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## **New Outside Director Appointed to Energy Northwest Executive Board**

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – On April 21, Raleigh, N.C., resident William S. Orser accepted Energy Northwest’s board of directors’ appointment to a four-year term as an outside director on the public power agency’s 11-member executive board.

The board of directors also elected five of its members to serve on the executive board. The agency’s executive board is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization. The new term begins June 17.

Energy Northwest’s board of directors has 28 members representing 23 public utility districts and five municipal utilities in Washington state that comprise the agency. The board of directors has sole authority to authorize and terminate Energy Northwest projects. The executive board has 11 members; five elected from the board of directors, three appointed by the board of directors from outside Energy Northwest, and the remaining three appointed by the governor of Washington.

### **About Energy Northwest:**

Energy Northwest develops, owns and operates a diverse mix of electricity generating resources, including hydro, solar and wind projects - and the Northwest’s only nuclear power plant. These projects provide enough reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible energy to power more than a million Washington homes each year, and that carbon-free electricity is provided at the cost of generation. As a Washington state joint operating agency, Energy Northwest comprises 28 public power member utilities from across the state serving more than 1.5 million ratepayers. The agency continually explores new generation projects to meet its members’ needs. Energy Northwest – [www.energy-northwest.com](http://www.energy-northwest.com).

*(Please see the following page for a short biography on William S. Orser.)*

**Biography of Newly Appointed Outside Director for Energy Northwest:**

**William S. Orser**, advisor to the Tennessee Valley Authority CEO and board of directors, Raleigh, N.C.

William Orser was the interim CEO for Tennessee Valley Authority from 2006-2007 before continuing as an advisor. Orser worked at Progress Energy Company from 1993-2005, until his retirement as president, energy supply group. From 1987-1993, Orser held various positions at Detroit Edison Company, including executive vice president and chief nuclear officer. He also worked at nuclear power plants owned and operated by Portland General Electric Co. and Southern California Edison Co. Qualified as engineer officer, Orser served on three nuclear submarines in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1975. A licensed professional engineer in California, Orser earned a Bachelor of Science from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and a master's in computer science management from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

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