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BPA names Mizumori Cathcart VP of Transmission System Operations

Portland, Ore. – The Bonneville Power Administration has selected Michelle Mizumori Cathcart to be its vice president of Transmission System Operations. She will begin her new position Aug. 8.

“Michelle is a results-driven leader with impressive electric power industry experience and academic credentials,” said Richard Shaheen, senior vice president for Transmission Services. “She’s a great addition to the BPA transmission team, as well as an outstanding talent to oversee the operations of Bonneville’s transmission system and tackle all of the complexities of delivering electric power today.”

As leader of BPA’s Transmission System Operations organization, Mizumori Cathcart will oversee the safe, reliable and open access operation and dispatch of BPA’s high-voltage transmission system and interconnected generation. The group also operates and manages BPA’s two regional control centers and represents the agency on operations and other coordination issues with the Northwest Power Pool, California Independent System Operator, PacifiCorp and other balancing authorities and system operators. She succeeds Randi Thomas, who has led the organization since 2006 and is retiring this summer.

“I am thrilled to join BPA and lead a team of professionals dedicated to Bonneville’s mission of delivering reliable power and services to the customers and communities we serve,” Mizumori Cathcart said.

Most recently, Mizumori Cathcart served as the director of strategy and organizational performance at [Peak Reliability](#), a reliability coordinator that provides situational awareness and real-time monitoring of the bulk electric systems of 14 western states, British Columbia, and the northern portion of Baja California, Mexico. Before assuming that role, she oversaw Peak’s real-time operations and training as the director of operations.

Prior to arriving at Peak, Mizumori Cathcart served as the managing director of operations and market interface at the [Western Electricity Coordinating Council](#), a regional entity



responsible for compliance monitoring of bulk electric system reliability in the Western Interconnection. She spent the early part of her career at Madison Gas and Electric Company where she led the Wisconsin utility's participation in the Midwest Independent System Operator and the Midwest Contingency Reserve Sharing Group, and was responsible for purchased power agreements and operator training.

Mizumori Cathcart has a doctorate of Philosophy in Geography and Environmental Engineering from Johns Hopkins University, a master's of Business Administration from Washington State University and a bachelor's of Science in Engineering from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

About BPA

The Bonneville Power Administration, headquartered in Portland, Ore., is a nonprofit federal power marketer that sells wholesale electricity from 31 federal dams and one nuclear plant to 142 electric utilities, serving millions of consumers and businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, western Montana and parts of California, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming. BPA delivers power via more than 15,000 circuit miles of lines and 261 substations to 475 transmission customers. In all, BPA markets about a third of the electricity consumed in the Northwest and operates three-quarters of the region's high-voltage transmission grid. BPA also funds one of the largest fish and wildlife programs in the world, and, with its partners, pursues cost-effective energy savings and operational solutions that help maintain affordable, reliable and carbon-free electric power for the Northwest. www.bpa.gov

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