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## **PNGC Power Board of Directors Supports Climate Change Policy**

### **Essentially a statement of values, policy will help guide direction on new resources**

**Portland, Oregon - 01/23/2008** - The Board of Directors of PNGC Power has given their support to a climate change policy to meet current and future load growth, and directed staff to evaluate energy resources that are diverse, reliable, efficient and economically and environmentally sustainable. This past summer the Board passed a resolution strongly supporting the clean, renewable hydro system in the Northwest. Portland-based PNGC Power and its 15 Northwest electric distribution cooperative utilities have service territory in seven western states.

According to Rick Crinklaw, Chairman of the PNGC Power Board and General Manager of Lane Electric Cooperative, Eugene, Oregon, "We have been planning for the future since PNGC Power was created. We recognize that careful stewardship of the environment through our operations is both good business practice and the right thing to do. The climate change policy provides additional direction during a time of change."

"Electricity generated by the hydropower system is clean, renewable and supplies over two-thirds of our region's current energy needs," said John Prescott, President and CEO, PNGC Power. "As the regional demand for electricity continues to grow it is important to retain those environmental and economic benefits while exploring other sustainable resources to meet our loads, now and in the future."

Essentially a value system, the policy states

"PNGC Power supports consideration of diverse, reliable and efficient electric generation sources that are economically and environmentally sustainable as options to meet current and future load requirements."

PNGC Power members include: Blachly-Lane Electric Cooperative; Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Clearwater Power Company; Consumers Power Inc.; Coos-Curry Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Douglas Electric Cooperative; Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Lane Electric Cooperative; Lost River Electric Cooperative; Northern Lights, Inc.; Okanogan County Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Umatilla Electric Cooperative; and, West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. Each is a customer of the U. S. Department of Energy and Bonneville Power Administration under long-term power purchase and transmission service agreements.

#### *About PNGC Power*

*PNGC Power is a Portland-based electric power services cooperative owned by 15 Northwest electric distribution cooperative utilities with service territory in seven western states. The company creates value for its member systems by providing sophisticated power management, technical innovation and cutting edge customer services and products. PNGC Power is a top aggregator of geographically diverse loads in the region and became the first electric cooperative in the country to receive a power marketing license from the Federal Energy*

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