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## **Clark Public Utilities, City of Port Angeles Join Energy Northwest**

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy Northwest’s Board of Directors yesterday voted unanimously to approve membership applications from Clark Public Utilities and the City of Port Angeles. As members of the public power Joint Operating Agency, both utilities will have the opportunity to help shape Energy Northwest’s role in regional public power activities. The new members bring the Energy Northwest membership roll to 24, including 20 public utility districts and four city municipal utilities. This is the largest membership in the 51-year history of the organization.

Energy Northwest was formed as a Joint Operating Agency in 1957 to provide low-cost power for its publicly owned utility members by aggregating needs and building power generation facilities to meet those needs. The agency produces power “at-cost” for its members and operates Columbia Generating Station, Packwood Lake Hydroelectric Project, White Bluffs Solar Station and Nine Canyon Wind Project.

Each member utility has a seat on the Energy Northwest Board of Directors. The Board meets quarterly and holds the authority to start and terminate major construction projects.

Clark Public Utilities is a customer-owned utility providing electric and water service in Clark County, Washington. A municipal corporation organized under the laws of the state of Washington, the utility was formed by a vote of the people in 1938. The utility currently provides electric service to more than 180,000 customers and water service to around 30,000 homes and businesses. Operations of the two systems are financially independent.

Clark Public Utilities has worked hard to cut operating costs. Washington Public Utility District Association statistics show each Clark Public Utilities employee serves an average of 568 customers, compared to a statewide Public Utility District average of 312 customers per employee, with annual operating costs per customer of \$318, compared to a statewide PUD average of \$526.

Clark Public Utilities: <http://www.clarkpublicutilities.com>

The City of Port Angeles, incorporated in 1890, is a full service city providing electricity, conservation programs, garbage collection, recycling, wastewater (sewer), storm water services, and water at very competitive rates. It is located in Clallam County on the North Olympic Peninsula.

City of Port Angeles: <http://www.cityofpa.us/>

The Executive Board has 11 members; three appointed by the Governor of Washington, three members from outside the organization approved by the Board of Directors, and five members selected by and from the Board of Directors.

Energy Northwest is a not-for-profit public power, state Joint Operating Agency headquartered in Richland, Washington. Chartered in 1957, Energy Northwest has 24 public power members; 20 public utility districts and four municipalities. The consortium's nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, and solar projects deliver nearly 1,400 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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