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Governor appoints Daudon to Energy Northwest Executive Board; Kenney re-appointed; Officers elected

RICHLAND, Wash. – Gov. Chris Gregoire appointed Marc Daudon, a Washington state environmental consultant, to the Energy Northwest Executive Board. His term will run through June 30, 2014.

Daudon is a principal and co-founder of Cascadia Consulting Group, which helps businesses, utilities and communities reach environmental and sustainability goals. It has offices in Seattle and San Jose, Calif.

Gov. Gregoire also re-appointed Larry Kenney to a third term on the executive board. Kenney was first appointed in 2000 and then re-appointed in 2006. Kenney chairs the Energy Northwest Audit, Legal and Finance Committee. Kenney's re-appointment also runs through June 30, 2014.

Kenney was a member of the Washington State Board of Tax Appeals from 1993 to 1999, hearing and ruling on appeals of property, excise and other state taxes. He was chair of the board from 1996 to 1998.

Terms for both appointments became effective May 18, 2011.

The agency's executive board also elected officers at their public meeting today in Richland. Sid Morrison will continue in his role as chairman of the board; Jack Janda will continue to serve as vice chairman; Kathy Vaughn will continue as board secretary; and Dave Remington, continues as assistant secretary. All will serve one-year terms effective July 1.

Morrison has served on the executive board since 2001. A former legislator, Morrison served in the Washington state House of Representatives from 1966-1974, the Washington state Senate from 1974-1980 and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980-1992. He was appointed Secretary of Transportation by the Washington Transportation Commission in 1993 and served in that capacity until retiring from state service June 30, 2001.

Janda has served on the executive board since 2005, and on the Mason County Public Utility District 1 board of commissioners since 2001.

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While serving on the Mason PUD commission, he represented the utility with the Washington Public Utility District Association, and has served on the WPUDA board as secretary/treasurer, vice president and president.

Vaughn has served on the executive board since 2006, and on the Snohomish County PUD board of commissioners since 1995. She is the owner of Goldmark Financial Corp., a Snohomish County mortgage company. She also is co-owner with her husband of a construction firm. Prior to her election to the Snohomish commission, she was active in the community leading youth organizations and serving as a precinct committee person.

Remington has served on the executive board since his appointment by Gov. Gary Locke in 2004. He is retired from Itron Inc. in Spokane, where he was senior vice president and chief financial officer. He has more than 35 years of experience in finance, treasury and investment banking services. He holds a master's degree in business administration from the Harvard Business School as well as a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley.

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. The executive board sets the policies that govern the operations of the organization.

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 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.

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