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The FBI has issued an arrest warrant for and is seeking information on the whereabouts of Michael Poulin, 62, Spokane Wash., as a suspect in several incidents in which bolts were removed from the footings of high voltage transmission towers late in October. The removed bolts were replaced.

While the warrant relates to incidents on other utility systems, four towers on the BPA grid in Washington and Oregon were similarly vandalized. As a result, BPA security officials have added these cases to the BPA Crime Witness Program. Up to \$25,000 is offered as a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for removing bolts from the legs of transmission towers. The incidents on the BPA system may be related to the others in southern Oregon and northern California.

Because the FBI is leading the investigation into the vandalism, anyone with information about the incidents is asked to call their local FBI office.

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