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## **MEDIA ADVISORY: Northwest Tribes Take Important Steps To Join Deregulation Fray**

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**What:**

Energy Deregulation Conference: Opportunities for Tribes. The first ever conference designed to give Northwest Tribes education and training they need to take advantage of economic opportunities that come with the deregulation of the electric utility industry.

**When:**

All day Wednesday, Aug. 27 & Thursday, Aug. 28

**Where:**

Ridpath Hotel, Spokane, Wash.

**Why:**

Northwest Tribes are seeing vast economic opportunities before them as the electric utility industry undergoes deregulation. This conference the first of its kind in the Northwest will provide area Tribes with information contacts and assistance they will need to take advantage of these opportunities. Experts from Tribal energy businesses from across the nation will share their experiences. Conference sponsors and presenters will introduce participants to what they need to become a player rather than a bystander in the region's energy industry. In-depth discussions will deal with how to form energy-related Tribal businesses such as aggregators or utilities, how to develop cogeneration and hydroelectric facilities, what financial strategies are available to them for Tribal projects, what opportunities are available to them in the transmission and fiber optics business and much more.

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