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Green Steps Down as PDA Executive Director

(Portsmouth) Pease Development Authority (PDA) Executive Director Richard P. Green announced today that he will be stepping down effective July 3.

Concerning his decision to leave Green said, “Over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of serving as the executive director of the Pease Development Authority and of working with its board of directors. This experience has been both challenging and gratifying. The Pease International Tradeport is a tremendous success story and it will continue to be an economic engine that helps drive the New Hampshire economy.”

“However, since the beginning of the year, it has become increasingly clear to me and to our board that, while Pease’s future remains bright, we have philosophical differences as to which paths should be pursued to best secure Pease’s future success.”

“This being the case, and in an effort to insure that the board’s attempts to move the PDA forward are given the best possible opportunity to succeed, my decision today is in everyone’s best interest. I appreciate the time and effort our board members put into advancing the Tradeport’s interests. They deserve a lot of credit for their service.”

“Additionally, I want to thank all of the PDA employees who work at our Tradeport, Portsmouth International Airport, Pease Golf Course and Ports and Harbors. Their hard work and dedication are truly the foundation of Pease’s success and I wish them all the best. It has also been a pleasure working with our Chairman Art Nickless. I appreciate his commitment to the PDA and the economic goals we have worked towards.”

Reacting to Green’s decision Nickless said, “Dick’s departure from the PDA is unfortunate. He brought a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and new ideas to the executive director’s position. Whatever differences the board may have had with him, it is undeniable that the PDA made great strides under his leadership. I have a great deal of respect for Dick and will miss working with him. I wish him and his wife Anita nothing but the best.”

Green was named Executive Director of the PDA in August of 2006. His previous public service experience includes Director of New Hampshire’s Department of Resources and Economic Development (1990-1994), Mayor of Rochester 1980-1989 and the New Hampshire State Senate (1973-1974 and 2003-2006).