



# Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **April 23, 2024** Meeting

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

- A. Set Public Hearing Date for 2024 Annual Water-Wastewater Rates - Brandon Walter and Sharon Blodgett will present the request to set the rate hearing for 3:00 on May 28, 2024.
- B. Physical Inventory Board Memo - Mike Nixon will present the final inventory figures.
- C. Prequalification of Contractors - Cynthia Bruce will provide a list of additional vendors at the meeting who have met all of the qualifications to be added to the roster for approval.
- D. Resolution 1851 Declaration of Continued Supply Procurement Situation and Special Market Conditions - Mike Nixon will present Resolution 1851 to replace Resolution 1832 to extend flexibilities in materials acquisition until July 1, 2025.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. WPUDA Annual Meeting/ Lifetime Achievement presentation - I want to express my thanks to Luann and staff that combed the archives for pictures of Randy for the awards presentation. The awards banquet was very well attended. Past recipient of this award, Ron Ihrig attended along with Commissioners Gunkel and Miller.
2. General Facilities Charges - in a month or so, staff will be bringing the board a high-level presentation on how GFCs might be applied to new connections on the electric system. We will be looking for discussion and input from the board to help guide the next level of development of this proposal by Commissioner Miller.
3. Small Hydro Investigation - Over the course of the past two years and at the direction of the board, staff have been researching carbon-free power sources including Small Hydro. Beginning in November 2023, Staff identified a candidate project outside the KPUD service territory. An all-of-utility, comprehensive due-diligence research project was

conducted in the areas of legal, water and property rights, transmission and plant condition assessment, FERC and US Forest Service permitting and BPA preference customer system integration. A detailed business model was developed that encompassed capital investment in the project, necessary capital improvements, staffing, operations and maintenance expenses, and BPA transmission and shaping costs. While the project had a reliable operating history, a capable and motivated staff, there were several risk factors that could not be adequately mitigated at this time. Staff has stopped the work necessary to acquire the project and no offers to buy or sell were traded with the owners.

Additionally, in the interest of public safety, staff has shared the electric transmission line condition and hazard assessment report with the owners.

4. Water/Wastewater meetings - We will meet with Glenwood April 23 and Ponderosa May 11.