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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,

Most people familiar with the Pacific Northwest agree that the abundance of hydro power in the region was the foundation for the growing, vibrant economy we know today. The Columbia-Snake River hydro system is the most hydro-productive basin in the nation and it has blessed generations with an adequate supply of electrical energy at affordable prices.

An adequate power supply at affordable prices drew companies to our region—companies who hired our friends and neighbors. In turn, those people built communities and a way of life that is envied by many.

A minority of people—albeit a well-funded minority—would like everyone to believe that breaching our electricity-producing dams is needed and that in doing so, we can still maintain a vibrant economy.

Why is common sense is so uncommon these days? Breaching dams would result in a dramatic reduction in the Northwest's hydro energy supply. Replacing hydro power with other resources that are two or three times expensive will seriously impact the economic vitality in the region and the prospects of attracting employers who are looking to remain competitive in a global economy.

Some important facts we need to keep in mind about our hydro system:

- ▶ More than 60% of the Northwest's electricity comes from clean, renewable hydropower, which does not contribute to climate change.
- ▶ The hydro system helps support the development of new renewable resources, such as wind and solar power.
- ▶ NW dams support river transportation, keeping 700,000 trucks off highways annually.
- ▶ Irrigation supported by NW dams contributes to a \$60 billion agriculture industry annually.
- ▶ The federal hydro system's biological opinion and state and tribal accords commit the region to spend nearly \$10 billion during a 10-year period for salmon recovery.

Where is the common sense in the destruction of such an important national treasure and regional resource?

Until next time, have a great day.

Dwight Langer
General Manager