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## **PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL ELECTS NEW OFFICERS**

*Announcement Follows Executive Committee Elections for 2011-2012*

PORTLAND, OR -- January 13, 2011 – At the January meeting of the Executive Committee, the Public Power Council elected officers to serve for the 2011-2012 term. Also announced were results of the recent PPC election of Executive Committee Members.

PPC elected **Pat McGary** of Clark Public Utilities, Washington, as their new chairman. McGary replaces outgoing Chair, Steve Boorman of the City of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Also elected as officers for 2011-2012 are **John Gerstenberger**, Hood River Electric Cooperative, Oregon, as Vice Chair Long Range Planning, **Ted Coates** of Tacoma Power, Washington, as Vice Chair Allocation, Rates and Contracts, and **Ed Brost**, Franklin County Public Utility District, Washington, as Vice Chair Administration & Budget. In addition, **Paul Elias** of McMinnville Water & Light, Oregon, will chair the PPC Task force on Fish & Wildlife.

“I look forward to chairing PPC’s Executive Committee,” said McGary. “As PPC Chairman, I hope to continue the PPC custom of open and respectful debate on issues important to consumer-owned utility customers of the Bonneville Power Administration. As we continue to live in a turbulent regulatory and policy world for electric utilities, PPC’s analysis and knowledge of complex electricity issues provides the foundation for Executive Committee decisions that help maintain a reliable and low-cost power supply for Northwest ratepayers.”

“Pat McGary brings many years of experience and expertise in the Northwest energy industry to the job,” 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 2011-2012 were:

Steve Boorman, *City of Bonners Ferry*;  
Ed Brost, *Franklin County PUD*;  
Jorge Carrasco, *Seattle City Light*;

Ted Coates, *Tacoma Power*;  
Rick Crinklaw, *Lane Electric Cooperative*;  
Paul Elias, *McMinnville Water & Light*;  
John Gerstenberger, *Hood River Electric Cooperative*;  
Tom Hutchinson, *Clearwater Power Company*;  
Steve Klein, *Snohomish County PUD*;  
Dwight Langer, *Northern Wasco PUD*;  
Pat McGary, *Clark Public Utilities*;  
Fred Mitchell, *Clallam County PUD*;  
Dave Muller, *Lewis County PUD*;  
Clay Norris, *Eugene Water & Electric Board*;  
Kevin Owens, *Columbia River PUD*;  
Dan Peterson, *Pend Oreille County PUD*;  
Robin Rego, *Lakeview Light and Power*;  
Jim Sanders, *Benton PUD*;  
Ray Sieler, *City of Richland*;  
Brian Skeahan, *Cowlitz County PUD*; and  
Ken Sugden, *Flathead Electric Cooperative*.

“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.ppcpx.org](http://www.ppcpx.org)