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BPA, Utilities Offer Free Coupons for Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

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Portland, Ore. – Northwest residents can now battle the Northwest's energy shortage and help save fish by installing compact fluorescent lights purchased with the help of free coupons from the Bonneville Power Administration and Northwest utilities.

BPA announced today that it is making two coupons worth \$6 each available to consumers through their local utilities. Customers can redeem the coupons for compact fluorescent light bulbs with the Energy Star label and rated at 13 watts or greater. More than 300 regional retail stores are participating.

Two coupons will be mailed to each residential customer by participating utilities in April, and additional coupons can be obtained from utility offices. Utilities will inform their customers of stores where the coupons can be redeemed. A list of utilities and retailers is available by calling toll free (888) 376-8008 or visiting the Web at www.lightsite.net. Stores such as Fred Meyer, Bi-Mart, Home Depot and many smaller retailers will accept the coupons.

The program is designed to encourage residents to switch to energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs, which use about 25 percent of the energy and last 8 to 10 times as long as conventional incandescent bulbs. None of the new generation bulbs has any of the flicker problems associated with the older fluorescent lights.

According to Don Davey, BPA's CFL program manager, "We are so sure people will like CFLs that BPA has agreed to pay the bill, up to \$6 each, to get people to try them. They fit in any lamp and offer the same light intensity as incandescent bulbs, so it's an easy way to save energy and money."

Davey added that up to half a megawatt of energy will be saved for every 100,000 CFLs used in place of incandescents, with up to 2 megawatts saved during peak winter hours. One megawatt is enough energy to power approximately 1000 homes.

The first round of coupons will expire on July 31, but more will be available later. The program runs until Sept. 30, 2003. More utilities are expected to provide the coupons in the future.

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