NCPA Recognizes Chair Roger Frith with 2020 Spirit of Public Power Award

ROSEVILLE, Calif. — July 23, 2020 — During a meeting of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Commission earlier today, Chair Roger Frith was presented with the 2020 Spirit of Public Power Award. Frith has served as Chair of NCPA’s Commission since 2018 and as a Commissioner since 2005.

NCPA’s Spirit of Public Power Award is presented to individuals who embody the underlying principles of public power: a relentless commitment to serving local communities with safe, reliable, and affordable electric service.

Frith was first elected to serve as a Council Member for the City of Biggs in 2004 and has remained an active member of the governing body since that time. He held leadership roles on the City Council, serving as Mayor from 2008 through 2016 and as Vice Mayor from 2006 to 2008. During his tenure on the City Council, Frith helped with upgrading the city’s wastewater treatment facility. He was also heavily involved in the replacement of the city’s historic 6th Street Bridge.

Frith was appointed to serve as an NCPA Commissioner for the City of Biggs when he first took office in 2004. He has served on NCPA’s Executive Committee since 2016 and as Vice-Chair of the NCPA Commission from 2016 to 2018. He was appointed as Chair of the Commission in 2018 and continues to serve in this capacity today.

As an NCPA Commissioner, Frith has played a critical role in navigating the Agency through numerous significant milestones, including the dedication of the Lodi Energy Center in 2012; the transition of the Agency’s leadership with the selection of current NCPA General Manager Randy S. Howard in 2015; the addition of a new NCPA member with the City of Shasta Lake joining NCPA in 2017; the recruitment and selection of NCPA’s first in-house General Counsel in 2017; the approval of NCPA’s joint purchase of Hometown Connections, International (HCI) in 2018; and the expansion of NCPA’s power management services to several non-Member industry partners.

“Chair Frith has been an incredible asset to the NCPA Commission and our employees,” said NCPA General Manager Randy S. Howard. “His active engagement and commitment to our goals are a critical part of the Agency’s success. We are immensely grateful for his strong
leadership that has facilitated the expansion of our Agency into what it is today while providing our members with increased value at a lower cost."

Over the years, Frith has been an active advocate on behalf of NCPA in the State Legislature and on Capitol Hill. He regularly participated in NCPA’s advocacy visits to Washington D.C. and Sacramento, underscoring the importance of NCPA’s policy positions and providing real examples of impacts on his local community in the City of Biggs.

Frith will be retiring this year, closing out an accomplished career and many years of public service. He looks forward to spending more quality time with his wife, Mary, and his extended family.

*About NCPA:* Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California. NCPA was founded on the principle of environmental stewardship and is a recognized national leader in the areas of energy efficiency, renewable generation, and carbon reduction.

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