



BPA restructures executive assignments

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PORTLAND, Ore. – Bonneville Power Administration Administrator Judi Johansen has made two changes in the agency's top management, effective immediately.

Steve Wright, currently senior vice president for Corporate, will assume the permanent position of deputy administrator. The deputy position had been filled on a temporary basis since late 1999 when Jack Robertson left BPA.

In announcing Wright's appointment, Johansen said, "The agency needs a senior executive to focus on national affairs, public affairs, and fish and wildlife policies, and guide the agency strategically. Steve Wright is very well qualified to fill this role."

Steve Hickok remains chief operating officer – the number two slot at the agency – and will oversee the everyday business activities of the agency.

Terry Esvelt moves from vice president for Energy Efficiency to senior vice president for Workforce/Workplace. As such, he will manage employee development programs and direct the agency's human resources in the transition to a regional transmission organization.

The two new assignments bring some changes in departmental reporting. Strategic Planning and Environment and Fish and Wildlife report to Wright along with the public affairs functions of National Relations, Regional Relations, Tribal Relations and Communications. Shared Services reports to Esvelt as well as the policy, systems and governance units of Human Resources/Diversity/EEO, Contracts and Property Management, and Safety. The chief financial officer, chief information officer and chief auditor report to COO Hickok.

Attachments

Steve Wright was appointed Deputy Administrator in October of 2000. Prior to that he was Senior Vice-President for Corporate at BPA from 1998-2000. His previous job experience includes manager of the California Office between 1987 and 1990 and Washington DC Office between 1990 and 1998.

The majority of Wright's BPA work took place in the agency's DC office, where he proved instrumental in a number of BPA-related issues during turbulent times. He is credited for his leadership while acting as liaison to the Department of Energy, Congress and various DC interest groups on a number of important issues including the 1992 Energy Policy Act, BPA's Fish and Wildlife funding and wholesale electric utility restructuring. In his role as Senior Vice President for Corporate, Wright had responsibility for environment, fish and wildlife, finance and budget, strategic planning, human resources, and public affairs.

Wright graduated from Central Michigan University in 1979 with a B.A. in Journalism and received his Masters in Public Affairs from the University of Oregon in 1981. He and his wife Kathleen have three children and live in Portland.

Terry Esvelt was appointed Acting Deputy Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration in April 2000. Mr. Esvelt's permanent position since 1996 is Vice President of Bonneville's Energy Efficiency group. Since 1980, Bonneville has been managing one of the world's largest and most innovative energy conservation programs, as part of its public responsibilities.

From 1994 to 1996, as the Vice President of Marketing, Mr. Esvelt provided leadership in positioning Bonneville to adjust to a competitive wholesale power market. He managed the agency's product and service development, rate setting, market research, and margin management.

Prior to this post (from 1986 to 1994), Mr. Esvelt was the BPA's Puget Sound Area Manager. In this capacity, he represented Bonneville in all dealings with its western Washington utilities and constituencies. His duties included operating Bonneville's extensive conservation programs, managing power sales contracts with customer utilities and direct service industries, and overseeing the operation and maintenance of Bonneville's transmission system in the area.

Other positions he has held since first coming to work for Bonneville in 1974 include work in power resource planning, rate case issues, load forecasting, and environment impact statements.

Terry received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972 from Washington State University and a Master of Arts degree in 1974 in economics from the University of Oregon. He lives in Portland with his wife Ann and their son Kevin.
