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Snohomish PUD commissioner appointed chair of ALF Committee on Energy Northwest Executive Board

RICHLAND, Wash. – Energy leaders from across Washington last week appointed Commissioner Kathleen Vaughn of Snohomish County Public Utility District 1 to serve as chair on the Energy Northwest Executive Board’s Audit, Legal and Finance Committee. The public power agency’s 11-member executive board is responsible for setting policy and overseeing the day-to-day operations of the organization.

Snohomish County PUD 1 commissioners appointed Vaughn to the Energy Northwest Board of Directors in 2004 and she was elected vice president in 2005 to 2007. Energy Northwest’s 27-member board of directors represents the 22 public utility districts and five municipal utilities that make up the agency. The board of directors has sole authority to authorize and terminate projects.

In 2006, the Energy Northwest Board of Directors appointed Vaughn to the agency’s executive board. She served as the assistant secretary until 2008 when she was elected secretary until her role change this month. As the first woman elected to the PUD’s commission, she has served on the Snohomish County PUD Board of Commissioners since 1994. She is the longest-serving commissioner in the utilities’ 60-year history.

Vaughn also serves on the Policy Makers Council for the American Public Power Association to work on national energy policy issues in Washington, D.C.

She is an accomplished businesswoman and was selected Business Woman of the Year in 2005 by the Snohomish Business Journal. She is the president and licensed broker of Goldmark Financial Corp., a Washington state mortgage brokerage firm. Vaughn is also co-owner of a construction company with her husband.

Prior to her election to the commission, she was active in the community, running many youth organizations and serving as a precinct committee person.

Vaughn’s new role is effective immediately.

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