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PORTLAND, Ore. – Long-time deputy administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration, Jack Robertson, retired from the agency Sept. 30. Administrator Judi Johansen said Steven G. Hickok, the agency's chief operating officer, remains in his current post, which becomes the number two position in the agency.

Johansen will position the deputy job as the number three position and fill it on a rotating basis with senior BPA managers who will assist her with customer and constituent relations and special projects. The first to fill the post for 180 days will be Charles E. Meyer, currently vice president for transmission marketing and sales.

Johansen said Robertson was a tireless advocate of energy conservation, renewable resources and environmental protection during his 16-year career at BPA. He twice served as acting administrator from August to November 1991, and from October 1997 to June 1998.

"Jack not only held the agency together in the face of numerous challenges but also advanced it," she said. "As a result, he handed me a BPA in 1998 that had definitely survived deregulation not only intact but increasingly stable."

Johansen said Robertson "pioneered public involvement as a means of engaging citizens in decisions that affect their lives. His visionary approach to the electric utility business is the hallmark of his public service."

Robertson said he will embark in October with his wife, Debra, and son, Nicholas, on a one-year tour of archaeological and historical sites around the world with stops in about 40 countries. He said he will pursue other business interests upon his return.

Robertson joined BPA in 1983 after serving nine years as senior policy advisor and director of communications for Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon. At BPA, he served under four administrators, rising from assistant to the administrator for external affairs to deputy administrator, the number two position in the agency. He graduated from Parkrose High School in 1968, Stanford University in 1972 and the Stanford Executive Program in the Graduate School of Business in 1990.

Steve Hickok has served as chief operating officer since 1998. Charles Meyer, became vice president for transmission marketing and sales in 1996. Before that he served in several positions with the agency, including manager for business strategy, industrial sales manager and director of the Division of Resource Planning. He joined BPA in 1976 as a senior economist.

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