
- The 7(i) process and possible implementation schedules

September 17, 2002 – Workshop

The following topics will be discussed:

- Methodologies to be used in the event an SN CRAC is triggered
- Additional items not covered in the August workshop

The workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Rates Hearing Room, Room 223, located at 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon. If you would like to participate in these meetings by telephone, please call Cain Bloomer at (503) 230-7443 or Cynthia Jones at (503) 230-5459 in advance to reserve a space on the conference bridge.

Sincerely,

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