



Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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Chris Jones Appointed Permanent General Manager of Pend Oreille PUD

NEWPORT, Wash. – The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) voted unanimously at its July 15 meeting to appoint Chris Jones as the utility's permanent General Manager.

Jones has served as Interim General Manager since February, following the retirement of former General Manager John Janney. The Board selected Jones after several months of evaluation and discussion, citing his decades of experience, deep knowledge of PUD operations, and strong local leadership.

A lifelong resident of Newport and graduate of Newport High School, Jones began his career at the PUD in 1994 as a lineman. He rose through the ranks and was named Director of Operations in 2010. Over the years, he has overseen numerous major infrastructure and reliability projects, including the Diamond Lake to Bare Mountain transmission line.

"I'm honored by the Board's confidence in me and grateful for the opportunity to continue serving this community in a permanent capacity," said Jones. "Pend Oreille County is my home, and I care deeply about the people who live and work here. I look forward to leading our incredible team as we take on the challenges ahead and continue delivering safe, reliable, and affordable service to our customers."

Jones is the tenth General Manager in the District's 89-year history.

About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <http://popud.org>.