



BPA Concludes Power Sale and Exchange with Vernon, Calif.

Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. - The Bonneville Power Administration has concluded a 3-year power sale and exchange with the City of Vernon in southern California.

Vernon will send BPA 80 megawatts of electricity during nighttime hours in October-December of 1995-97. In return, BPA will send Vernon 40 megawatts of electricity during daytime hours in May - July of 1996-98.

"We're swapping power that is generated as a byproduct of spring fish migration in the Columbia River for energy that will help us meet high winter power loads in the Northwest," Linda Hamilton, BPA account executive for the City of Vernon said. "It's a good deal for both sides. We each get power when we need it most, while making better use of our surplus resources." The winter energy BPA receives in the exchange will be enough to serve about 44,000 homes.

In addition to the energy exchange, Vernon is paying \$1.00 per kilowatt month as a retainer to enlist BPA as a source of seasonal surplus firm energy each August and September. When it wants energy, Vernon will pay BPA the greater of 2.3 cents per kilowatthour or BPA's cost plus a markup. In addition to the exchange benefits, the fee and potential sale will net BPA \$120,000 to \$2 million a year in revenue.

"This gives us a good market for some of our seasonal energy surplus, especially in spring," Hamilton said. "And Vernon gets a simple power source, while BPA expands its market without taking risks."

The agreement was made under BPA's existing power rates. It is subject to callback of BPA energy if needed in the Pacific Northwest, as required by law.

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