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ARPA Board Names Rick Rigel General Manager

Lamar, Colo. -- The Arkansas River Power Authority (ARPA) is pleased to announce that Rick Rigel has been named their full time General Manager effective January 1, 2012. Rigel has been serving as interim General Manager since July of this year.

“You could not find a person with more knowledge and insight about both the Lamar Repowering Project and the needs of our member municipalities than Rick,” said Bob Freidenberger, ARPA Board President.

Rigel, who served as the Project Manager for the Lamar Repowering Project, has been an ARPA board member since 2005.

ARPA provides an essential service to southeastern Colorado member communities by providing readily available, competitively-priced and locally generated electricity. ARPA supplies wholesale electricity to its member municipalities in the communities of Holly, La Junta, Lamar, Las Animas, Springfield and Trinidad.

Lamar Utilities Board Names Houssin Hourieh Interim Superintendent

In conjunction with the ARPA announcement the Lamar Utilities Board (LUB) announced that staff Engineer Houssin Hourieh has been named Interim Superintendent for Lamar Light and Power effective January 1, 2012.

Hourieh has been the staff electrical engineer and assistant Superintendent for much of his twenty-five years of employment with LUB. Don Steerman, chairman for LUB, stated that “LUB couldn’t find anyone more familiar with the operation of the utility system than Houssin and that LUB is fortunate to have someone that can immediately step in and assume the Superintendent responsibilities”.

The Lamar Utilities Board dba as Lamar Light and Power is a municipal electric system serving some 5,500 customers inside and outside the Lamar city limits including the communities of Wiley, McClave, Hartman, and Bristol.