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# Energy conference gets underway Friday

**Bonneville Power Administration**

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**What:** A regional conference on the future of the Bonneville Power Administration and the region's energy system entitled "Energy Restructuring in the Pacific Northwest: Where are We Going?"

**Who:** U.S. Representative Elizabeth Furse; U.S. Representative Michael Crapo; U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio; former U.S. Senators Mark O. Hatfield and James McClure; BPA Administrator Randy Hardy; members of the Comprehensive Review Steering Committee; state legislators and regulators; Northwest Tribal representatives; utility leaders and representatives from consumer interest and environmental groups. More than 400 people have registered to attend.

**When:** Friday, May 30. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Conference begins at 8:15 a.m.

**Where:** Bonneville Power Administration Auditorium, 905 NE 11th Ave. Portland, Ore.

**Sponsors:** Portland State University and the Northwest Public Power Association with numerous cosponsors.

**Why:** The urgent need for regional consensus on the future of BPA and the region's energy system sets the scene for this conference, which is designed to update participants on energy policy developments in the Pacific Northwest since the Comprehensive Review Steering Committee's final report was published last year; identify progress on recommendations of the Steering Committee; identify key issues on which the Comprehensive Review failed to reach consensus and move forward on the tough task of reaching common ground on those issues.

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