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## **State Sen. Sheldon Re-elected to Executive Board**

**RICHLAND, Wash.** – Sen. Tim Sheldon, D – Potlatch, was re-elected to serve a four-year term on the public power agency's 11-member executive board. The agency's executive board is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization. Sheldon's new term begins June 17.

Sen. Sheldon was first appointed to serve an unexpired term on the executive board in October 2003. He was elected to a second term in June 2004 and re-elected in 2008. Sen. Sheldon was a Mason County Public Utility District 1 commissioner from 1999 to 2002. As senator for the 35<sup>th</sup> District, he represents all of Mason and portions of Grays Harbor, Kitsap and Thurston counties. He has also served as a Mason County Commissioner since 2003.

Energy Northwest's Board of Directors re-elected Sheldon during its board meeting this week as one of the board's three outside director appointees to the agency's Executive Board. The Board of Directors has 28 members; one representative for each of the 23 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' membership, three appointed by the board of directors from outside Energy Northwest, and the remaining three appointed by the governor of Washington.

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