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**BPA veteran attorney Mary Jensen named general counsel**

**Portland, Ore.** – Mary Jensen, who has worked in the Bonneville Power Administration General Counsel’s office since 2002, has been named its general counsel. She takes over after managing the office for a year as acting general counsel.

“Mary stepped in and helped BPA work through a number of complex legal matters while acting as general counsel for the past year,” said BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer. “She is the first BPA general counsel who reports directly to the administrator. I look forward to continuing to work with her to further enhance BPA’s legal risk management and compliance.”

While serving as acting general counsel, Jensen guided BPA’s Office of General Counsel through a major reorganization, instituted a new office policy on legal advice, and collaborated with the Department of Energy general counsel in creating national guidelines for power marketing administrations in states where marijuana sales are lawful under state statutes. She also instituted new processes that enable faster response times to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act.

“The Bonneville Power Administration serves an incredibly important purpose in the Northwest,” Jensen said. “I am honored to serve as its general counsel and lead the legal staff that supports our efforts to keep our assets delivering value to the region.”

Jensen has specialized in legal issues involving the provision of transmission service at Bonneville and was promoted to manage that legal section in 2008. Before joining BPA in 2002, she worked at the U.S. Office of the Solicitor in Phoenix, Ariz., advising the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding operations of its federally-owned electric utilities that provide service in Arizona.

Preceding her federal service, she worked as a prosecutor in Tucson, Ariz., handling felony cases including vehicular offenses, elder abuse and homicide. Jensen is a graduate

of the University of Arizona College of Law. Her son is a third-generation journeyman lineman, who lives in Missouri with his wife and their five children.

The Office of General Counsel provides legal expertise that supports BPA programs through legal advice and representation, including but not limited to the general areas of transmission, natural resources, power, lands, federal resources and treaties, generation and finance, personnel, and ratemaking.

*BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia Basin dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).*

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