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PPC Awards High Honors at Annual Meeting

PORTLAND, Ore. – At its annual meeting of members on December 13, 2012, the Public Power Council recognized **Jim Sanders**, General Manager of Benton County Public Utility District for his exceptional service and contributions to public power in the Northwest. At a reception the evening before the meeting, Sanders was presented with the **Alan Jones Award**: the highest honor that PPC bestows. The award is named after Alan Jones, the general manager of McMinnville Water & Light from 1957-1986, and long-time Chairman of PPC. Sanders, also a former Chairman of PPC, is retiring as Benton PUD General Manager. “The Northwest public power community and PPC will miss Jim’s wise counsel, and steady, consistent leadership at our monthly meetings,” said Scott Corwin, Executive Director of the Public Power Council.

PPC also recognized **Joel Myer**, Public Information and Government Relations Manager of Mason County Public Utility District No. 3, with its **Golden Communicator Award**. Myer was recognized for excellence in communications and tireless commitment to spreading the word through his daily news service on the latest information involving issues important to Northwest public power. “Joel works daily to provide his utility and all of public power in the Northwest with the latest and most relevant information on issues important to public power,” said Corwin. “We are very grateful for his expertise and commitment.”

PPC represents Pacific Northwest consumer-owned utilities on issues related to the Federal Columbia River Power System.