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Media Advisory System Status a "Go" for Y2K

BPA extends invitation to monitor power and transmission system during rollover

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PORTLAND Ore. – The news media and their audiences can ring in the New Year with the Bonneville Power Administration. In a diversion from the usual champagne, balloons, and "Auld Lang Syne," the media can monitor the status of electrical systems in all North American time zones and around the world at BPA headquarters.

A BPA media center just east of the front door of the headquarters building will feature "round the clock" power and transmission system status monitoring, web access for monitoring Y2K sites around the world as the millennium arrives, as well as local television and radio broadcast monitoring. Technical experts will be available for live interviews throughout the evening. Center staff will be in constant telephone and Internet contact with all major regional and West Coast electrical control centers.

What: Media opportunity to monitor regional power and transmission system rollover on New Year's Eve.

When: 4 p.m. December 31, 1999 – 2 a.m. January 1, 2000

Where: Room 122, BPA Headquarters, 905 NE 11th Ave. Portland, Oregon, or by phone at (503) 230-5131 or (503) 230-3176.

Why: The Millennium bug has been talked about for more than five years now. Billions of dollars have been spent nationally to make computer systems Y2K ready. BPA too has invested significant dollars and many hours to get its power and transmission systems Y2K ready. This has been an important news story. Get the final wrap on this story by visiting the BPA media center. This will be the only location for the media to get up-to-the-minute information on BPA's high voltage power and transmission system.

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