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Sid Morrison appointed to third Energy Northwest Executive Board term

RICHLAND, Wash. – Former Congressman Sid Morrison has been selected and appointed by the Energy Northwest Board of Directors to serve a third four-year term on the Executive Board.

Morrison's third term will begin on June 17, 2009, and end on June 16, 2013. He was first selected and appointed by Energy Northwest's Board of Directors on July 25, 2001, to serve as an Executive Board member for a term ending June 16, 2005.

The Executive Board is comprised of five members elected from the membership of the Board of Directors, and six outside members. Three of the outside members are selected and appointed by the Board of Directors, while the other three are selected and appointed by the Governor of the State of Washington.

Mr. Morrison is a former legislator serving in the Washington State House of Representatives from 1966-1974, the Washington State Senate from 1974-1980, and the United States 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 on June 30, 2001.

In commenting on the appointment, Board of Directors President Judy Ridge said, "I am extremely pleased with the appointment of Sid Morrison. His leadership and willingness to continue to serve public power in Washington comes at a time when the Northwest energy picture is becoming increasingly more complex."

Energy Northwest is a not-for-profit public power, state Joint Operating Agency headquartered in Richland, Washington. Chartered in 1957, Energy Northwest has 25 public power members; 21 public utility districts and four municipalities. The consortium's nuclear, hydro, wind, and solar projects deliver nearly 1,300 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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