

## KPUD Managers Attend Irrigators' Annual Meeting

Once a year, Klickitat PUD sends representatives to the conservation districts' annual meetings to inform county irrigators about rate changes and give an overall utility update.

General Manager Winston Low, Operations Manager Ron Ihrig and Engineering Manager Jim Smith attended both the Eastern and Central Klickitat Conservation Districts' annual meetings on February 12 and 19.

At the Central Klickitat annual meeting, Ron covered the topics of rate schedules, recent outages, reliability of service, conservation programs, and the water and wastewater systems.

Jim spoke about the changes in



KPUD's Ron Ihrig, left, and Jim Smith talk with county irrigators in February.

the energy market, new projects, wind power and the PUD's involvement in the White Creek Wind Project.

Winston took the opportunity to introduce himself as KPUD's new general manager and to share his background and work experience.

Coming from a 24-year history with generation utilities in Texas, Winston joked that he was still learning the Pacific Northwest jargon.

All three managers answered questions from the audience regarding rates, hydropower, wind projects and outages. ■

## New Substations Stabilize Wind Farm Production

By Ron Schultz

In November 2008, the new Energizer and Willis substations were powered up for the first time.

The substations are part of the expanding Klickitat PUD 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission network.

Energizer Substation, on Hoctor Road, is fed via a new 230-kV transmission line from the Bonneville Power Administration's Rock Creek Substation. Energizer then serves wind turbines that will be located along the Hoctor Road corridor. Construction of the towers is scheduled for April.

Willis Substation is the larger of the two, and sits atop the hill overlooking the Goldendale



Willis Substation east of Goldendale overlooks the Columbia Gorge.

Aluminum Plant.

It serves the Windy Point Partners Phase I wind-turbines that are located along the western ridge line, which is near Juniper Point.

Willis also will serve as the

230-kV source for the new Windy Point Partners Windy Flats Project.

KPUD facilitates the success of wind farms in Klickitat County through projects such as these substations. ■