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## **Manager's Message**

This month, I would like to recognize a true supporter of public power: outgoing Commissioner Ray A. Mosbrucker. Ray served as your PUD commissioner for District 2 for 12 years. His term ended December 31.

Throughout his tenure, Ray adhered firmly to his belief that public power's goal is to improve the quality of life by supplying excellent customer services and reliable electric, water and wastewater services while keeping rates as low as possible.

For 12 years, he worked diligently toward that goal, supporting the reconstruction of the Lyle and Klickitat wastewater facilities and the establishment of a new Bickleton water system. Ray also was involved with the expansion of our high-voltage transmission system, which was instrumental in facilitating the astonishing growth of wind generation development within Klickitat County.

Ray supported our H.W. Hill Landfill Gas expansion project, helping to make it the most technologically advanced, efficient, clean and reliable landfill gas energy project anywhere in the world. All of these endeavors have contributed greatly to the economic well-being of our local communities and to the revenues of the district.

Ray represented the PUD as a member of the Energy Northwest Participants Review Board, to which he was elected president in 2016.

In addition, Ray represented the PUD as a member of the Washington PUD Association. In that role, he worked closely with our legislators passing three bills that expanded the authority of public utility districts in Washington for the betterment of the PUD and public utilities throughout the state. Remarkably, these three legislative bills passed with no opposed votes, attesting to the bipartisan and fair approach taken when proposing and getting these bills approved.

In December, Ray was inducted into the Heritage Life Member program of the Washington PUD Association for his long-term contributions to the interests of public power and water in the region.

I would like to thank you, Ray, for your unwavering support of our PUD and the efforts of our staff, as well as of the ideals of public power. We will miss your guidance and well-timed questions.

By the time you read this, Commissioner-elect Doug Miller will be on our board. I would like to welcome Doug to his new post.

Jim Smith General Manager