

A Campaign of Misinformation

A message from your KPUD Board of Commissioners:

Recently, a group calling itself "Klickitat County Residents for Responsible Government" mailed a flyer to residents of Klickitat County. The flyer does not accurately represent Klickitat PUD's position regarding Condit Dam.

"I'm very disappointed to see a document with this many false and misleading statements regarding Klickitat PUD's position and actions relating to Condit Dam" says Dan Gunkel, president of the Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners. "The PUD's board has publicly stated its position regarding Condit Dam, and it is not as stated in the flyer. There are no impending rate increases coming

from this project, nor will there be any."

Your Klickitat PUD Commissioners have not made any decisions, nor taken any actions regarding acquisition of Condit Dam. We are working to establish, based upon the facts, whether it makes economic sense to acquire the facility.

A new energy policy law was enacted in 2005 that changed the rules for hydro relicensing. This new law may allow for more cost-effective fish mitigation measures at Condit Dam.

The PUD is investigating this possibility. If this turns out not to be the case and if the original cost prohibitive fish ladders are required, the PUD would not be interested in this project.

The PUD is committed to pursuing cost-effective energy alternatives, especially within Klickitat County.

This is what has enabled us to acquire McNary Dam Fish-way hydro and H.W. Hill Landfill gas generation projects.

We are also participating in a cost-effective wind power project development in eastern Klickitat County.

Klickitat County PUD is uniquely positioned in the region to take advantage of the future energy needs for our county.

"Your PUD Commissioners are committed to investigate all projects that may have value in keeping rates as low as possible," says Gunkel. ■

Reading Your Meter Is As Easy As Clockwork!

Customers who live out of town in the rural areas are reminded to read your meters monthly, the same day you pay your bill, or on the 20th of the month. Without an accurate monthly reading our computer "guesses" how much electricity you have used, and produces an estimated billing.

Reading your meter is easy!

Write down the numbers on your meter, left to right, the same way you read the odometer in your car.

Submit your reading to Klickitat PUD monthly, choosing one of the following options:

- Record the date and meter reading on your bill stub and return it with your payment; or
- Call in your meter reading to the PUD's 24-hour phone service: 773-7618 or 493-9552, or
- Submit your reading electronically on the KPUD Web site at <http://www.klickpud.com>, or
- If you pay direct using your checking account, record your meter read in the "Note /Comment field."

If you have any questions about this process, call (800) 548-8357 or (509) 773-5891. ■

