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## 2024 in Review

The past year marked another successful construction season for Klickitat PUD. As residential installations slowed this year, KPUD took the opportunity to focus on critical capital improvements that will strengthen our infrastructure and improve service reliability for our customers across Klickitat County.

Our engineering team was busy throughout 2024, designing and managing a series of projects aligned with our long-range plan. Major accomplishments include:

- Expansion of the EE Clouse substation in Goldendale. This expansion replaces aging Bonneville Power Administration infrastructure and helps reinforce electric service for the central region of Klickitat County.
- Replacement of an aged power transformer at the Wishram Substation.
- Upgrades to power lines in areas that have experienced significant load growth. Key areas include Snowden (Bristol Road and Tunnel Road), High Prairie and locations northwest of Goldendale near Thompson Road.
- Continued fire mitigation efforts by converting power lines from overhead to underground in the Klickitat Canyon near Pitt.
- Completion of underground power line replacements in Dallesport, which will provide more reliable power for the area.
- Reconstruction of several miles of the Dot Road transmission line near Bickleton.
- Deployment of over 14,000 advanced metering infrastructure meters, enhancing service capabilities for our customers.

In addition to these larger projects, KPUD completed smaller system improvements across Klickitat County. One such project involved working with Eagle Electrocution Solutions LLC to retrofit power poles and reduce the risk of eagle electrocution.

Approximately 120 poles were successfully outfitted with materials that cover energized parts, protecting eagles and other wildlife from electrocution. These grantfunded system improvements were free to Klickitat PUD and its customers, and will benefit reliability while reducing the risk of wildfire ignition.

I am grateful for the entire KPUD team and their hard work, dedication and commitment in bringing these projects to fruition. Thanks to their efforts, we're meeting our objectives, staying on track to implement our capital improvement plan and ensuring a sustainable path for reliable power.

**Brandon Johnson Engineering Manager**