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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION FORM FOR NHA BOARD ELECTIONS



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Type of Company (independent power producer, investor owned utility, municipal utility, manufacturer, equipment supplier, engineering firm, law firm or other):
Municipal Utility

- **Please circle appropriate description. Your company is:**

regional national state

- **Please circle:**

Northwest West Southwest Midwest
 Middle Atlantic Northeast Southeast

- **How long have you been with your present company?**

31 years

- **How long have you been in your present position?**

9 years

- **Briefly describe the responsibilities of your position and of your department or division as appropriate.**

Tacoma Power is a vertically-integrated municipal utility. I report to the General Manager and my position is responsible for the safe, reliable, affordable operation of all of Tacoma Power's generating assets. About half of Tacoma Power's power supply comes from our four hydroelectric projects. We are responsible for seven high hazard dams including Mossyrock, the tallest dam in Washington State. My department is responsible for all FERC license obligations, and the operations, maintenance and capital planning for all facilities including dams, powerhouses, fish hatcheries, fish passage facilities, wildlife lands and recreational facilities including parks and four campgrounds. I also serve as a part of the utility's executive leadership team and contribute to the strategic direction of the organization.

- **Your work experience has provided you with an opportunity to develop important skills. As an NHA board of director, particular leadership and management skills are necessary to ensure that the Association receives policy direction and that it stays on course in responding to member's needs. Briefly describe the strengths and / or particular skills you would bring to the Board of Directors.**

As a member of the Board, my responsibilities would include representing all membership in the evolution of the policy and programs of the Association. I have decades of informal and formal leadership and management experience and decades of experience in this industry. In my current role as a senior leader my job is to serve as a conduit for the interests of our customers, employees and many stakeholders and agencies to affect the best operational and strategic outcomes. I've found that this is best achieved through continued dialogue and engagement at all levels within the organization and outside the organization and through strengthening key relationships. I see these strengths and skills directly applying to this role at NHA. I should also mention that my early career involved project and technical engineering work across most facilities related to the hydropower industry including fisheries, generators, dams and recreational facilities providing me with a strong technical background and understanding.

- **Have you been actively involved in NHA over the last several years, served on committees, etc?**

I have served on NHA's Board of Directors for the past four years. A key activity on the Board that I'm proud of is my participation for more than a year on the Working Group (a subset of the Board) serving in an advisory role to help NHA staff take the Hydropower System Principles training from concept to delivered product. Prior to my role on the Board, I served as the O&M Subcommittee Chair for NHA's Hydraulic Power Committee and co-led webinars focused on supply chain issues and workforce. I also advocate for waterpower in both in Washington state and in DC regularly and provide tours of hydropower facilities to legislators, local elected officials, leaders in federal agencies and more.

- **If you are elected to the board, what are the specific priorities that you would pursue?**

During my first term on the board, NHA has made significant progress in securing hydropower and marine energy's well-deserved status in the energy supply mix. Through informing and advocating NHA has unlocked significant investments through tax credits and has vigorously defended DOE's hydropower incentive programs. Most importantly, NHA has made great strides in repositioning hydropower's value proposition and building bipartisan support for hydropower. If re-elected to the board, I would continue to pursue improvements to both reasonableness and certainty in the relicensing process. This is particularly important given the large percentage of non-federal hydropower projects that will need to be relicensed in the coming decade. I have seen firsthand how relicensing can impact the economics and future of waterpower projects, and our country needs all viable energy resources in order to meet the energy needs of the future.

- **Is there anything you would like to add?**

During my 31 years in hydropower, I have listened to a wide variety of voices from parties impacted or benefited in some way by infrastructure in waterways. More so than any other form of energy supply, hydropower is interconnected with both our environment and our communities. Those who have a connection to hydropower in some way often have strong views and beliefs stemming from their experiences. It is extremely important that asset owners and the broader industry, as stewards of public resources, seek to understand those perspectives so that the right balance is found for societal benefit.

- **Gender Identification**

Female

Male

Other

Prefer not to answer

- **Age**

< 30

30-39

40-49

50-59

60-69

>70

- **Race**

American Indian / Alaskan Native

Asian

Black / African American

Hispanic

Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander

White

Other

Prefer not to answer