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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,**

Last month, Governor Kulongoski ran an op-ed article in The Oregonian regarding the important biological opinion that directs responsible operation of the federal-based hydro system.

It is deeply disheartening to see that our governor remains committed to litigating the latest salmon plan instead of working to implement it and actions that will help listed salmon. The vast majority of agencies, states, tribes and river interests support the biological opinion, as well as getting out

of the courtroom and on with implementation of the plan to help fish.

The biological opinion has been exhaustively reviewed by the Obama administration and its scientists, who found it legally and scientifically sound. Those litigating the plan (including Oregon)—and who asked for the administration's review—should now defer to the administration and its scientists' judgment.

The governor fails to understand or appreciate the incredible investment being made by Northwest families and businesses to help salmon under this plan. Currently, nearly 20 percent of electric bills go to help fish and wildlife. The biological opinion adds more.

The governor acknowledges that \$1 billion is being spent on fish, yet suggests this is not enough. He advocates for Draconian measures such as dam breaching and reservoir draw-downs. Such actions are not supported by science and would hurt families, businesses and farmers, take away jobs, and add to the current economic problems we face.

The governor's position is especially unsupportable with the incredible fish returns the past couple years, and given that Oregon is facing 12 percent unemployment—one of the highest in the nation. We're convinced that our governor needs to show some common sense and exercise leadership on this issue—to stop litigating and join with the majority to implement the plan and put measures in place to help the fish.

Until next time, have a great day.

**Dwight Langer**  
General Manager