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BPA selects Suzanne Cooper as senior vice president of Power Services

Portland, Oregon – The Bonneville Power Administration has selected Suzanne Cooper to be its senior vice president of Power Services. Cooper has served as BPA’s vice president of Bulk Marketing within its Power business line since 2011. Cooper begins her new position April 25. Cooper will replace Joel Cook, who is taking on a new role as BPA’s chief operating officer.

“Suzanne has been a pillar of our power management team for 17 years,” said BPA Administrator and CEO John Hairston. “Her creativity, market expertise and leadership will help us adeptly navigate the evolving energy landscape.”

As senior vice president of Power Services, Cooper will be responsible for BPA’s power scheduling functions, energy efficiency, generation asset management, power contracts and rates, power purchases and acquisitions, as well as business relationships with 142 retail utility customers. BPA sells about 30% of the electricity consumed in the Northwest. Annually, BPA’s Power Services markets about 11,000 average megawatts of wholesale power from 31 federal hydroelectric projects in the Columbia River Basin, one nonfederal nuclear plant and several other small nonfederal power plants. Power Services produces \$3 billion in annual revenues and has an annual capital budget of over \$200 million.

“I’m honored to lead the Power Services organization at this dynamic time in the energy industry and look forward to engaging with the Power team as we position BPA to continue to serve as the long-term provider of choice for our customers,” said Cooper. “We are stewards of an incredible natural resource. Working closely with BPA’s utility customers, federal, state and local partners, tribal leaders and stakeholders, we will ensure the federal power system continues to meet a diverse set of regional needs.”

Cooper has been the vice president of Bulk Marketing at BPA since 2011, overseeing the agency’s power trading floor, scheduling, pricing, market analysis, long-term surplus sales and purchases, and associated contract support and transaction settlements functions.



A life-long Oregonian, Cooper holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Lewis and Clark College in Portland.

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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