

Keesey Promoted to Director of Learning and Workforce Development

(December 17, 2020) Today the Northwest Public Power Association promoted Jenny Keesey to be the association's director of learning and workforce development. Keesey has been with NWPPA as a learning program manager since 2013 and has nearly 20 years of public power experience.



“Jenny brings a wonderful attitude, vast experience, and great skills to this position,” said Executive Director Scott Corwin. “She will lead an impressive group that is excited to begin this next chapter of NWPPA’s educational programs.”

“I am honored to have been chosen for this position,” said Keesey. “I love the public power message of community and I believe you should never stop learning and growing, which is why my position as an NWPPA learning program manager has meant so much to me during the last 7.5 years.”

While with NWPPA, Keesey has overseen nearly every program, including the Leadership Skills, Labor and Employee Relations Group, Environmental Task Force, Human Resources, Administrative Professionals, Information Technology, and the Oregon and Washington State Records Groups. She has also successfully managed many of our conferences, including the annual Engineering & Operations Conference, Accounting and Finance Conference, and IT Conference. Most recently, she worked with the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy to award continuing education credits for CPAs within our membership.

Prior to NWPPA, Keesey’s roots already ran deep in public power. She spent her first five years in the industry with Grays Harbor PUD in Washington as the executive assistant to the general manager and clerk to the board. After that, she spent the next six years with the Washington PUD Association as the director of member services and administration before making the move to NWPPA.

Keesey has a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts from The Evergreen State College and certification from the Center for Creative Leadership. This year she also earned a Certificate in Instructional Design from The Association for Talent Development.

“Moving forward in this new role, I am excited to continue providing best-in-class educational opportunities to our community of public power members, working with all of my NWPPA colleagues to design new programs and events, and being an ambassador for NWPPA and public power,” she said.

Keesey fills the position left vacant by Mike Hyatt-Evenson, who accepted an executive position with First Tech Credit Union, the sixth largest credit union in the nation.

About NWPPA: NWPPA is an international association representing and serving more than 155 customer-owned, locally controlled utilities in the Western U.S. and Canada. The Association also serves over 300 associate members across the U.S. and Canada who are allied with the electric utility industry. For more information, visit www.nwppa.org or follow @NWPPAssoc on our social channels.

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