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PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL ELECTS NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PORTLAND, OR – At its Annual Meeting of Members on December 13, 2012, the Public Power Council announced the newly elected Board Members who will serve a two year term beginning January 2013. Elected to the board for the 2013-2014 term are:

Chad Bartram, Benton PUD, Steve Boorman, City of Bonners Ferry Ed Brost, Franklin County PUD Jorge Carrasco, Seattle City Light Ted Coates, Tacoma Public Utilities Rick Crinklaw, Lane Electric Cooperative Bob Geddes, Lewis County PUD John Gerstenberger, Hood River Electric Coop. Roger Gray, Eugene Water & Electric Board Tom Hutchinson, Clearwater Power Steve Klein, Snohomish County PUD Pat McGary, Clark Public Utilities Matt Michel, Canby Utility Board Fred Mitchell, Clallam County PUD Joe Noland, City of Cheney Dan Peterson, Pend Oreille County PUD Ray Sieler, Tillamook PUD Brian Skeahan, Cowlitz County PUD Jim Smith, Klickitat County PUD Ken Sugden, Flathead Electric Cooperative Les Teel, Columbia Rural Electric Assn.

"PPC, and indeed the entire region, is fortunate to have these highly skilled utility managers and directors who are willing to donate enormous time for the good of electricity consumers in the Northwest," said Scott Corwin, Executive Director of PPC.

"With more work ahead on power and transmission rates, the selection of a new BPA Administrator, and a flurry of work presented by new policy directions in renewable energy, conservation, and fish and wildlife issues, these industry leaders will have no shortage of challenges to manage over the next year," Corwin said. Officers and alternates for the PPC Executive Committee are appointed in January.

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About the Public Power Council

The Public Power Council, established in 1966, is an association that represents over 100 consumerowned 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 <u>www.ppcpdx.org</u>