

# Celebrate Public Power Week

Public power holds immense value, extending far beyond its role in energy supply. It is the lifeblood that fuels growth within communities and fuels a forward movement while also honoring its history. It lets communities make decisions based on what they need. Public Utility Districts are part of a big group of public power communities all over the country, so everyone helps each other with resources and support.

Public power providers are proud to provide reliable service to their customers, who are also our friends and neighbors. Klickitat PUD was established in 1938 when local people voted it into existence. This year, KPUD celebrates 85 years of service to our communities. The utility is led by three publicly elected individuals:

Commissioner Gunkel, Commissioner Knowles and Commissioner Miller. They are all dedicated to making sure Klickitat PUD provides safe, dependable and affordable services while following sustainable business practices. General Manager Jim Smith and Assistant General Manager Gwyn Miller provide day-to-day operational direction to ensure that KPUD provides cost-based, reliable services that provide the opportunity for growth throughout our service territory.

KPUD cannot operate without its dedicated employees. Without them, services could not be provided, installed, maintained, billed or reenergized after an outage event. Our employees take pride in the privilege of providing each and every one of you with consistent reliable services,

**1938-2023 Celebrating 85 Years**



whether power, water or wastewater. The next time you see a PUD employee, please thank them for keeping your lights on and providing the services that make all of our lives easier.

Please join us in celebrating Public Power Week on Wednesday, October 4. Stop by our Goldendale or White Salmon offices and talk with our staff and enjoy a refreshment. ■

## October 1-7 is Public Power Week... and we have reason to celebrate!

Like more than 2,000 utilities across the country, we are powered by a community-owned, not-for-profit public power utility. During Public Power Week, we celebrate the benefits of living in a public power community including:

- Low rates
- High reliability
- Dedicated, local service
- Community focus
- Economic development
- Local decision-making

