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SALT LAKE CITY – Jack L. King, Chair of the Western Electricity Coordinating Council's (WECC) Board of Directors, and Louise McCarren, Chief Executive Officer are pleased to announce the appointment of Robert L. Dintelman as Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Dintelman assumes his responsibilities immediately.

Mr. Dintelman has been a significant leader in the electric power industry for many years. He has been employed by the Council for more than 29 years, most recently serving as Executive Director, and has divided his time between policy matters and operating and planning activities, including the development of operating and planning reliability criteria. Mr. Dintelman received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science Degrees in Electrical Engineering from New Mexico State University (NMSU) and is a

registered professional engineer in the state of Utah. While at NMSU, he completed the Electric Utility Management Program specializing in power systems. He was instrumental in developing WECC's Compliance Monitoring Program that was initiated in 1995, and in 1999, Mr. Dintelman was appointed project manager for WECC's Reliability Management System, a first-of-a-kind reliability compliance/enforcement program. He is currently serving as chair of the NERC Compliance Certification Managers Committee and is a member of the August 14, 2003 blackout investigative team.

WECC – one of the 10 electric reliability councils in North America, encompassing a geographic area equivalent to over half the United States – is responsible for promoting electric system reliability and providing a forum for coordinating the operating and planning activities of its 156-member organizations. The members, representing all segments of the electric industry, provide electricity to 71 million people in 14 western states, two Canadian provinces, and portions of one Mexican state.

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