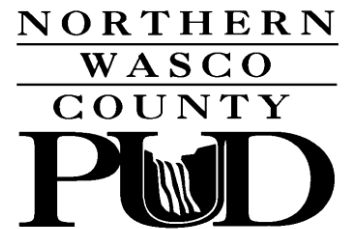


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PUD SETS SUMMER USAGE RECORD

THE DALLES, OR – As of 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 28, 2009, Northern Wasco County PUD customers set an all-time summer peak usage record of 93 megawatts. That is 5 megawatts higher than August 2008 record summer peak of 88 megawatts.

“We are monitoring our loads constantly and can switch loads throughout the system so no one feeder becomes overloaded which often times results in power outages,” stated Paul Titus, Northern Wasco PUD Engineering Director. “As a result, so far there have been no heat related outages; however, extreme heat and cold tests the reliability of an electric system and our heat wave is expected to continue.”

“The daily usage reports are compiled by Bonneville Power as of midnight, so we don’t know the results until the next morning,” Titus added. “A larger utility such as Portland General Electric who has the ability to monitor their consumption on an hourly basis and can report the results to the media sooner. “

Northern Wasco PUD is a summer and winter peaking utility; i.e., when the temperature gets cold, the heat comes on and when it gets hot, air conditioning drives the summer load. A new all-time winter usage record was set last December when usage topped 103 megawatts.

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