

## EXECUTIVE BIOGRAPHY

### Deborah J. Smith

#### Western Energy Markets Governing Body

Deborah J. Smith retired in 2023 after nearly 30 years in the electric utility industry, all of it dedicated to public power. Most recently, she served as General Manager and CEO of Seattle City Light, one of the nation's largest community-owned electric utilities. Under her leadership, City Light advanced vehicle electrification, strengthened public-private partnerships, and fostered a more equitable energy future for Seattle.

Prior to Seattle City Light, Ms. Smith was General Manager of Central Lincoln Public Utilities District and spent 17 years at Eugene Water & Electric Board in various leadership roles, including Assistant General Manager. She holds a finance degree from Arizona State University and has served as the first female chair of the Public Power Council, as well as on the boards of Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, Electric Power Research Institute, and the American Public Power Association. She remains active on the Pacific Northwest National Lab advisory committee and the Renewable Energy Scholarship Fund.

As a consultant, Ms. Smith has advised clients on decarbonization strategies, renewable energy, and wildfire mitigation. She also served on the board of the Western Transmission Consortium and the Customer Advisory Council for a renewable energy company. A champion of transparency, accountability, and collaboration, Ms. Smith prioritizes customer needs while recognizing that great service starts with engaged employees.

Ms. Smith lives in Eugene, Oregon where she most enjoys spending time with her extended family – husband Dale, their five grown kids and three grandsons. Life is busy and wonderful.

Ms. Smith was appointed to the Western Energy Markets Governing Body effective July 1, 2025, for a term ending June 30, 2028.