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## PRESS ADVISORY

### **BPA to splice power lines in Rivergate industrial area; Blasts from implosive devices are no cause for concern.**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** – The Bonneville Power Administration will detonate implosive devices on a power line crossing the Willamette River Friday. The blasts will be audible in the Rivergate industrial area and possibly in residential areas across the river along N.W. Saint Helens Rd.

BPA officials say the project involves increasing the capacity of a 230-kilovolt line suspended above the river by 400-foot towers. By reducing slack on the line, BPA will be able to operate it more efficiently. A small section of the cables will be removed, and the cables will be spliced back together with “implosive fittings.”

People in the area will hear a number of loud implosions during the day, accompanied by small amounts of smoke. The detonations pose no danger to property or land. BPA uses this technique because the splices are more secure than joinings achieved by other methods.

Media that wish to do so may view the implosive fittings at a designated area at 10 a.m. To get to the site, follow N. Lombard St. through Saint Johns to where it joins N. Burgard Rd. Turn left on N. Time Oil Rd. and follow it to the transmission lines. There you will find a dirt road to the left and follow it a viewing area by a pond.

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