

Roger Petersen Named President of PPL Global

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Roger Petersen, president of PPL Montana since it was formed in 1999, has been promoted to president of PPL Global, PPL Corporation's development and international operations subsidiary.

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In his new position at PPL Global in Fairfax, Va., Petersen will have responsibility for PPL's domestic power plant expansion program as well as PPL's electricity distribution companies in the United Kingdom, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil and El Salvador.

"While I am looking forward to the increased responsibilities and opportunities of this new challenge, I'll miss the daily interactions with PPL's operating and marketing people in Montana as well as the many fine public officials of the state," said Petersen. "Fortunately, my new position will permit my family to retain our residence in Montana, so we will continue to enjoy the many friendly and gracious people we have met all across the state."

Petersen's appointment is effective Oct. 1, but he will begin sharing time between PPL Montana's Billings headquarters and PPL Global in Virginia immediately.

Brad Spencer, who has served as vice president and chief operating officer of PPL Montana since earlier this year, will head the PPL Montana operation after Oct. 1. He will work out of PPL Montana's Billings office.

"Brad's extensive experience in the power generation business and his already established relationships with our employees throughout the state make him an excellent choice for this position," said Petersen. "He will continue the spirit of employee involvement that has resulted in significant operational improvements at our facilities."

Spencer, who has 30 years experience in the electricity generation business, came to PPL Montana in May from Constellation Operating Services, a company that provides operating and maintenance services to independent power producers. He was vice president of Western Operations for Constellation, with responsibilities for eight power plants located in California, Utah, Nevada and Hawaii. While at Constellation, he also served as business development manager and plant manager for two generating facilities.

Spencer started his career with Portland General Electric Co., where he worked as a generation engineer and engineering supervisor as well as resident engineer at the Trojan nuclear plant. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from Oregon State University.

Petersen's appointment was announced Tuesday, along with several other executive management changes at PPL Corporation.

PPL Montana, with offices in Butte, Billings and Helena, employs about 500 people in Montana and operates the Colstrip and Corette generating plants as well as 11 hydroelectric facilities within the state.

PPL Montana is a subsidiary of PPL Corporation. Headquartered in Allentown, Pa., PPL Corporation generates electricity at power plants in Pennsylvania, Maine and Montana; markets wholesale or retail energy in 42 U.S. states and Canada; and delivers electricity to nearly 6 million customers in Pennsylvania, the United Kingdom and Latin America.

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