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PORT OF LONGVIEW ANNOUNCES STAFF PROMOTIONS

Longview, Wash. – Port of Longview Executive Director Ken O'Hollaren announced three staff appointments at the Port's monthly Commission meeting this week.

Port Director of Facilities and Engineering Norm Krehbiel will now also carry the title of Deputy Executive Director. In this capacity, Mr. Krehbiel will assume new executive responsibilities, while remaining in his position as head of the Port's engineering department. Mr. Krehbiel joined the Port in 1993, and is a 1979 graduate of Oregon State University in civil engineering. O'Hollaren pointed to Norm's outstanding efforts at coordinating a new grain elevator development at the Port in making this announcement.

Manager of Business Development Valerie Harris will be promoted to the Director of Marketing position upon the retirement of current Director Gary Lindstrom in May of this year. Ms. Harris came to the Port in 2004 from Vestas American Wind Technology, Inc., in Portland. During her tenure at the Port, Ms. Harris has led the Port's successful efforts at becoming a leader in wind energy equipment handling.

The Port is also pleased to welcome Ashley Opsahl-Scibelli as the new Manager of Communications and Public Affairs. Ashley comes to the Port from PNE Corp. in Longview where she served as Marketing Director. She is a graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in Communications and minor in Political Science, and is a native of the Longview-Kelso area. "We are delighted to have an individual who has a demonstrated record of community involvement, together with outstanding professional credentials," O'Hollaren noted in his introduction of Ashley to the Commission.



Norm Krehbiel



Valerie Harris



Ashley Opsahl-Scibelli

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About the Port of Longview

The Port of Longview is the first full-service operating port with strategic transportation connections on the deep-draft Columbia River shipping channel in southwest Washington State. The Port is located just 66 river miles from the Pacific Ocean, 120 driving miles from Seattle, Washington, and 40 driving miles from Portland, Oregon. Port facilities include eight marine terminals and waterfront industrial property with direct connections to main-line rail and interstate highway. Cargo handling specialties include all types of bulk cargos and breakbulk commodities such as steel, lumber, logs, pulp, paper, project and heavy-lift cargo.