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BPA Rebates Go Back to You

I have written from time to time about payments that are made by KPUD to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to send on to private utilities such as PacifiCorp. Public power disagreed with this practice so vehemently that we took BPA to court. The court agreed with us. BPA suspended payments to the private companies.

BPA has now rebated a portion of this money back to Klickitat PUD (KPUD). It is more than \$1 million. With help from you, the board decided the best way to return the money to you—the people who paid for it—was with a rebate on your power bill. KPUD's board of commissioners voted to do this on the bill you receive in December. It amounts to a 61.6-percent reduction. I sure hope it makes a difference for you. Now, what to do with an early Christmas present? Below is my suggestion.

Operation Warm Heart

It is the time of year we think of others and are thankful for what we have. I ask each of you to consider joining me and thanking the people of New Hope Farms.

Inside this issue is a story about New Hope Farms, the work they do and the wonderful people who live and work there. I intend to make New Hope Farms my charity of choice this Christmas season.

We have set up a special account here at KPUD under our Operation Warm Heart program for donations to pay for their power bill. Please join me when I make my donation to this fund. Our goal is to have enough people adopt this as their charity this holiday season to pay for their electricity for all of next year.

You can donate to this fund by stopping by or calling KPUD. Donations can be made by cash, check or by asking for it to be added to your power bill. Mention Project Warm Heart/New Hope Farms to have your donation directed to this special account.

Operation Warm Heart is a year-round endeavor to fund electricity for those less fortunate. When all other avenues are exhausted, needy individuals and families can turn to this fund as a last resort to keep the lights on. The fund is administered by the Washington Gorge Action Program. Donations to Operation Warm Heart are tax deductible.



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