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## Sid Morrison Re-elected as Executive Board Chair

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – Energy leaders from across Washington today re-elected Sid Morrison of Zillah to continue to serve as chair of Energy Northwest's Executive Board for a one-year term effective July 1.

"I feel a 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 has served on the executive board since 2001. He is also the chair for the board of trustees at Central Washington University and the chair for the Yakima Basin Storage Alliance. 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 in 2001.

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.

"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."

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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.

