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**PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL ELECTS
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2015-2016**

PORTLAND, OR – PORTLAND, Ore. – At its monthly members’ meeting on January 8, 2015, the Executive Committee of the Public Power Council elected officers for the 2015-2016 term. Elected by unanimous decision were:

Mark Johnson, Flathead Electric Cooperative, as Chairman

Dan Peterson, Pend Oreille PUD as Vice Chair, Administration and Budget

Matt Michel, Lane Electric Cooperative, as Vice Chair, Long Range Planning

Jim Smith, Klickitat PUD, as Vice Chair, Allocation/Rates/Contracts

Debra Smith, Central Lincoln PUD, as Vice Chair, Fish and Wildlife

PPC Executive Director Scott Corwin said, “PPC is very fortunate to have Chairman Johnson and these Vice Chairs at the helm. The Northwest public power community will be very well-served by the expertise and leadership of our newly elected officers.”

“I am excited to serve as the Executive Committee Chairman,” said incoming Chairman, Mark Johnson. “I look forward to working with the Committee, other member utilities, and the PPC staff to handle the many issues facing public power over the next two years.”

At its Annual Meeting of Members on December 11, 2014, the Public Power Council announced the newly elected Board Members who will serve a two year term beginning January 2015. Elected to the 21 member board for the 2015-2016 term are:

Steve Boorman, City of Bonners Ferry
Ed Brost, Franklin County PUD
Jorge Carrasco, Seattle City Light
Ted Coates, Tacoma Public Utilities
John Gerstenberger, Hood River Electric Coop.

Roger Gray, Eugene Water & Electric Board
Tom Hutchinson, Clearwater Power
Mark Johnson, Flathead Electric Coop.
Steve Klein, Snohomish County PUD
Pat McGary, Clark Public Utilities
Don McMaster, Cowlitz PUD
Matt Michel, Lane Electric Cooperative
Fred Mitchell, Clallam County PUD
Joe Noland, City of Cheney
Kevin Nordt, Grant County PUD
Dan Peterson, Pend Oreille County PUD
Debra Smith, Central Lincoln PUD
Jim Smith, Klickitat County PUD
Les Teel, Columbia Rural Electric Assn.
Chuck Thurman, Monmouth Power & Light
Dave Ward, Grays Harbor PUD

“PPC, and the entire region, is fortunate to have the leadership of these impressive utility managers and directors who offer enormous amounts of time and knowledge for the benefit of electricity consumers in the Northwest,” said Scott Corwin, Executive Director of PPC.

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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, and is a key 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