



BPA Signs 3-Year Energy Exchange and Sale with Azusa, Calif.

Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. - BPA and the California municipality of Azusa have agreed to a 3-year energy exchange and power sale that will extend the resources of both.

Under the agreement, BPA will receive about 25 megawatts of energy during daytime hours in October-December in 1995-97. BPA will return the energy round-the-clock in May-July of 1996-98, at rates of 32 MW during daytime hours, and 15 MW in low-load night hours.

"This exchange will add enough power for about 14,000 homes to BPA's power supplies during the early winter. We often buy energy then to assure that we will have enough water for both fish and power needs in the spring," said Linda Hamilton, BPA account executive for the California utilities. "It will save Northwest ratepayers money, while making good use of surplus power generated to aid fish migration in the spring."

BPA returns more energy than the California city delivers because it receives energy during peak load hours, when power is more valuable, and returns some of the energy during nighttime light load hours.

Along with the energy exchange, the California utility is buying a small amount of surplus power from BPA in the May-July months of 1996-98. In addition to the exchange benefits, revenues to BPA from this sale will total almost \$80,000.

The agreement was made under BPA's existing power rates. It includes callback provisions should the energy be needed in the Northwest, as required by law.

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