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***NEWS RELEASE:***  
***BPA selects chief operating officer***

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PORTLAND, Ore. - Steve Hickok was named chief operating officer of the Bonneville Power Administration this week.

Hickok holds the federal power marketing agency's third-highest position and is responsible for its day-to-day operation. Hickok began work at BPA in 1981 as manager of the agency's conservation and renewable resources program. He later led BPA's entire Power Business Line. Hickok has been the acting chief operating officer since Sue Hickey vacated the position Oct. 17, 1997.

BPA Administrator Judi Johansen said, "Steve has the experience and the skills required for the COO position. He has demonstrated them over the last year as well as when he occupied a similar position in the past. I'm delighted that he has agreed to help me lead the entire agency."

Hickok's experience outside BPA is also a plus, according to Johansen. He acted as principal advisor and staff assistant to former U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) on development and enactment of the Federal Columbia River Transmission System Act of 1974 and the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act of 1980.

BPA, a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Energy, provides almost half of the electrical power and more than three-quarters of the high-voltage transmission system in the Pacific Northwest. It markets wholesale power to more than 130 utilities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana and some Northwest aluminum and chemical companies. The power comes from the region's 29 federal hydroelectric dams and one non-federal nuclear plant.

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