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Public Power Leaders Phyllis E. Currie and J. Gary Stauffer Join Staff of Hometown Connections

LAKEWOOD, CO—August 3, 2015 - Continuing illustrious careers as leaders in the public power industry, Ms. Phyllis E. Currie and Mr. J. Gary Stauffer are joining the staff of Hometown Connections. Ms. Currie will serve as the regional sales representative for municipal utilities in California and Mr. Stauffer will serve as the regional sales representative in the states of Idaho and Washington, Hometown Connections announced today.

“We are honored to welcome such distinguished public power colleagues to the Hometown Connections team,” said Tim Blodgett, President and CEO. “Their leadership, expertise, and insights will help us address the utility management challenges of public power systems in their sales regions and across the U.S.”

From 2001 to July 2015, Ms. Currie served as General Manager of Pasadena Water and Power (PWP) in California. Under her leadership, PWP added new electric generation units to its power plant, added a water treatment plant funded by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to clean up ground water contamination; and embarked on multi-year infrastructure improvement programs to upgrade the city’s water and electrical distribution systems. She has also led the development of aggressive goals for renewable energy and water conservation.



Phyllis E. Currie

Prior to her time in Pasadena, Ms. Currie served a 30-year career with the city of Los Angeles where she held the positions of Chief Financial Officer for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; Assistant City Administrative Officer overseeing development of the city’s annual operating and capital budgets and director of the Los Angeles rent control program.

At the time of her retirement from PWP, Ms. Currie was President of the California Municipal Utilities Association and served on the board of the Southern California Public Power Authority. Ms. Currie was on the board of directors of the American Public Power Association for several years, serving as board chair in 2012-2013. She is a member of the American Water Works Association, the Government Finance Officers Association and the National Forum of Black Public Administrators. Past affiliations include the board of directors of the Electric Power Research Institute, the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, and the California Debt Advisory Commission. Ms. Currie received a bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s in business administration degree from UCLA. She also completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.



J. Gary Stauffer

From 2003 through June 2015, Mr. Stauffer served as the Executive Director/CEO of NMPP Energy, a non-profit, member-owned joint-action organization headquartered in Lincoln, Neb., that provides electricity, natural gas and utility related services to nearly 200 member communities across six Midwestern and Mountain states. He has more than 40 years of management experience in the energy and primary metals industries.

As NMPP Energy executive director, Mr. Stauffer was highly active in national energy policy. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Public Power Association was the Board Chairman for the 2013-2014. Mr. Stauffer served on the APPA CEO Climate Change & Generation Policy Task Force, was President of Public Power, Inc., and is a past president of the Nebraska Power Association.

Prior to joining NMPP Energy, Mr. Stauffer was director of Energy Supply/Value Added Products for Volta Aluminum Company Ltd in Ghana, West Africa. Prior to his move to Ghana, he served as director of corporate accounts for Duke Energy, where he directed programs to improve competitiveness, productivity and profitability for the largest energy users throughout the United States. He also served as president of Inland Pacific Energy Services, Inc., which focused on power plant development, industrial fuel management and wholesale trading of natural gas and electricity throughout the West Coast of Canada and the U.S. He began his energy industry career in 1987 with Washington Water Power Co., (WWP) in Spokane, Wash. He eventually led the unregulated energy businesses of WWP as President, Pentzer Energy Services Inc., a fully owned subsidiary of WWP. A graduate of The Ohio State University, Mr. Stauffer started his business career with Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp., where he held positions in labor relations, production management, sales and marketing during his 20-year career in primary metals.

About Hometown Connections International, LLC

Hometown Connections is the utility services subsidiary of the American Public Power Association, offering public power utilities guidance and access to quality products/services from a trusted entity with public power's best interests in mind. Hometown Connections is a resource to APPA members large and small, providing discounted pricing on technology, services, and other solutions from industry-leading companies. The products and services offered through Hometown Connections include the full range of advanced grid solutions, as well as consulting support in the areas of organization assessment, strategic planning, business planning, governance development, market research, financial policy guidance and staffing. For more information, visit www.hometownconnections.com.

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