

Low-Income Elderly Discount

Klickitat PUD is again offering its Low-Income Elderly Rate discount for electric billings issued December 2006 through May 2007.

This program is monitored through Klickitat County Senior Services, which determines eligibility and provides the PUD with a list of residential customers who are qualified for the program.

If you are 62 or older and wish to take advantage of this discount, please contact Klickitat County Senior Services at the numbers listed below to find out if you qualify.

Discount	Yearly Income
40 percent	\$10,000 or less
30 percent	\$10,001 - \$13,999
20 percent	\$14,000 - \$16,999
10 percent	\$17,000 - \$20,000

Klickitat County Senior Services

Virginia Falter, Goldendale
(509) 773-3757
Toll free: (800) 447-7858

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(509) 493-3068

Public Power Week October 1-7!

The Klickitat PUD offices will host an open house on Thursday, October 5, in celebration of Public Power Week.

Join us for free beverages, cupcakes and brochures. ■

Let KPUD Install Surge Protection For Your Home

Electrical surges and spikes are a fact of life. To protect your costly electronic equipment from damage due to voltage changes, Klickitat PUD recommends the use of a whole house surge arrester.

A surge is a split-second increase in electrical energy that can travel along electrical, telephone and television cable lines. Surges are frequently caused by lightning strikes; line slapping associated with heavy wind; frequency problems; or voltage spikes. All of these incidents can fry delicate electronic circuitry.

Up to 40 percent of home electrical problems are caused by external events. A meter-based surge arrester prevents external power surges from passing through the meter and into your home.

The cost to our customers is \$4.50 a month. The PUD installs and maintains the protection. Klickitat PUD offers this protection for 200-amp services with a proper ground.

The manufacturer offers a warranty against damage from power surges that come through the home's electric meter after passing through a failed arrester.

The warranty covers electro-mechanical equipment, including home appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators and other motor-driven appliances) and electronic equipment (computers, televisions, VCRs, DVDs, stereos, microwaves and heat pumps).

The warranty is good up to \$50,000 for each event, as long as building wiring and other connections to protect equipment conform to national electrical codes.

It will take up to 30 minutes for our serviceman to install a surge arrester. The power to your home



will be disconnected during installation.

Since 60 percent of your home can experience internal surges, each piece of your equipment should be connected to a plug-in surge suppressor. Internal surges can come sporadically each time an electric device is turned on or by transient voltage.

Surges also can come from ground wires connected to water pipes, telephone and cable television lines.

Look for these components when buying a plug-in surge suppressor:

- An Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label with a standard of 1449.
- A low-voltage clamping level—330 volts or less is best.
- A high joules (energy) rating—300 or better is recommended.
- A quick response time.
- Maximum surge current—10,000 amps and higher, not less than 6,500.
- Warranty for equipment damaged while connected to the device. Fill in your warranty card and mail it to the manufacturer. ■

To request a meter-based surge arrester, contact our Energy Services Department at (509) 773-7622 or toll free (800) 548-8357.

