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BPA to announce measures for avoiding huge electric rate hikes this fall

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PORTLAND, Ore. – At a press conference on Monday, April 9, Steve Wright, Acting Administrator for the Bonneville Power Administration, will prescribe strong medicine for treating the region's drought-stricken, energy-starved electricity system.

"Some of these steps are painful, but, unless we take action now, we face consequences that I believe are unacceptable," he says.

Wright will identify the specific steps needed to avoid severe power shortages and skyrocketing electricity rates this fall. He will describe how utilities, industries and virtually every residential energy consumer in the Northwest can and should get involved.

Out-of-town media may participate via a dedicated conference line.

Date: Monday, April 9

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: BPA Headquarters, 905 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, OR in conference room 122

Dedicated Conference All participants must dial 503-230-3344.

Line Number: Wait for the double beep then enter the passcode 1351.

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