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Michael Brairton, a native of Pittsford, New York, will assume the duties of Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Power Marketing Liaison Office (PMLO) in Washington, D.C., on March 30, 2009, where he will serve as the primary contact for the Southeastern and Southwestern Power Administrations, representing both agencies before Congress, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Department of Energy (DOE), and other Federal and industry organizations.

Brairton comes to the PMLO from DOE's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, where he served since June 2008 as advisor to the Secretary of Energy, the Deputy Secretary of Energy, and other senior officials regarding the political, congressional, and inter-governmental implications of major DOE programs and policies. His duties there also included development, management, and coordination of DOE relations with Congress, states, local governments, tribal nations, Federal agencies, and other stakeholders.

In addition to his extensive experience formulating and analyzing National energy policy, Brairton has impressive knowledge of National issues regarding the generation and transmission of electricity, particularly issues related to public power. His first assignment at DOE in February 2007 was with the Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, where he worked closely with Western Area and Bonneville Power Administration staff members advising the Western Governors' Association on identifying

renewable energy zones and developing and implementing rules to designate National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors.

In 2005, he joined the American Public Power Association (APPA) as a Government Relations Representative. During his time at APPA, Brairton focused on energy policy, finance, and the Clean Renewable Energy Bond Program. It was while at APPA, working with a coalition of consumer-owned utilities and other stakeholders, he helped develop the final version of the Clean Renewable Energy Bond Program included in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Before joining DOE, Brairton served on the staffs of various members of Congress, including U.S. Representative Mike Sorrel of Indiana, U.S. Representative Gary Miller of California, and Senator Chuck Hagel of Nebraska. His first opportunity to work with a Power Marketing Administration came in 2000 while working for Miller during the California electricity crisis. As a senior staff member in Miller's office, Brairton worked with Western Area staffers during efforts to upgrade Path 15 connecting northern and southern California.

Brairton holds a bachelor's degree in History from the University of Maryland. He and his wife Jessie and daughter Alexis reside in Arlington, Virginia, where he enjoys fishing, golf, and playing and coaching lacrosse.

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**Southeastern Power Administration** and **Southwestern Power Administration** are agencies of the U.S. Department of Energy. Southeastern's mission is to market and deliver Federal hydroelectric power at the lowest possible cost to public bodies and cooperatives in the southeastern United States in a professional, innovative, customer-oriented manner, while continuing to meet the challenges of an ever-changing electric utility environment through continuous improvements. Southwestern's mission is to market and reliably deliver Federal hydroelectric power with preference to public bodies and cooperatives. This is accomplished by maximizing the use of Federal assets to repay the Federal investment and participating with other water resource users in an effort to balance their diverse interests with power needs within broad parameters set by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and implementing public policy.