



During monthly substation inspections, bullet holes were found in the overhead incoming and outgoing bus work—in a Klickitat PUD substation.

Be Vigilant Around Utility Equipment

Klickitat PUD provides electric services to approximately 14,000 customers and water or wastewater services in eight communities throughout the county. In addition to electric and water/wastewater services, KPUD has ownership in wind and hydroelectricity generation projects and a renewable natural gas facility.

These critical services and projects require extensive infrastructure to ensure

When these services are interrupted by sabotage, repairing and getting services back in operation can be lengthy and directly impact thousands of customers. Weather also can severely impact the restoration times of compromised facilities.

KPUD can supply power and water, remove and treat wastewater, and transmit electrical generation and renewable gas to the grid.

KPUD has multiple office, warehouse, pole yard, collection and testing plant, and laydown yard locations spread throughout the county. These locations provide necessary workspace and house operational equipment, materials, fleet and tools.

When physical break-ins or vandalism occurs, business is interrupted and shifts staff's focus from performing services that benefit customers to investigating incidents to ensure adequate support for prosecution.

If vandalism occurs at one of our facilities, not only are there risks to livelihoods, but the costs affect budgets and can have impact on rates, as replacements and repairs are needed.

These costs can run from thousands

to millions of dollars, depending on what was damaged and to what extent. This ultimately may defer routine planned maintenance work as budget dollars are reallocated to repair the damage.

KPUD takes the safety and security of our facilities and critical infrastructure seriously. Staff continuously evaluates the security of all assets within our system and has been implementing new tools to defend our facilities from malicious acts.

After thefts, break-ins or malicious acts—including cutting through perimeter fences and gates, the firing of guns at facilities, and illegal access or operation of KPUD equipment—Klickitat PUD staff immediately contacts local, state and federal authorities.

As the eyes and ears of the community, KPUD encourages customers to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately to 911. ■