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Public Power Agency announces leadership changes

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest Chief Executive Officer, Vic Parrish announces the following key personnel changes at the agency headquarters.

Cheryl Whitcomb, Vice President, Organizational Performance & Staffing/Chief Knowledge Officer (CKO), will retire from Energy Northwest (EN) on January 30, 2009, having served EN for 33 years in a variety of management positions.

Scott Oxenford returned to Energy Northwest in December after serving approximately 18 months as a loaned executive to the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations (INPO) headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. He will serve as Vice President, Nuclear Generation/Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) replacing Dale Atkinson who will become Vice President, Operational Support.

Parrish cited Oxenford's recent INPO experience and 14-plus years with Energy Northwest as excellent preparation to take the helm of the agency's nuclear operations. Oxenford's prior assignments included Vice President, Technical Services; Vice President, Nuclear Generation; Plant General Manager (PGM); Assistant to the PGM; Operations Manager and Outage/Work Control Manager. He also highlighted Oxenford's interaction with INPO and industry as excellent training to strengthen the agency's overall performance in nuclear power operations.

Parrish said the realignment of the agency's leadership team will expand leadership opportunities and experiences for the overall executive team while maximizing the benefits of Oxenford's INPO experience. The changes will also more closely align functional responsibilities within the respective VP groups, Parrish said.

Other key personnel assignments include:

Sudesh Gambhir will continue as Vice President, Technical Services.

Al Mouncer will continue as Vice President, Corporate Services/General Counsel/Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Jack Baker will continue as Vice President, Energy/Business Services.

About Energy Northwest:



Energy Northwest is a not-for-profit public power, state joint operating agency headquartered in Richland, Washington. Chartered in 1957, the consortium has 24 public power members; 20 public utility districts and four municipalities. The agency's nuclear, hydro, wind, and solar power projects collectively deliver nearly 1,300 megawatts of reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity to the Northwest power grid. Energy Northwest continually explores and develops new generation opportunities while offering a wide range of energy and business services.

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