



PR 20 14

**BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Monday, Oct. 6, 2014

CONTACT: Doug Johnson, 503-230-5840/503-230-5131

Kieran Connolly named BPA vice president of Generation and Asset Management
More than half of BPA exec team now permanent – including 4 of 5 in Power Services

Portland, Ore. – Kieran Connolly has been named Bonneville Power Administration vice president of Generation and Asset Management in Power Services. Connolly’s appointment leaves only one executive position vacant among the five in BPA Power Services.

“Managing the federal system with our partners to meet the multiple purposes it serves is fundamental to the success of BPA and the region,” said BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer. “Kieran’s knowledge, background and experience are ideally suited for this position as we continue to manage power system operations in a changing and challenging Northwest energy landscape.”

Since April 2007, Connolly has served as BPA manager of Generation Scheduling, which includes hydroelectric duty scheduling of the 31 dams in the Federal Columbia River Power System, day-ahead system planning and policy issues that impact real-time power system operations. Before that, Connolly was manager of Regional Coordination in Power Services Generation and Asset Management’s Power and Operations Planning group. That job required knowledge of long-term system modeling, coordination with Canada and fish operations.

In informing BPA Power Services employees of the decision, Senior Vice President Mark Gendron wrote:

“Kieran has great knowledge of the federal power system and very impressive and diverse experience over a 23-year tenure at BPA. Kieran’s analytical, leadership, collaborative, and problem solving skills will be invaluable for BPA in his new role. He is perfectly suited to lead the organization to preserve and enhance the federal generation assets that provide tremendous economic, environmental and operational value to the region.”

“I am honored to be asked to fill this role at a time when the hydro system is being asked to do so much,” Connolly said. “I look forward to ensuring the system continues to provide incredible value to Northwest ratepayers.”

Connolly began his career at BPA in 1991 as a supply system analyst. He holds a B.S. degree in Business Economics from Willamette University and a Master’s in Business Administration from the University of Portland. He lives in Beaverton, Ore., with his wife, Allison, and their three children.

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.

###