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Alaska Energy Authority Names New Executive Director

ANCHORAGE, Alaska – The Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) Board announces the appointment of Curtis W. Thayer as AEA Executive Director. Thayer comes to AEA with more than 20 of experience in the public and private sectors. Since 2015, Thayer has been the President and CEO of the Alaska Chamber.

“We are pleased to appoint Curtis as AEA’s new Executive Director,” said AEA Board Chairman Dana Pruhs. “He has a track record of success in public administration and business development that will serve the state well. I look forward to working with him to grow AEA’s impact and help take the organization into a new and even more effective direction.”

Thayer’s most recent position is President and CEO of the Alaska Chamber, a position he has held since 2015. Thayer served as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Administration and as the deputy commissioner of Commerce, Community and Economic Development. Prior to joining state government, Thayer served on the management team of ENSTAR Natural Gas Company. He also worked for Congressman Don Young as well as Senators Ted Stevens and Lisa Murkowski.

Thayer’s first day as AEA Executive Director will be February 4.

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More about AEA

The Alaska Energy Authority is a public corporation of the state with a mission to reduce the cost of energy in Alaska. AEA works toward this mission by taking a community-based approach to energy solutions that include infrastructure investment, project development and financing, energy planning and policy, training and technical assistance.

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