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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,

At the PUD offices, we receive many electric industry trade magazines and news articles about many topics. The recurring theme in these periodicals is our nation's need for energy independence and more renewable sources of energy.

These goals are laudable. The PUD and this community have supported them in discussions with legislators and regulators and in the investment of millions of dollars in The Dalles and McNary hydro projects. Our utility purchases renewable wind-generated power and invests in conservation and energy-efficiency projects within our service territory.

We also are partnering with the city of The Dalles in the planning of a methane gas project at The Dalles Wastewater Treatment Plant.

We have achieved all of this while keeping our customer rates among the most competitive in Oregon and in the Pacific Northwest. When considering a new project, we ask ourselves, "If we develop a resource, but it is too expensive for our community and customers to afford, what have we gained?" This leads us to the driving objective that each of our projects is affordable for our customers. We believe this is an important perspective and one you have entrusted to us on your behalf.

Affordability is not an objective in many of the energy policies now being devised in Salem and Washington, D.C. This great nation's economy and quality of life were built with our most precious renewable resources: ingenuity, innovation, and research and development of new technologies. Our parents and grandparents believed in and taught us to invest for the future. This philosophy has provided us with adequate supplies of energy at affordable prices.

As we invest for the future, we will not forget what past generations have taught us and we will build upon their example ever keeping our eye on "affordability."

Until next time, have a great day.

Dwight Langer
General Manager