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PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS
Announcement Follows Executive Committee Elections for 2009-2010

PORTLAND, OR -- January 14, 2009 – At the January meeting of the Executive Committee, the Public Power Council elected officers to serve for the 2009-2010 term. Also announced were results of the recent PPC election of Executive Committee Members.

Elected to preside as Chairman of PPC is **Stephen Boorman**, Administrator of the City of Bonners Ferry (ID). Boorman replaces outgoing Chair, Rick Crinklaw of Lane Electric Cooperative (OR). The other 2009-2010 officers elected at the meeting are **Paul Elias**, McMinnville Water and Light (OR), Vice Chair for Administration and Budget; **Ed Brost**, Franklin PUD (WA), Vice Chair for Long Range Planning; and **Pat McGary**, Clark Public Utilities (WA), Vice Chair for Allocation, Rates and Contracts. In addition, **John Gerstenberger**, Hood River Electric (OR) will chair the PPC task force on Fish and Wildlife, and **Bill Gaines**, Tacoma Power (WA), will chair the task force on Climate Policy.

“As PPC Chairman, I want to help make sure a wide of range of views can be presented and discussed in a respectful and professional environment,” Boorman said. “Also, it is important that PPC continue to provide the analysis and base of knowledge that is the foundation of our positions that help ensure reliable and low-cost electricity for Northwest citizens.”

“Steve Boorman brings a lot of energy to the job at an exciting time in our industry,” said PPC Executive Director, Scott Corwin. “We are very pleased to have him take the gavel, and the PPC staff looks forward to working closely with him, the vice-chairs, and the entire Executive Committee over the next two years.”

Elected to the Executive Committee of PPC for 2009-2010 were: *Steve Boorman*, City of Bonners Ferry; *Ed Brost*, Franklin County PUD; *Jorge Carrasco*, Seattle City Light; *Rick Crinklaw*, Lane Electric Cooperative; *Tim Culbertson*, Grant County PUD; *Paul Davies*, Central Lincoln PUD; *Paul Elias*, McMinnville Water & Light; *Bill Gaines*, Tacoma Power; *John Gerstenberger*, Hood River Electric; *Dick Helgeson*, Eugene Water & Electric; *Tom Hutchinson*, Clearwater Power; *Steve Klein*, Snohomish County PUD; *Pat McGary*, Clark Public Utilities; *Fred Mitchell*, Clallam County PUD; *Dave Muller*, Lewis County PUD; *Dan Peterson*, Pend Oreille PUD; *Jim Sanders*, Benton County PUD; *Ray Sieler*, City of Richland; *Brian Skeahan*, Cowlitz County PUD; *Ken Sugden*, Flathead Electric Cooperative; and, *Bill Ward*, Northern Wasco PUD.

“PPC, and indeed the entire region, is fortunate to have these highly skilled utility managers and directors who are willing to donate enormous time and effort for the good of electricity consumers in the Northwest,” Corwin said. “With more work ahead to implement long-term power contracts with BPA, with multiple power and transmission rate cases, and with a flurry of work presented by new policy directions in climate change, renewable energy, conservation, and fish and wildlife issues, these industry leaders will have no shortage of challenges to manage over the next two years.”

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About the Public Power Council

The Public Power Council, established in 1966, is an association that represents over 100 consumer-owned electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest. PPC’s mission is to preserve and protect the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System for consumer-owned utilities. PPC acts as a forum to identify, discuss and build consensus around energy and utility issues. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.ppcpdx.org