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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members

FROM: Ben Kujala

SUBJECT: Update on Public Power Council

BACKGROUND:

Presenter: Scott Simms, Executive Director

Summary: Scott Simms was recently hired as the Executive Director of the Public Power Council (PPC). Scott will have a chance to introduce himself to the Council and talk about his vision for PPC.

Background: PPC 2018 Annual Report:
https://www.ppcpdx.org/wp-content/uploads/PPC-2018-Annual-Report_Final.pdf

More Info: See bio attached

Scott Simms, Executive Director, PPC



Scott Simms joined the Public Power Council (PPC) as the Executive Director in the summer of 2019. With two decades of energy industry experience, Scott provides strategic leadership for the collective interests of the region's consumer-owned utilities that are preference customers of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Scott's broad knowledge of the issues facing Northwest public power and focus on finding collaborative solutions are critical to ensuring that PPC members can continue to deliver reliable, affordable, and carbon-free power to thousands of businesses and millions of residents every day.

Prior to joining PPC, Scott spent 13 years at BPA, most recently as the Communications Director. He also held other leadership positions within BPA, including Manager of Long-Term Power Planning and Secretary to the U.S. Entity for the Columbia River Treaty negotiation process. Prior to joining BPA, Simms held senior communications positions at Portland General Electric and worked for Pacific Northwest-based public affairs firms, providing strategic communications and policy counsel to large commercial clients.

A Northwest native, Simms hails from Snoqualmie, Washington. He studied Public Relations and Political Science at Washington State University in Pullman, graduating with distinction. When he's not at PPC, Simms and his wife and daughter spend their free time exploring the Pacific Northwest and traveling internationally.