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***NEWS RELEASE:***  
***Johansen to take reins at Bonneville Power Administration***

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**PORTLAND, Ore.** Judi Johansen will officially become the 12<sup>th</sup> administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration at 10:30 a.m. Monday, June 8. That's when U.S. District Court Judge Ancer L. Hagerty will administer the oath of office in the Holladay auditorium, 911 N.E. 11<sup>th</sup> Street. The news media are invited to attend.

Johansen, 39, will head an agency that markets power from the second largest generating system in the United States, the federal Columbia River Power System. Only the Tennessee Valley Authority generates more power. The Columbia system comprises 29 federal dams and one nuclear plant, generating roughly half of the region's total electricity. BPA also operates 15,000 miles of high-voltage transmission lines, three-fourths of the region's long-distance delivery network.

Congress created BPA in 1937 when it passed Bonneville Project Act. The act directs BPA "to encourage the widest possible use of all electric energy that can be generated and marketed" from the Federal Columbia River Power System. Johansen will tackle difficult issues surrounding the deregulation of the electricity market and BPA's role in it. The agency is responsible not only for selling and delivering power, but for helping save endangered species of salmon in the Columbia basin.

Johansen is a former BPA employee, having worked for the agency between 1992 and 1996, serving last as vice president for generation and supply. She left BPA to join Avista Energy, a national power marketing company affiliated with the Washington Water Power Company of Spokane, Wash. There she was vice president of business development.

Johansen is a member of the Washington and Oregon Bars and a former council member of the American Bar Association section on natural resources, energy and environmental law. She is a member of the editorial board for *Natural Resource & Environment* magazine. She earlier practiced law in the Northwest and was a staff attorney for the Public Power Council, a trade association of Northwest consumer-owned utilities.

For more biographical information, contact the BPA press office.

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