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Sid Morrison Re-elected to Executive Board

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest’s board of directors reappointed Sid Morrison today to serve a four-year term on the public power agency’s 11-member executive board. The executive board sets the policies that govern the operations of the organization. His new term begins June 16.

“I feel strong appreciation for the opportunity to continue to serve this agency,” said Morrison. “Energy Northwest has moved from an assignment to a family – it’s in my blood.”

Morrison, originally appointed to the executive board in July 2001, currently serves as the board’s chair. He also served as chair of the executive board’s nuclear oversight and safety committee from 2003 to 2006.

“We had several applicants, all very well qualified,” said Bill Gordon, Franklin PUD commissioner and chair of the Board of Directors Ad Hoc Search Committee.

“It wasn’t an easy choice, but one we have great confidence in,” said Gordon. “We’re looking forward to Sid’s leadership for another four years.”

“We just broke a number of performance records,” said Morrison, “and I want to be part of assuring we continue to do the job we were created to do, which is to provide at-cost energy for the future of everyone’s grandkids, not just mine.”

Morrison is a former legislator serving in the Washington State House of Representatives from 1966 to 1974, the Washington State Senate from 1974 to 1980, and the U.S. House of Representatives from 1980 to 1992. The Washington Transportation Commission appointed him Secretary of Transportation in 1993, and he served in that capacity until retiring from state service June 30, 2001.

The reappointment came during the board of directors’ quarterly board meeting. Morrison will continue serving as one of the executive board’s three appointees from outside of the agency’s membership. The board of directors has 27 member representatives; one representative for each of the 22 public utility districts and five municipal utilities that comprise Energy Northwest. 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 of Energy Northwest, and the remaining three appointed by the governor of Washington.

About Energy Northwest

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