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Marcus Chong Tim named executive VP and general counsel

Portland, Oregon – The Bonneville Power Administration has named Marcus H. Chong Tim as its executive vice president and general counsel. Chong Tim permanently takes over the role as BPA’s top attorney after serving in an acting capacity since Mary Jensen retired in May 2021. Chong Tim’s role becomes official Jan. 13.

“Marcus has a proven track record of advancing BPA’s mission and business objectives by achieving collaborative and pragmatic solutions,” said Administrator and CEO John Hairston. “I’m confident he will help BPA navigate a complex and evolving landscape as we preserve and enhance the value of the federal power system for the benefit of our customers, Northwest ratepayers and the region.”

Chong Tim joined BPA’s Office of General Counsel in 2007 and became assistant general counsel for Transmission in 2014. In that role, he led the legal strategy for major initiatives, including renewable energy integration policies, rates and tariff proceedings, and the recent decision process to join the Western Energy Imbalance Market. He has significant experience with BPA’s statutes governing transmission, ancillary services and power marketing, as well as applicable cultural resource and environmental requirements and commitments.

“It’s a privilege to lead a dedicated legal team to support BPA’s public service mission and position the agency for the future,” said Chong Tim. “I look forward to continuing to build and strengthen relationships to ensure we understand customer and stakeholder interests, mitigate legal risks and forge common ground toward durable solutions.”

Chong Tim will advise senior executives on a broad range of issues and serve as a key policy formulator and decision-maker in BPA’s business strategies and decisions. He will also lead BPA’s Office of General Counsel, which develops legal policies and guides on all legal matters affecting BPA. As general counsel, Chong Tim will collaborate closely with BPA’s utility customers, general counsels at the Department of Energy and other power marketing administrations.

Chong Tim has a Juris Doctor from Lewis and Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, and a Bachelor of Arts in psychology from Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts.



About BPA

The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Oregon, is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale, carbon-free hydropower from 31 federal dams in the Columbia River Basin. It also markets the output of the region's only nuclear plant. BPA delivers this power to more than 140 Northwest electric utilities, serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA also owns and operates more than 15,000 circuit miles of high-voltage power lines and 261 substations, and provides transmission service to more than 300 customers. In all, BPA provides nearly a third of the power generated in the Northwest. To mitigate the impacts of the federal dams, BPA implements a fish and wildlife program that includes working with its partners to make the federal dams safer for fish passage. It also pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain safe, affordable, reliable electric power for the Northwest. www.bpa.gov

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