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## *BPA workshops to address region's transmission system and its future costs*

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**IDAHO FALLS, Idaho** – Demand for electricity is growing so fast power lines in the Northwest will soon need upgrading to meet the need. The Bonneville Power Administration is inviting its customers and other interested parties to attend a workshop in which the agency will share its plans to do just that.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, at the Shilo Inn, located at 780 Lindsay Blvd.

BPA's Transmission Business Line (TBL) wants its customers and other parties to help them determine the right amount of investment needed to keep the Northwest federal transmission system a reliable, safe and open carrier of electricity in fiscal years 2002 and 2003. The workshop, entitled "Reliability and the Future of Transmission Costs," will also allow the TBL to plan to remove transmission bottlenecks, address workforce issues and identify the best way to replace worn and aging equipment.

BPA owns three-fourths of the high-voltage transmission system in the Pacific Northwest. The agency's lines stretch more than 15,000 circuit miles. Comments on BPA's program will be incorporated into the agency's planning process. For more information, call 1-800-622-4519.

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