

# NORTHERN WASCO COUNTY PUD

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## Board Meetings

Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the PUD offices, 2345 River Rd. The public is always welcome.

## Our Mission

To provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers, in the tradition of public power.

## Our Core Values and Beliefs

Local citizens championed and fought to create our People's Utility District. They believed—and we believe—in the public's right to own and control its electric utility.

Today, our values are a legacy from our public power heritage, as well as guideposts for a changing future.

We believe in:

- ▶ Public ownership and local control.
- ▶ Integrity.
- ▶ Keeping power rates as low as possible.
- ▶ Providing quality essential services.
- ▶ Quality customer service.
- ▶ Community involvement.

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## Manager's Report



Dear Customers – Our Friends and Our Neighbors,  
We recently heard that one of Oregon's state representatives had commented in a news article that our Columbia/Snake Rivers hydro system was utilizing only about 30 percent of its capability—implying that there is plenty of energy generation left for new load growth or other purposes/uses.

The fact is that while the Pacific Northwest has been blessed with a magnificent hydro system that has powered our economic engine and prosperity for more than seventy years, our population has grown as has the number of industries and companies that today call the Pacific Northwest

home. As a result, the electric generating capability of our hydro system has been nearly exhausted.

While the nameplate capacity of our region's 31-dam hydro system is approximately 20,400 megawatts, its firm generation capability—depending on available water—is only 7,000 megawatts. With the electrical load placed on the federal hydro system also about 7,000 MW, we are using nearly all the generation capability that is available.

To add further challenge to the hydro system, the Bonneville Power Administration currently has 4,000 MW of wind generation connected to its system—the largest percentage of any utility in the United States. An additional 1,000 MW is expected to be added by the end of 2010.

We ask you to imagine a windy afternoon when the system is running at capacity with hydro- and wind-generated electricity powering the lights, computers, heat pumps, appliances and other equipment in our homes and businesses. Without much notice, the wind stops. So does the generation of several thousand megawatts of power. What a challenge!

The PUD is not opposed to wind generation. We purchase wind-generated power from BPA through our Pure Power Program. Instead, we share this scenario to help explain the challenges placed on the hydro system and your pocketbooks in providing “firm” reliable generation to meet our region's full electric demands.

Until next time, have a great day.

**Dwight Langer**  
General Manager