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Bullock Names Anders to Northwest Power & Conservation Council

HELENA – Governor Bullock today announced that he has appointed Jennifer Anders, a longtime assistant attorney general at the Montana Department of Justice, as one of Montana’s two representatives on the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

“I worked side-by-side with Jennifer on complex issues ranging from water rights to resource management,” Bullock said. “She is not only a talented lawyer, but she is also skilled at balancing complex and often competing demands,” he added. “With Jennifer joining Pat Smith on the Council, Montana will have a strong team working to make sure that our interests are represented and respected.”

As an assistant attorney general since 1989, Anders has handled a wide range of civil and criminal cases in state district court, the Montana Supreme Court, federal court and the U.S. Supreme Court. She successfully defended Montana’s water quality standards in state court against challenges by coal bed methane producers, and was a member of the litigation team in Montana’s case against Wyoming over enforcement of the Yellowstone Water Compact.

Anders earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Studies and Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in 1982 and her law degree from the University of Montana School of Law in 1988.

“I look forward to an active role in water and resource management, particularly in the northwest where power needs are on the rise and fish habitat is critical,” Anders said. “To be involved on the front end, rather than on the litigation end, provides an exciting opportunity to serve the state, and I look forward to giving it my all.”

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