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PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL ELECTS THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

PORTLAND, OR -- February 3, 2012 – The Public Power Council elected Board Members to fill three open positions for the remainder of 2011-2012 term. PPC elected **Bob Geddes** of Lewis County Public Utility District, Washington, **Matt Michel** of Canby Utility Board, Oregon, and **Les Teel** of Columbia Rural Electric Association, Washington, to the PPC Board called the Executive Committee.

"Bob Geddes, Matt Michel, and Les Teel bring years of experience and expertise in the Northwest energy industry to our Board," said PPC Executive Director, Scott Corwin. "We welcome them and are very pleased to have their help to guide us through the challenges facing electricity consumers in the Northwest.

"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 looming power and transmission rate cases, and with a flurry of work presented by new policy directions in integration of renewable energy, conservation, and fish and wildlife issues, these industry leaders will have no shortage of challenges to manage over the next year."

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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>