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NEWS RELEASE:
Radio feed records Northwest leaders at regional conference

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PORTLAND, Ore. – “The Northwest is at a turning point in the history of its power system,” Judi Johansen, administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, said at a regional conference in Portland this morning. “We need to present a united front, led by our Northwest delegation, if we are to protect the benefits we enjoy and prepare for the restructuring of the electricity industry.”

The BPA radio feed system captured segments of Johansen’s proposed long-term strategy for distributing a finite supply of hydropower. The proposal includes terms for future contracts with BPA’s customers, principles for supporting endangered fish runs and a way to pay for energy conservation.

To hear details and sound bites, call the BPA radio feed system this afternoon at 1-800-622-4521 or locally at (503) 230-5247.

Nearly 300 leaders from consumer and interest groups, regulators, industry and utilities planned to attend the meeting. Johansen is one of nearly 40 speakers. Others include Ron Eachus, Oregon Public Utility commissioner; Jason Eisdorfer of the Oregon Citizens Utility Board; Rob Walton of the Public Power Council; Karen Garrison from the Natural Resources Defense Council; and Tim Stearns of Save Our Wild Salmon.

For a copy of Johansen’s speech and a list of other speakers, contact the BPA media relations office at (503) 230-5131.

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