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Statement of the Public Power Council on the President’s Budget

PORTLAND, OREGON – The Public Power Council has issued a statement in response to the President’s FY2021 proposal to divest Power Marketing Administrations’ (PMAs) transmission assets and to authorize the PMAs to charge market-based rates to their not-for-profit preference customers.

“The Administration’s FY 2021 budget proposal recycles proposals to privatize BPA transmission and impose market-based rates. These stale budget initiatives – which would unnecessarily raise consumer rates and threaten reliable service – have been repeatedly rejected by Congress,” said PPC Executive Director Scott Simms. “PPC calls on the Northwest congressional delegation to once again lead efforts to reject these proposals that detract attention from the important work of addressing BPA’s future competitiveness. BPA and PPC are working collaboratively to find the right balance between spending levels and project prioritization necessary to maintain the overall reliability of the transmission grid and to meet customers’ local demands for load service. We are confident that this effort, managed at the regional level, will provide the best value to customers,” said Simms.

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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.

A listing of PPC members categorized by state is attached. For more information, please visit us on the web at www.ppcpdx.org.