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BPA overcomes challenging weather and unusually low energy prices to make annual Treasury payment in full and on time

PORTLAND, Ore. –The Bonneville Power Administration has paid the U.S. Treasury \$886.1 million for fiscal year 2012, which ended September 30, celebrating 75 years of serving the Northwest. This marks the 29th consecutive year that BPA has made its scheduled annual payment on time and in full.

The annual Treasury payments include principal and interest primarily on the federal investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System’s power and transmission facilities.

“While water volume and power prices are the prime variables in our financial results, our continued commitment to cost management is the primary reason we have been able to make our Treasury payment on time and in full every year for nearly three decades,” said BPA Administrator Steve Wright. “This show of financial strength demonstrates BPA’s value to the region and beyond.”

The \$886.1 million Treasury payment includes \$493.2 million in principal, \$358.4 million in interest and \$34.5 million for post-retirement benefit programs for FCRPS employees. The \$493.2 million principal payment includes \$53 million in early retirement of Treasury debt (principal repaid earlier than planned) as part of BPA’s debt optimization program.

BPA is a self-financed agency that covers its costs with revenues from Northwest ratepayers and other purchasers of its power and transmission products and services. BPA receives no annual appropriations from the U.S. Congress. To safeguard the Treasury and U.S. taxpayers, BPA requires in its ratemaking process more than 95 percent certainty of making annual scheduled Treasury payments over two consecutive years (or 97.5 percent certainty of making the annual scheduled payments). *For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit www.bpa.gov.*

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