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2007 NWPPA Annual Award Winners Announced

VANCOUVER, WA. – The Northwest Public Power Association (NWPPA) honored the following individuals at its 67th Annual Conference and Membership Meeting in Spokane, Wash.:

Life Membership Awards

NWPPA honors retired policymakers and managers from member utilities for work performed on behalf of public power.

- **Allan R. Billett**, Tanner Electric Cooperative (North Bend, Wash.)
- **Vera Claussen**, Grant County PUD (Ephrata, Wash.)
- **Larry Descheemaeker**, Fergus Electric Cooperative (Lewistown, Mont.)
- **John Flowerree**, Midstate Electric Cooperative, Inc. (La Pine, Ore.)
- **Benson Heath**, Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc. (The Dalles, Ore.)
- (In memory of) **John Kostick**, Lewis County PUD (Chehalis, Wash.)
- **George H. Litzenberger**, Springfield Utility Board (Springfield, Ore.)
- **Elmer Sams**, Tanner Electric Cooperative (North Bend, Wash.)
- **Joyce Weseman**, Hood River Electric Cooperative (Hood River, Ore.)
- **Cathy Wilson**, Wasco Electric Cooperative, Inc. (The Dalles, Ore.)

John M. George Public Service Award

NWPPA honors policy-making officers of member systems that have demonstrated remarkable service to public power.

- **Michael Doneen**, Douglas County PUD (East Wenatchee, Wash.)
- **Nouridine Jensen**, Orcas Power & Light Cooperative (Eastsound, Wash.)

President's Award

- **Vera Claussen**, Grant County PUD (Ephrata, Wash.)

Associate Member Plaques of Appreciation



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- **Dave Chaney**, Accent Business Services
- **Ron Gore**, Gore Electric
- **Rick Hall**, General Pacific, Inc.
- **Kim Ingerslev**, Professional Computer Systems Co.
- **Ray Kindley**, Schwabe Williamson & Wyatt
- **Rob Sirvaitis**, The Energy Authority

Retiring Trustee Plaques of Appreciation

- **Larry Descheemaeker**, Fergus Electric Cooperative (Lewistown, Mont.)
- **Dwight Langer**, Northern Wasco County PUD (The Dalles, Ore.)
- **Nate Narrance**, Inland Power & Light Co. (Spokane, Wash.)
- **Walter Sapp**, Kodiak Electric Association, Inc. (Kodiak, Alaska)

Distinguished Service Award

NWPPA honors an individual who has served the interest of public power and the Association in an outstanding manner.

- **John Saven**, Northwest Requirements Utilities

Paul J. Raver Community Service Award

NWPPA honors an individual or company who has demonstrated superior leadership in the betterment of cities, states, or regions.

- **Michael Doneen**, Douglas County PUD (East Wenatchee, Wash.)
- **James R. Day**, Lewis County PUD (Chehalis, Wash.)

Plaques of Appreciation

(This year, NWPPA honored two women who have given their time and talent to the public power industry.)

- **Liz Loomis**, Liz Loomis Public Affairs
- **Marilyn Showalter**, Power in the Public Interest

Board Committee Chair Plaques of Appreciation

- **Meera Kohler** (Alaska Village Electric Cooperative), 2006-07 Executive Committee Chair



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- **Tim Gregori** (Southern Montana G&T), 2006-07 Government Relations Committee Chair
- **John DiStasio** (Sacramento Municipal Utility District), 2007 Awards Committee Chair
- **Larry Descheemaeker** (Fergus Electric Cooperative), 2007 Nominating Committee Chair
- **Bob Titus** (City of Ellensburg), 2007 Officer Nominating Committee Chair
- **Jeff Lipscomb** (Chugach Electric), 2006-07 Audit Committee Chair
- **Nate Narrance** (Inland Power & Light), 2006 Building & Land Committee Chair
- **Brent Crowther** (Valley Electric), 2006 Board Safety Committee Chair
- **Terry Holzer** (Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative), 2006 Past President Committee Chair

About NWPPA: NWPPA is an international association representing and serving customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves more than 250 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. Visit the NWPPA Web site at www.nwppa.org for more information.