



# Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

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## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

For the January 26, 2016 Meeting

### AGENDA ITEMS

- A. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- Included in your packets is a list of Professional Service Consultants of which staff is asking for your approval of renewals and/or new consultants to be placed on KPUD's Professional Service Consultant listing for the 2016 period.
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Potential Litigation – We would like to have a brief discussion with you in Executive Session per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i) regarding the Mile Marker 28 fire.

### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. G.M. Meeting Attendance – none.
2. Customer Inquiry with Respect to Broadband – Attached is a memo regarding Broadband for your consideration prior to me providing Commissioner Mosbrucker a draft response to Mr. Finn. We also received a website inquiry from another customer, James von Musch, regarding the same issue. I have not investigated the extent of the current broadband activities within the County, although I know they are not inconsequential (Century Link & SawNet) and some has been done with grant funding.
3. Senior Management Recruitment – As you know, we have been working traditional recruiting paths since the middle of last year and have not been successful with a replacement for Ron or help in Engineering. Gwyn and I talked with Carl MyCoff with respect to our needs and Gwyn is working with Carl and his team to develop a scope of work that could help in filling our requirements. We plan to bring Carl in to talk with you February 9<sup>th</sup>.
4. WPUDA Day on the Hill – John Janney and I plan to participate in WPUDA's Day on the Hill in Olympia on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We will set up a booth with information regarding KPUD's projects and use the opportunities to talk about our carbon related issues with legislators. A legislative luncheon is also planned that day to provide us with an opportunity to talk with our legislators.
5. Pumped Storage – Clean Power Development LLC, the other applicant for a FERC preliminary permit on the JD pumped storage site, filed a request for rehearing related to FERC's ruling denying their preliminary permit application. Brian

reviewed the request, and it was apparent the issues cited by Clean Power LLC are the same issues Randy has raised with FERC during the past several months. As a result, K&L Gates and Brian Skeahan recommended that we file the same request for rehearing to ensure that we would retain our position if FERC were to grant this. This was not our plan as the request is unlikely to be successful, but given Clean Power's request, it would be a prudent step. I concurred and asked that the request be filed. K&L Gates will not be charging the District for the time to file the letter.

A recent article in the *White Salmon Enterprise* relating to the project is attached.

6. General Manager Performance Review – After this meeting, you should have the information necessary to complete your individual portions of the performance review. We discussed the date of February 9<sup>th</sup> for the review; however, given that we are having an executive session on MM28 Fires that same meeting, we might want to consider delaying the review one more meeting to February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We can discuss on Tuesday.