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BPA will announce rate decision Friday in Seattle, Portland and Pasco

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Acting BPA Administrator Steve Wright will announce Friday June 29 the wholesale power rate hike to take effect Oct. 1. He also will disclose the results of an intensive regionwide effort by utilities and industries to reduce purchases to put the brakes on runaway energy prices.

"The region is wrapping up an all-out campaign to reduce loads and conserve energy," Wright said. "The results we will announce Friday are critically important to the health of the Northwest economy and the power bills of consumers."

Wright will conduct press briefings in the following cities. Teleconferencing will be available in Portland only.

Portland:

Friday, June 29

BPA Acting Administrator Steve Wright

9:30 a.m. PDT.

BPA headquarters, 905 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland

Telephone access will be available for reporters at 1-800-937-6563. An operator will take calls and transfer them individually to the press conference in the order received.

Seattle:

Seattle - Crown Plaza Hotel (downtown)

Friday, June 29

BPA Acting Administrator Steve Wright

12:30 p.m.

1113 6th Avenue

(206) 464-1980 (Hotel phone number, no teleconferencing available).

Pasco:

Pasco - DoubleTree Hotel

Friday, June 29

BPA Acting Administrator Steve Wright

3 p.m.

2525 N. 20th Avenue (4 blocks from Pasco Airport)

(509) 547-0701 (Hotel phone number, no teleconferencing available).

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