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Prairie Power, Inc., (PPI) a generation and transmission cooperative located in Jacksonville, IL is pleased to announce that Jay C. Bartlett has accepted the position of President and CEO of Prairie Power, Inc. (PPI) effective June 1, 2009. Jay will replace PPI's current President/CEO Bob Harbour who has announced his retirement effective the end of May.



Jay has been with Springfield, IL based City, Water, Light & Power (CWLP) since 1984. He started in an entry level position in the power plant at CWLP and moved up to senior level engineering classification. He was the first non-operator to obtain the position of plant shift supervisor at CWLP. He became Manager of Power Generation Engineering in 1994 and was promoted to Chief Utilities Engineer in June 1999. He became the utility's Assistant General Manager/Chief Utilities Engineer in fall 2008.

Jay's responsibilities at CWLP have included management of all aspects of the municipal utility's electric system including:

- Management and operation of 610 MW of generation;
- Construction, maintenance and operation of the utility's 69kV and 138kV transmission and distribution systems;
- Service to over 70,000 residential, commercial and industrial accounts;
- Management of 700+ employees and an annual budget of \$350 million;
- Development/implementation of a long term business strategy, including the construction of the new Dallman 4, 200 MW coal-fired generating station expected to be on-line by summer 2009;
- Procurement of renewable energy resources.

Jay is a resident of Springfield, IL and was raised in Indiana. He and his wife, Barbara, have 3 boys. Jay holds a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Rose-Hullman Institute of Technology and a masters degree in business administration from the University of Illinois.

Jay was selected through an extensive selection and recruitment effort conducted by PPI through the assistance of NRECA. He was among over 60 candidates competing for the President/CEO position at PPI. We are very excited and pleased to welcome Jay to Prairie Power.

The Board also wishes to extend its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Bob Harbour, the current President/CEO of PPI. Bob has done an outstanding job for PPI over his 18 ½ years of service with the cooperative serving as Assistant Manager for Power Supply, Engineering & Operations, Vice President Engineering and Operations, Senior Vice President Engineering and Operations, and President/CEO of PPI.

Please welcome Jay to PPI and the electric cooperative industry.

Sincerely,
Wm. David Champion, Jr.
Chairman of the Board
Prairie Power, Inc.



Jay C. Bartlett
New Prairie Power, Inc
President/CEO