

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

AGENDA

ONE TIME USE – **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2492 765 8627)

KPUD Commission Meeting Start Time – 2:00 p.m. as Advertised;

Location: 1313 S. Columbus Ave. - Goldendale, WA

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes- 01/14/2025 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 01/28/2025 (*Shelby Manka*)

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 01/12/2025 (*Shelby Manka*)

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

GUESTS:

- Water/Wastewater update (*Sharon Blodgett & Brandon Walter*)
- Operations update (*April Castillo*)
- Engineering update (*Brandon Johnson & Justin Beierle*)
- November Financials (*Sarah Honkala*)
- Commissioners' Reports
- Chief Administrative Officer Bi-Monthly Report (*Gwyn Miller*)
- Manager's Bi-Monthly Report (*Jim Smith*)

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AGENDA ITEMS –

- A. Policy Bulletin 43 and Attachment B- Electrical Interconnection Requirements Update (*Mike DeMott/ Brandon Johnson*)
- B. Resolution 1874 Authorizing the Obtaining of a Credit Card for Gwyn Miller (*Cynthia Bruce*)
- C. Executive Session- Collective bargaining update per RCW 42.30.140(4)(a)
- D. Executive Session- Review of a Public Employee Per RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Klickitat County Public Economic Development Meeting January 28, 2025
- New Commissioner Orientation February 12, 2025, Olympia
- WPUDA PUD Day on the Hill February 13, 2025, Olympia
- Central Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 19 @ 9:45a.m. Centerville Grange
- Eastern Klickitat County Irrigators meeting February 25 @ 9:45a.m. Alder Creek Grange in Bickleton
- Washington PUD Association Legislative Rally February 24-26, 2025 Washington D.C.



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **January 28, 2025** Meeting

- A. BPA Market Alternatives**- I want to call out the article in the January 14, 2025 “Clearing Up” as it seems a pivotal change for BPA with respect to what it is saying about market alternatives. To date, they have said that they have relied on production costs to drive their valuation. PPC and others have argued that this is not thorough enough, especially given the January 2024 cold weather event and the resulting in cash flow from the Pacific Northwest to CA due to congestion revenue rents imposed by CAISO on the southern intertie transmission line. The article does a good job of summarizing BPA’s position. The article is attached for your convenience.
- B. Southern Power Pool (SPP) Markets+FERC approval**- This article might be out in “Clearing Up “by the board meeting, but attached is the SPP+ press release. BPA has already committed to fund the next phase of the Markets+ development, as has Powerex and Chelan.
- C. BPA Resource Program**- PPC’s Long Range Planning Committee will meet next week. A smaller group will hold a discussion with John Hairston and Joel Cook to address our concerns and emphasize the need for early engagement with BPA on Tier 2 resource acquisition. The intent is to also discuss our concerns with BPA’s transmission capital plan and their lack of attention to preference customer transmission system improvements. An example which impacts us is the lack of performance to date on restoring the rated capacity on the Chenoweth to Goldendale 115 kV line.
- D. WPUDA Wildfire Risk Action Plan**- There has been significant activities with Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) and some Consumer Owned Utilities (COUs) on developing legislation that would establish some level of standard of care in exchange for fire liability limits. As we have discussed, the drivers for IOUs in this area are completely different from those for COUs and it appears as though the groups have split. We have been monitoring these activities and working with Nicolas Garcia and Dave Warren on revising the WPUDA action plan to begin evaluating options for addressing these issues while maintaining local control. Okanogan PUD and Pend Oreille PUD are also involved directly as co-sponsors with us on the action plan. I am hearing that no one expects

legislation to pass this year, so we are trying to lay out an engagement process for WPUDA for this session. Avista is expected to introduce two wildfire bills any day. The only concern I have at this point is that there seems to be limited engagement from GMs while there appears to be plenty of input from commissioners at the various PUD meetings. I am not sure what is causing this disconnect.

- E. **Legislation Update**- with the session starting, I am getting up to speed on the bills related to Klickitat's interests and will discuss at the meeting.