

Grays Harbor PUD General Manager Rick Lovely Announces Retirement

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - After serving almost 13 years at the helm of Grays Harbor PUD, General Manager Rick Lovely has announced his retirement from the District. Lovely will continue to serve as General Manager until the end of the year, providing the PUD's Board of Commissioners time to find a replacement. Lovely is stepping down as General Manager after a professional career spanning 35 years, including more than 28 years at Grays Harbor PUD. "It will be a big adjustment to step away from work that I have truly enjoyed over the years but I am looking forward to spending more time with my family and enjoying other pursuits," said Lovely.

Rick Lovely began his career at Grays Harbor PUD in 1984 as a Substation Engineer. He served in other engineering roles including Senior Substation Engineer and Engineering Group Leader before becoming Interim General Manager in September of 1999 and General Manager in December of 1999. Grays Harbor PUD Commission President Tom Casey had praise for Lovely's years of service highlighting his focus on system reliability and safety. Rick has been a strong advocate for building redundancy into the system and investing in system maintenance and safety. It has paid off over the years with better, more reliable service to customers, - Grays Harbor PUD Commission President Tom Casey

Casey added "As a Commissioner, I have personally valued his professional knowledge as well as his commitment to the foundational principles and mission of public power," he added. "The Board of Commissioners expresses our thanks to Rick for his dedicated service and we wish him the best in his retirement."

The Board of Commissioners is responsible for hiring the General Manager and will begin working to establish a process to find a successor. "This is an important decision that will have a significant impact on the future of the PUD," said Casey. "The Board is committed to taking the time and energy necessary to find the right person that can provide the leadership, expertise and enthusiasm to take us into the future."