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THE ROAD AHEAD**Mark Scott****District 3
Candidate
Member/Owner
since 2019****Education:** University of Sacramento, School of Engineering, Water Treatment, Waste Water, Operations and Utility Management American Water College, Utah State, Utility Management National Rural Water, Utility Management Certified**Employment:** Retired Pend Orielle Utility District**Affiliations:** Washington Public Utility District Association-WPUDA, American Water Works Association-AWWA, Pacific Northwest Section, AWWA, National Rural Water Association-NRWA, Evergreen Rural Water of Washington-ERWOW**Candidate statement:**

I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the position of Board Trustee for District #3 of Inland Power and Light. I recently retired as a manager in the utility industry after 30 years. While I am very blessed to have retired at a young age, my dedication to serving and improving my community is a fundamental aspect of who I am. I believe in giving back and improving the place I call home. I have extensive experience managing assets, sustaining and improving infrastructure, exploring innovative technology, and building relationships with local and state agencies, local tribes, and funding and regulatory agencies. While my professional role has changed, my experience and commitment to working collaboratively with the team at Inland Power and Light in support of our neighbors remains strong. It would be my honor to serve you as the District #3 Board Member.

Why do you want to serve on the board of trustees?

I am deeply committed to the well-being of our community, and I believe that serving on the Board of Trustees is a way for me to meaningfully contribute. I am committed to remaining current on issues impacting the energy sector and effectively addressing the challenges and opportunities that arise. I am driven to ensure that our community has access to reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

I bring knowledge in utility infrastructure, energy conservation, utility management, and project management. I possess a strong understanding of funding sources and management to keep rates affordable for members. I have served on many local and state utility committees and boards. I've worked collaboratively with the Department of Commerce, the Department of Health, State Legislators, and other utility stakeholders to secure infrastructure funding and to ensure that infrastructure needs were at the forefront of policymakers. I am goal-oriented, organized, and compassionate; I have tremendous communication and collaborative skills. I care deeply about ensuring the best outcomes for our customers.

The utility industry faces many challenges. Where would you focus your attention?

I would focus on ensuring reliable, sustainable, and affordable energy for our community. I support the continued updating and modernization of our electrical grid infrastructure. Inland Power's recent investment in AMR (Automatic Meter Reading) led to increased customer communication and reduced the length of outages. This is an example of how we must continue to improve operational efficiencies, manage our assets, and find innovative solutions to challenges that impact our future. In addition, I support our continued investment in renewable energy infrastructure such as hydropower. By focusing on these areas, I believe we can navigate challenges by promoting sustainable practices and creating a resilient energy system that serves the best interests of our members and our community.

What else would you like the membership to know about you as a candidate?

I am proud to call the Pacific Northwest my home since 1991. My family and I have lived in Colbert since 2019 and have been impressed with the service that Inland Power and Light has provided. I have dedicated my career to public service, where my primary responsibility has always been to the safety and well-being of my customers and staff. I believe that providing a service that is safe, reliable, and fiscally responsible is a crucial part of my role as your board member. I commit to being accountable and transparent while seeking input from members regarding concerns, ideas, and feedback. I look forward to working alongside the board to help guide the mission of Inland Power and Light.

My wife and I enjoy spending time with our six children and two granddaughters, who I love to spoil. I love cooking, especially BBQing for family and friends. I enjoy the outdoors, decorating my yard for the holidays, and traveling. Thank you for considering me as your District 3 Board Trustee and I look forward to serving you.