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Grays Harbor PUD Transmission Sale

Bonneville Power Administration

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - Thanks to a new transmission arrangement, the Bonneville Power Administration is helping Grays Harbor Public Utility District use the cheapest power sources it can get.

BPA will transmit power from the coal plant in Centralia, Washington, to Grays Harbor's substation in the Aberdeen, Washington area. Grays Harbor owns 4 percent of the coal plant. It had, until recently, been selling its share to Puget Sound Power and Light.

BPA also will wheel power between Puget Power and the PUD. In addition, if Grays Harbor wants to buy cheap electricity on the open market, BPA will wheel power if space is available on the transmission lines at that time.

"Grays Harbor gets all its electricity over BPA transmission lines," Peter Blood, BPA account executive for Grays Harbor PUD, explained. "This sale gives Grays Harbor guaranteed transmission for its power from Centralia and Puget Power, plus flexibility to use other diverse resources. It will help Grays Harbor keep rates low for its ratepayers."

BPA will receive about \$88,000 a month to transmit power from the coal plant and Puget Power. It will get 2/10 of a cent per kilowatt-hour to deliver power the utility buys on the open market. The 6-year agreement takes effect September 1, 1995, under BPA's existing transmission rates. It may be converted to a new schedule on or after October 1, 1996.

"This deal shows how utilities can benefit from the current trend toward open transmission access," Blood said. "BPA is a leader in wheeling power for utilities."

Wheeling is transmission of power not owned by the transmission system owner. Grays Harbor's 4 percent share of the Centralia coal plant provides enough power to serve about 33,000 homes. The PUD will continue to get most of its power supply from BPA.

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