

Pacific Power & Light divides district, promotes managers

Pacific Power & Light Company is dividing its northeast Portland service area into two separate operating districts in an effort to provide more flexibility in meeting the needs of individual customers.

As a part of the reorganization, the company also announced the promotion of three managers to operate the new districts.

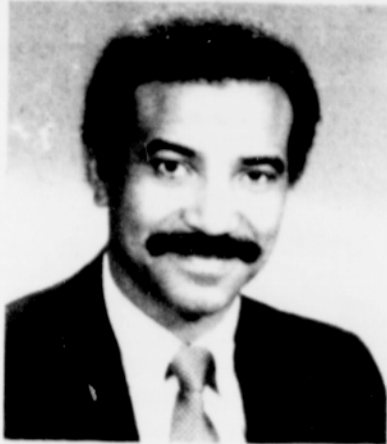
"We decided that opening a second office would allow us to better provide for the diverse service needs of our 67,000 Portland area customers," said Jack Samper, vice president for regional operations.

The company's Portland service territory encompasses much of northeast Portland from the Willamette River to NE 122nd Avenue. It includes the newly developing commercial-industrial area around the airport and the Parkrose and Gateway suburban areas. Pacific Power also serves about one-half of the downtown business area.

"Given the diversity of the customers, as well as the inconvenience to customers in the eastern portion to reach the present office near the Lloyd Center, it became apparent the district should be divided," said Samper.

Several office sites in the Hollywood area are being evaluated for the new office. The dividing line between the two districts has been tentatively set along NE 33rd Avenue.

The western portion of the existing



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district will remain the Portland district and include the commercial areas in and around the Lloyd Center, Albina and downtown Portland.

The new district to the east will become the Rose City district. Initial staffing in the new office will be about 30 employees, said Samper.

John Reed, who for the past two years has held the dual role of Columbia Division Manager and Portland District Manager, will move to the corporate staff as manager of state government relations.

Ron Fox, presently district manager in Madras, will replace Reed as Columbia division manager. In addition to the two Portland districts, the



RON FOX

division includes the Seaside and Astoria districts as well.

Carl Talton, presently based in Salem as a public affairs representative, will return to Portland and assume the responsibilities of Portland district manager. For the present the Portland district will utilize existing customer office facilities in the Lloyd Building, Samper said.

Named district manager of the new Rose City district is Rich Cannon, who presently is administrative assistant to the vice president, Oregon-California region. Prior to his present assignment, Cannon served as local manager in Thermopolis, Wyo., and Coquille.



RICH CANNON

AFL-CIO condemns South Africa

The AFL-CIO condemns the South African government's declaration of a state of emergency. The unleashing of what amounts to a state of martial law is the most extreme violation of all basic rights of the Black people since the tragic days of the Sharpeville massacre of 1960.

The government's justification of this action in the name of the present laws of South Africa amounts to the introduction of a state of illegality in the name of alleged legality.

The arrests and detention of hundreds of Blacks and the unleashing of assassination and violence by the police forces is a great setback to all those who are seeking to attain reform and change through peaceful, non-violent means. Instead of leading to pacification, this latest action of the South African regime will provoke increased violence.

The AFL-CIO calls upon our government to seek an agreement with other democratic nations in order to achieve a world-wide action of an economic and diplomatic nature to bring about an immediate dialogue between the government and those democratic and peaceful forces seeking to end the cruel, unjust and violent system of apartheid.

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If the employer plan does not pay all of the charges (i.e., has a deductible or coinsurance), Medicare may pay secondary benefits for Medicare-covered services. In other words, Medicare can help pay some of the expenses not paid by the employer plan.

Under this new rule, Medicare can be your primary payer only if you drop your employer plan. If you make that choice, your employer plan cannot pay supplemental benefits for Medicare-covered services. If you want supplemental coverage, you must buy it yourself. Your employer can offer you health insurance protection for any services that are not covered by Medicare such as prescription drugs, hearing aids, or routine dental care. Consult your personnel office for more information on this new rule.

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