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HILLSBORO, Ore. – There are only five days until New Year's Eve at the Bonneville Power Administration's Keeler Substation.

On Friday, April 2, 1999, the agency that owns and operates over 80 percent of the Pacific Northwest's high-voltage transmission lines will host a live Y2K demonstration. The event will explain how BPA has prepared its transmission control systems for the year 2000. BPA will advance its supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system into the year 2000 and remotely operate equipment in the substation. A large switch will snap open.

The media is invited to attend the demonstration and a mock New Year's Eve party, which kicks off at 11 a.m. The Keeler Substation is located at 4123 NW Rickey Terrace in Hillsboro near Evergreen Parkway between 185th Ave. and Cornelius Pass Road. Please call Crystal Ball at 503-230-5133 to RSVP.

BPA started preparing for the year 2000 in 1995. By March 31, 1999, BPA's automated business systems and date-sensitive equipment will have been tested for Y2K readiness. Where needed, equipment has been replaced, repaired or reprogrammed, then tested again.

BPA's system includes about 15,000 circuit miles of transmission line and over 350 substations. The agency also markets the power produced by the 29 federal dams in the Columbia River Basin. About 40 percent of all the power used in the region comes from BPA.

BPA is part of the [U.S. Department of Energy](#). The agency is actively coordinating year 2000 activities with the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) and the [U.S. Bureau of Reclamation](#), the federal agencies that own and operate the dams. BPA is also coordinating with the [Washington Public Power Supply System](#) on the Y2K readiness of the Northwest's only operating nuclear plant. The nuclear plant provides about 10 percent of BPA firm energy resources. In addition, BPA is working with its utility customers on preparing for the year 2000.

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