

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: January 27, 2025
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSERVATION PLANNING COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Margaret Hoffmann of Bend
Charles Sams of Pendleton

Terms

Both appointees: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 469.805 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The council has two members appointed from each member state, including Idaho, Montana, Oregon (**HOFFMAN, SAMS**) and Washington.

The Governor must consider

- prior experience, training, and education;
- general knowledge of the concerns, conditions, and problems of the physical, social, and economic environment of the State of Oregon; and
- the need for diversity of experience and education related to the functions and duties of the council.

Members receive a salary, serve three-year terms, are eligible for reappointment and may serve no more than three consecutive terms. A member must be a citizen of the United States and must have resided in Oregon for at least one year preceding

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ [16 U.S.C. 839b\(a\) \(2007\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

appointment. Only one of Oregon's members may reside within the First and Third Congressional Districts and the Portland Metropolitan Statistical Area.⁴

A member may not hold any other elected or appointed lucrative public office or be principally engaged in any other business or vocation and is considered full-time state public official. A council member or member of their household may not⁵

- own or have any beneficial interest in any stock or indebtedness of any utility or direct service industry;
- be a director, officer, agent, or employee of any utility or direct service industry;
- a director, officer, agent, or employee of, or hold any proprietary interest in any consulting firm that does business with any utility or direct service industry; or
- receive any compensation from any utility or direct service industry arising out of the member's business, trade, or profession.

Duties⁶

The council works with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to develop a regional power plan and fish and wildlife program to balance the Northwest's environmental and energy needs. The council must⁷

- adopt, review, and amend a regional conservation and electric power plan which includes:
 - an energy conservation program including, but not limited to, model conservation standards;
 - recommendation for research and development;
 - a methodology for determining quantifiable environmental costs and benefits;
 - a demand forecast of at least 20 years;
 - an analysis of reserve and reliability requirements and cost-effective methods of providing reserves designed to insure adequate electric power at the lowest probable cost;
 - the required fish and wildlife program; and
 - a methodology for calculating any surcharges recommended by the council;
- maintain comprehensive programs to inform the public of major regional power issues, obtain public views concerning major regional power issues, and secure advice and consultation from the BPA's customers and others; and
- develop and adopt a program to protect, mitigate, and enhance fish and wildlife, including related spawning grounds and habitat, on the Columbia River and its tributaries.

⁴ [ORS 469.805 to 469.835 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 469.815 \(2023\)](#) and [ORS 469.810 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 469.805 to 469.835 \(2023\)](#).

⁷ [16 U.S.C. 839b\(d\)-\(h\) \(2007\)](#).



Pacific Northwest Electric Power and Conservation Planning Council

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 469.805**

Min Members: **2** Max Members: **2**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **3**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Leann Bleakney**

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Current Appointments

Burdick, Virginia "Ginny" Senator

Term(s): **11/1/2021 - 1/15/2024**

Position Number: **1**

Mr Sams, Charles "Chuck" F III

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Position Number: **1**

4/1/2021 - 1/15/2024

Mr Pitt, Lewis E

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 1/15/2024**

Position Number: **2**

Ms Hoffmann, Margaret "Margi "

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Position Number: **2**

Vacant Positions