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## **BPA celebrates Administrator's Excellence Awards honorees**

**Portland, Ore.** - The Bonneville Power Administration recently recognized 25 individuals and four teams that through their initiative, innovation, superior service or courageous acts, have made exceptional contributions to BPA's mission, the electric power industry, the Pacific Northwest and their local communities.

"It's an honor to recognize the outstanding efforts and the many people who make Bonneville great," Administrator Elliot Mainzer said at the awards ceremony, March 17 at BPA's headquarters in Portland, Ore. "These recipients have made a difference through their tremendous contributions to BPA's public service mission."

Since the annual awards program began in 2001, BPA has recognized 435 employees, retirees, members of the public and teams. Recipients were nominated by their peers and evaluated on numerous criteria such as excellence in their chosen field, technical achievement, community outreach and service. Nominations for the 14 categories are accepted year-round. [Read](#) more about this year's awardees. Click [here](#) for photos.

### **2016 Administrator's Excellence Awards honorees**

#### *BPA Meritorious Service Award*

Raymond Bliven (retired)

Jack Callahan

Judy Rush (retired)

#### *BPA Exceptional Service Award*

Stuart Hugill

Eric King

Stacy Mason

Brian Scott

Nancy Wittpenn



*BPA Unsung Hero Award*

Jose (Tony) Koch

Rodney Ross

Randy Russell

Mary Wooldridge (retired)

Barry Wooley

*BPA Award for Exemplary or Courageous Act*

I-5 Accident Team: Troy Anderson, Gregory Ekwall, Donald Griswold and Joshua McEllrath

*BPA Award for Safety Excellence*

Ross Warehouse Safety Meetings Team

Grounding Policy Awareness Team

*BPA Award for Employee Development*

Rita Coppernoll

Jacilyn Margeson (retired)

*BPA Award for Community Outreach*

Cristi Sawtell

*BPA Award for Special Service*

Kathleen DeLance

Janis Phelan

Candy Steele

John Stroud

*BPA Award for Exceptional Public Service*

Brent Ridge

*Extraordinary Team Accomplishment*

American Indian/Alaskan Native Council "Let's Talk Culture" Initiative

Tacoma-Covington No. 2 Spacer Damper Replacement Project

**About BPA**

*The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Ore., is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale electricity from 31 federal dams and one nuclear plant to 142 Northwest electric utilities, serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA delivers power via more than 15,000 circuit miles of lines and 259 substations to 490 transmission customers. In all, BPA markets about a third of the electricity consumed in the Northwest and operates three-quarters of the region's high-voltage transmission grid. BPA also funds one of the largest fish and wildlife programs in the world, and, with its partners, pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain affordable, reliable and carbon-free electric power for the Northwest. [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov)*

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