A Newsletter for Customers of Klickitat PUD

## **Public Power Week's Silver Anniversary**

Klickitat PUD is celebrating Public Power Week, October 2-8, along with more than 2,000 other electric utilities that collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 46 million Americans.

"Public Power Week is a chance for Klickitat PUD to articulate why the public power formula works in communities throughout Klickitat County," says Randy Knowles, president of the Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners. "We are absolutely dedicated to providing top-notch service and the lowest rates possible."

Public Power Week is a national, annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association

in Washington, D.C. This year, APPA and its members

celebrate its 25th anniversary. APPA is the service organization for community- and state-owned electric utilities.

> "We are proud to have served Klickitat County for 73 years and to be a public power community," Randy

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says. "Our focus goes beyond serving customers. We serve the community. For us, the hard work is rewarding since our customers are our neighbors and friends."

Residents throughout the county are invited to stop by the Goldendale and White Salmon offices for refreshments and free logo items on Friday, October 7, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to help us celebrate Public Power Week's 25th anniversary and Klickitat PUD's 73 years in operation.

"Klickitat PUD knows how vital electricity is for our communities, and we continue to find ways to do so with special dedication to reliability, safety and the environment," Randy says.

Klickitat PUD was created in 1938 and now has 80 employees. Our utility owns the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Power Plant, named in honor of Harold W. Hill, who served as a Commissioner for 30 years. KPUD also has a 13-percent share of the White Creek Wind I farm in Roosevelt, and 50-percent ownership of the McNary Hydro Fishway Project in conjunction with Northern Wasco PUD. About 10,000 residential, 1,800 commercial and two large industrial customers make up our customer base. Our service territory includes 1,310 miles of overhead, 263 miles of underground distribution line, 152 miles of transmission line and ownership of 23 substations. Also included in our business portfolio are 10 water and six wastewater systems throughout the county, owned and/or operated by KPUD.

We look forward to your visit at one of our office locations on Friday, October 7! ■

## **KPUD Payment Options**

Klickitat PUD offers to its customers a variety of options for paying monthly bills. In addition to the usual method of mailing a check or leaving it in one of the convenient drop boxes located at each office, KPUD accepts drafts from bank accounts and debit or credit cards. Customers also have the option of paying online.

**Drafts:** KPUD can deduct monthly bill payments directly from a customer's checking or savings account, or from their debit or credit cards. In choosing this option customers receive a monthly statement showing the date of withdrawal and amount of the draft.

Online: Payments can be made online at www.klickitatpud.com by clicking on "Pay My Bill." This online program accepts credit or debit cards. You can also view your last 12 statements online, graphs of your kilowatt-hour usage, recaps of your payments, and request minor changes to your account. Or click on "Electronic Meter Read" to report your monthly meter reads. ■

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

## October

**1-2**—Car is King, open car show, vintage car races, Maryhill Museum (509) 773-3733.

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7-9—Portland Classic Car Expo, Expo Center, Portland.

11—KPUD commission meeting, 2 p.m.

**15-16**—Gorge Fruit and Craft Fair, Hood River County Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., free admission.

25—KPUD commission meeting, 2 p.m.

**28**—Annual Squishing of the Squash with Oregon Zoo's elephants, 10:30 a.m., Portland.

**28-30**—Annual Mid-Columbia River Pow-Wow at Celilo Village. Native American festival and salmon bake. (541) 296-2231.

29-30—Halloween at the Oregon Zoo, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Portland.
31—Community Safe Halloween, 5 p.m., downtown White Salmon.
31—Halloween Carnival, 5 p.m., Cascade Locks, www.cascadelocks. net/events.htm.

To have an event listed in the Community Calendar, call Kathy at (509) 773-7606.