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The President today announced his intention to nominate James G. Watt, of Wheatland, Wyoming, to be a member of the Federal Power Commission for a term of four years. He will succeed Albert B. Brooke, Jr., who has resigned.

Mr. Watt is presently the Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of Interior. From May 1969 to June 1972, he was Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Power Resources, Department of Interior. He joined the Department of Interior in January 1969 as Special Assistant to the Secretary and Under Secretary, serving until May 1969. From September 1966 to January 1969, he was Secretary to the Natural Resources Committee and the Environmental Pollution Advisory Panel, Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Mr. Watt served as Legislative Assistant and Counsel to former United States Senator Milward Simpson from November 1962 to September 1966, after having served as his personal assistant from July 1962 to November 1962.

Mr. Watt was born on January 21, 1938 in Lusk, Wyoming. He received his B.S. degree in 1960 and his J.D. degree in 1962 from the University of Wyoming. He is a member of the Wyoming State Bar and the United States Supreme Court Bar.

Mr. Watt is married to the former Leilani Bomgardner and they have two children. They reside in Camp Springs, Maryland.

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