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Benton PUD commissioner elected secretary of Energy Northwest Executive Board

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy leaders from across Washington today elected Commissioner Lori Kays-Sanders of Benton County Public Utility District to serve as secretary on Energy Northwest's Executive Board for a term expiring in June. The public power agency's 11-member executive board is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Benton County PUD commissioners appointed Kays-Sanders to the Energy Northwest Board of Directors in 2005 and she was elected secretary in 2007 to 2011. Energy Northwest's 27-member board of directors represents the 22 public utility districts and five municipal utilities that make up the agency. The board of directors has sole authority to authorize and terminate projects.

In 2010, the Energy Northwest Board of Directors appointed Kays-Sanders to the agency's executive board. She has served on the Benton County PUD Board of Commissioners since 2005 and is currently the board's vice president.

Kays-Sanders is the owner and president of Energy Incentives Inc., a consulting firm on conservation and renewables. A Kennewick, Wash., native, she brings more than 25 years of experience as a successful small business owner to her posts on the PUD and Energy Northwest boards.

"I'm excited to accept the honor of being the secretary on the executive board for an organization so intently focused on continuous improvement and performance excellence," said Kays-Sanders.

Kays-Sander's new role and term is effective immediately.

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, not-for-profit joint operating agency, Energy Northwest comprises 27 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.



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