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MEDIA ADVISORY:***Electricity in a box***

New agreement between BPA and Northwest Power Systems tests a new technology that gives residential consumers their own electrical supply

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What: BPA and Northwest Power are announcing an agreement that will change the way electricity is produced in the region.

Who:

- **Jack Robertson**, BPA deputy administrator
- **Roger Breezley**, president of IDACORP Technologies, Inc., the non-regulated arm of Idaho Power Company
- **Alan Guggenheim**, President of Northwest Power Systems. Northwest Power Systems is a global leader in the development of fuel processors that generate pure hydrogen for use in proton exchange membrane (PEM) fuel cell power systems.

When: Thursday, May 27, 1 p.m.

Where: The Rose Room of the Mayflower Park Hotel, 405 Olive Way, Seattle, Washington

Why: BPA is known for supporting the development of clean, efficient energy technologies as part of its conservation and renewable energy program. Fuel cells are expected to be particularly useful as a new way of providing electricity to homes. This agreement reflects BPA commitment to keeping the Northwest at the leading edge of new energy technologies.

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