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Tom Ivancie is Appointed to Director of Government Relations at Energy Action Northwest

(Portland, OR: December 23, 2008) Portland native Thomas J. Ivancie has been appointed Director of Government Relations at Energy Action Northwest (EANW), a business and labor coalition that advocates adoption of balanced energy policies for Washington and Oregon.

In his position, Ivancie will plan and implement lobbying and government relations programs in both states and will also serve as EANW's liaison to the Congressional delegations of Washington and Oregon.

Over his career, Ivancie accumulated 15 years of strategic planning, coalition building and volunteer political campaign experience at three Washington DC-based organizations, including America's Future Foundation, where he served as president and CEO from 2002-2005. Earlier, he held positions at the Capital Research Center and The Heritage Foundation.

Since he returned to Oregon in 2005, Ivancie has worked at Pacific Packaging and as a regional consultant for New York-based Capital HQ.

"We are extremely fortunate to have recruited Tom Ivancie", started EANW Executive Director Ed Finklea. "As our membership continues to grow, so does our responsibility to represent our members concerns to government. Tom will bring an important new capability to our staff and I am sure he will be an effective advocate for the issues we seek to promote."

Ivancie graduated with honors from Oregon State University (BA, History) and also completed an intensive program in economics, ethics and political reporting at Georgetown University's Institute on Political Journalism.

Energy Action Northwest is a public policy advocacy group representing businesses and labor organizations in the Pacific Northwest that are concerned about the reliability and affordability of electricity and natural gas. Its members are energy stakeholders who recognize that the Northwest needs to promote energy efficiency, renewable resource development and additional natural gas supplies. It recommends energy policies based on sound economics, science, rational environmental stewardship and competitive cost.

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