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Energy Northwest Board of Directors Elects Officers

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest’s Board of Directors unanimously elected officers during meetings today. All current officers were re-elected for another two-year term.

Asotin County PUD Commissioner Judy Ridge was elected Board President. Commissioner Ridge has been a member of the Energy Northwest Board of Directors since 2003. Ridge became an Asotin County PUD Commissioner in 1997 and was re-elected in November 2008, for another six-year term. She currently serves as Secretary of the Asotin PUD Board. She is owner of Ridge Property Management in Clarkston, Washington, and active in the Clarkston Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Ridge resides in Clarkston, Wash.

Wahkiakum County PUD Commissioner Larry Reese was elected Board Vice President. Commissioner Reese joined Energy Northwest’s Board of Directors in January 2005. He became a Wahkiakum County PUD Commissioner in 2003 and is currently serving as Secretary of the Wahkiakum PUD Board. Reese spent much of his professional career with General Electric, where he held positions in the lamp and supply divisions. Commissioner Reese resides in Cathlamet, Wash.

Benton County PUD Commissioner Lori Sanders was elected Board Secretary. Sanders was appointed to the Energy Northwest Board of Directors in January 2005. Commissioner Sanders is the President of the Benton County PUD Board. She is the owner and president of Energy Incentives, Inc., a consulting firm with expertise in electricity conservation and renewable energy systems. Commissioner Sanders resides in Kennewick, Wash.

Franklin County PUD Commissioner Bill Gordon was elected Board Assistant Secretary. Commissioner Gordon was appointed to the Energy Northwest Board of Directors in January 2004. In April 2006, he was elected by the Board of Directors to serve on Energy Northwest’s Executive Board. He became a Franklin County PUD Commissioner in January 2003 and was re-elected in November 2008, for another six-year term. Commissioner Gordon resides in Pasco, Washington, and is a former partner in Gordon Brothers Winery and Gordon Brothers, Inc.

The Board of Directors officers serve a two-year term. The Board meets quarterly and is made up of one representative from each of the 24 member public utilities of Energy Northwest. The Energy Northwest Board of Directors has responsibilities and duties that include final authority on any decision to purchase, acquire, construct, terminate or decommission any generation projects.

The Board of Directors also appoints five of its own members and three outside appointees to the Energy Northwest Executive Board.

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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