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Bonneville Power Administration

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Jeff Stier was named today the new vice president of National Relations for the Bonneville Power Administration.

Stier has worked for Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) for 12 years, the last eight as legislative director. He was the lead staff when Rep. DeFazio chaired the 1993 task force on BPA as part of the House Natural Resources Committee and has been one of the key organizers of the Pacific Northwest Energy Caucus, which is addressing issues associated with Bonneville in electricity restructuring legislation.

Bonneville also announced that Nicole Morgado, who currently works in Bonneville's national relations office, will take on additional duties as senior legislative liaison. Roger Seifert will remain as the deputy office director.

"We believe the experience Jeff brings will add value to BPA and the region," said Steve Wright, BPA senior vice president for Corporate. "Moreover, in his role working within the Northwest Energy Caucus, Jeff has displayed the ability to work closely with all offices within the Northwest congressional delegation in a bipartisan fashion."

Wright said that Bonneville had solicited input from congressional offices, customers, constituents and the administration. "There was a nearly unanimous sense that a team of Stier and Morgado would best serve the region," Wright said.

"I intend to work very closely with all members of the Pacific Northwest congressional delegation and to seek to aid the resolution of difficult controversies, be they economic or environmental, in a bipartisan fashion," Stier said.

"I believe Jeff and I have complementary skills and am looking forward to taking on additional responsibilities in the office," Morgado said.

Stier and Rep. DeFazio have agreed to refrain from discussing BPA issues with one another for one year. Stier comes on board Oct. 18.

BPA is a federal agency, under the U.S. Department of Energy, that markets wholesale hydroelectric

power from the 29 federal dams in the Columbia River Basin. BPA owns and operates about three-quarters of the Pacific Northwest's total high-voltage transmission capacity. BPA customers include publicly owned and investor-owned utilities, as well as some large industries.

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