

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

BPA will be on the job New Year's Eve

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

Bonneville Power Administration

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: FRIDAY, November 19, 1999

PR 80 99

CONTACTS: [Ed Mosey](#), (BPA) (503)230-5359

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Bonneville Power Administration will have an expanded staff on the job New Year's Eve ready to respond immediately in the unlikely event that any problems develop, the agency said today.

"We have thoroughly tested our systems, and we are confident that our part of the Northwest's electric system will operate safely and reliably as the new year arrives," said Judi Johansen, BPA's administrator. "Even if problems did arise on our system, we have procedures in place to address them immediately."

BPA operates a major control center in Vancouver, Wash., and 324 substations throughout the Northwest. The substations are the points of connection between the region's electric utilities and the 15,000 circuit miles of high-voltage transmission lines owned and operated by BPA. More than 200 extra BPA employees, including schedulers, dispatchers, operators, transmission crews and security personnel, will be on duty at BPA control facilities and major substations, monitoring the system and poised to take action if necessary.

At the BPA headquarters building in Portland, BPA staff will be available to provide information to the news media from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. The media center will be connected through multiple communications circuits to BPA system dispatchers and control centers. Reports from throughout the West will be funneled into the media center. All BPA operational facilities will be closed to press access.

The headquarters building is located at 905 N.E. 11th. The phone number is:

(503) 230-5131. The pager number is: (503) 604-5400.

###
