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Blake Weathers Joins Public Power Council Staff as New Director of Power Supply

(PORTLAND, OR) October 6, 2021 -- The Public Power Council (PPC) is pleased to announce Blake Weathers has joined PPC's staff in a newly-created role as the organization's Director of Power Supply. Weathers comes to PPC after almost nine years of progressive responsibility in the Northwest Requirements Utilities (NRU) trade association. Prior to working at NRU, he worked for more than 12 years at the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Weathers will officially join PPC staff on October 11, 2021.

Most public power entities in the Northwest currently have power supply contracts with BPA that are set to expire at the end of 2028. As such, one of Weathers' primary duties at PPC will be to work with public power to assess the future post-2028 competitive environment for reliable, clean supplies of power and efficient and reliable transmission services – whether from BPA, other providers, or through some combination.

“Blake's more than twenty years of experience working on transmission and power supply issues here in the Northwest will be of immense value as PPC expands its focus on how public power will approach significant power supply crossroads approaching in 2028,” said Scott Simms, PPC Executive Director. “Blake not only has extensive knowledge about how BPA and the region works, he is highly attuned to the needs and desires of Northwest public power, including how utilities are examining an array of future power supply options to serve their communities.”

“I am beyond excited to join PPC and hit the ground running with its already outstanding staff and members,” Weathers said. “This is an exciting time in regional power supply, and I am honored to represent PPC membership's interests in the BPA Post-2028 contract negotiations.”

Weathers is known by public power utilities both large and small as a problem-solver with deep expertise in the energy landscape of the region. He has extensive experience working on both federal and non-federal power and transmission contract matters and has close working relationships with a span of industry experts across the West.

“Blake's skills will complement an existing high-performing team of staff experts at PPC who have a great track record of both identifying and solving challenges as well as seizing and maximizing opportunities on behalf of Northwest public power.” Simms said. “Members of PPC continue to affirm their support for us to boldly tackle the tough issues for public power, and we

are grateful for their investments in our team and overall support as we work on behalf of them and their communities.”

Weathers, who resides in Portland, has a Master’s degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor’s degree in Business Management from Indiana University and a Master’s degree in International Public Policy from Erasmus University in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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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 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.ppcpdx.org.