

[in the news](#)[home](#) [site search](#) [org chart](#) [contact us](#) [web comments](#)

---

## *Industry prepares to keep the lights on in the year 2000*

---

[Click here for other BPA news releases](#)

---

### **Bonneville Power Administration**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Thursday, March 25, 1999**

PR 16 99

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Contact: [Crystal Ball](#), BPA, (503) 230-5133; *Clare Perry, US Corps of Engineers, 503-808-3710; Craig Sprankle, US Bureau of Reclamation, 509-633-9503; Debbie Kuraspiani, Northwest Public Power Association, 360-254-0109; John Britton, Washington Public Power Supply System, 509-377-4117*

---

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The electric utility organizations responsible for keeping the lights on in the Northwest will gather in Portland on April 22 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel to coordinate Y2K activities.

[The Electric Industry Y2K Readiness Conference](#) is sponsored by the Bonneville Power Administration, [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#), the [U.S. Bureau of Reclamation](#), the [Washington Public Power Supply System](#) and the [Northwest Public Power Association](#). This is an opportunity for the media to learn about the electric industry's Y2K preparations, grid system tests, and contingency planning to ensure safe, reliable and quality electric service in the year 2000 and beyond.

A press briefing will take place from 7:30 to 8 a.m. in the Morrison Room of the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel. Y2K program managers from the sponsoring organizations will share information about their respective Y2K programs and recent accomplishments. Gerry Cauley, the Y2K program manager for the [North American Electric Reliability Council \(NERC\)](#), will share results of the national drill planned for April 9 that focuses on operating the electrical system if voice and data communications fail.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 4:15 p.m. Participants from the federal agencies, Supply System, [Portland General Electric](#), [PacifiCorp](#), [Avista Energy](#), [Idaho Power](#) and other electric utilities will focus on emergency and contingency planning; power supply; transmission; and Y2K technical and system operation issues. To attend the conference, call the NWPPA at 360-254-0109 or register on-line at [www.nwppa.org](http://www.nwppa.org)

###

---