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George Caan named Washington PUD Association executive director

Washington Public Utility Districts Association President Jeff Hall announced today the appointment of George Caan as the association's new executive director.

Caan will serve as professional leader and chief administrator of the 75-year-old trade association that represents 26 public utility districts across the state as well as Energy Northwest, a joint operating agency for PUDs and other publicly owned utilities. Together, the association's member utilities provide nonprofit electricity, water, sewer and wholesale telecommunications service to 1.7 million people in Washington.

Caan comes to the association after 14 years as executive director of the Colorado River Commission, a Nevada state agency that manages water and power resources from the Colorado River. He previously served as deputy director of the Washington State Energy Office.

In his announcement, PUD Association president Hall said, "George brings a wealth of utility and management experience to his new role as our executive director. He's a proven leader in our industry, and I'm proud of our selection."

Caan expressed excitement about the opportunity to work with association members on issues important to PUDs and their customers.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve in this position," he said. "The PUD Association is a strong voice for publicly owned utilities in Washington and the Northwest. I look forward to the challenges this position will bring, and to doing what I can to enhance the role of PUDs on behalf of the people they serve."

Caan plans to begin work at the association's Olympia headquarters on March 28.

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