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**Richard Shaheen named senior vice president BPA Transmission Services**  
*Shaheen's history of safety and operational success will be of great benefit to BPA*

**Portland, Ore.** – Richard Shaheen is the Bonneville Power Administration's new senior vice president of Transmission Services. He takes over after filling the role in an acting capacity since August of this year.

"Richard has had a very positive impact on Transmission Services since joining BPA in September 2013," said BPA Administrator Elliot Mainzer. "He has a resume full of safety and operational accomplishments that will serve BPA well as we continue to strengthen our safety culture, sustain our core transmission assets and modernize our electric grid."

Shaheen, who is a licensed Professional Engineer, joined BPA in September 2013 as vice president of BPA's Engineering and Technical Services organization. In that role, he oversaw Transmission Services' \$500 million capital program, the transmission maintenance program and real property services. Additionally, he served as BPA's principal engineer and key policy formulator in leading the design, material specification, coordination, project management and construction of major transmission infrastructure projects necessary to sustain and improve the reliability of the existing transmission system and incorporate new generation facilities.

During his tenure as acting senior vice president of BPA Transmission Services, BPA completed the work necessary to offer 15-minute scheduling to transmission customers, continued work on two major 500-kilovolt transmission lines and initiated upgrades to Celilo Substation and the Pacific Direct Current Intertie.

"Richard is an excellent leader, and his 25-plus years of experience at a large electric utility have proven valuable to BPA," said BPA Chief Operating Officer Claudia Andrews. "Richard will ensure we do our work safely and help us meet the challenges we will encounter in the changing energy industry landscape."

“This is an exciting time to be asked to lead such an important organization with a rich history of innovating and serving the Pacific Northwest,” Shaheen said. “Operational excellence is important to me. I look forward to sustaining and modernizing BPA’s transmission system, which is the backbone of the region’s electric grid.”

As Florida Power and Light’s senior director for Engineering and Technical Services, and previously as leader of Distribution and Transmission Operations, Shaheen drove critical business initiatives in engineering and project management, process and technology improvements, system reliability, smart grid, environmental services, safety and compliance. He also received FPL’s highest quality award for his reliability team, and while leading Operations, he improved safety performance levels and achieved the Distribution and Transmission business units’ lowest recordable accident rate by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Based on reliability performance reported to the Florida Public Service Commission, FPL was number one among Florida’s investor-owned utilities for five years running.

Shaheen holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida and a master’s in business administration from Florida Atlantic University.

*BPA is a nonprofit federal agency that markets renewable hydropower from federal Columbia Basin dams, operates three-quarters of high-voltage transmission lines in the Northwest and funds one of the largest wildlife protection and restoration programs in the world. BPA and its partners have also saved enough electricity through energy efficiency projects to power four large American cities. For more information, contact us at 503-230-5131 or visit [www.bpa.gov](http://www.bpa.gov).*

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