



Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

79 Years of Service * 1938-2017

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

For the **January 23, 2018** Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS

- A. **NET METERING UPDATE-** Staff will present an outline of the process and discuss customer comments and our responses to those comments that were asked during workshops and the public comment period at the January 9th Commission meeting. Staff will discuss basic rate design options and the value of Net Metering for KPUD and ask for Board direction regarding policy and rates.
- B. **POLICY 7-** Mike will present a revision to Policy 7 that modifies industrial rate requirements to align with other policies and processes.
- C. **RNG UPDATE-** Mike and Kevin will update the board on budget status and upcoming payments along with accomplishments of construction and equipment contracts to date.
- D. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANTS-** Ron will present to the board the approved professional services listing for 2018. There are nineteen firms that have responded so far this year. Fifteen of these firms are renewing their information and four are new firms that are submitting their information for the first time. We approved two of these firms on December 26th and will ask that the other seventeen be approved on January 23rd.
- E. **POLICY 43-** Ron will present the updates to Policy 43. These updates are required to establish a process for large end use interconnections. Along with the policy update staff has developed the Large End Use Interconnection process and the Large End Use Application to be provided to customers looking to connect large loads to our system. There will be an application fee associated with the application process to cover some of the expense associated with the studies required for determining the feasibility of the interconnection locations.
- F. **Call for Bids** Ron will be requesting that we call for bid on the 115kV Circuit Breakers for the Sonova Road Switch Station along with call for bids of 15kV Circuit Breakers, 15kV and 115kV Disconnects, and a 115kV Circuit Switcher for the Six Prong Substation.
- G. **FACEBOOK DECEMBER CAMPAIGN- Drawing -** The December Campaign focused on weatherization. This campaign was not as successful as the November Campaign. However it did push our following total to 803. The customer who was

awarded the \$50.00 credit last month was very happy when contacted and we hope to continue these efforts in the future.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. G. M. Meetings
 - a. Washington Public Utilities District Association Board meeting 1/12 Olympia
 - b. Public Generating Pool meeting 1/18 Seattle
 - c. Deanna Gregory, Ralph Epling and Sean Keatts 1/17 & 1/18 Seattle
 - d. Department of Commerce 1/19 Olympia
 - e. Representative McCabe 1/19 Olympia
2. I have completed my department head level performance reviews and goals setting. I will be presenting my goals for 2018 for your consideration, along with the departments goals that support our strategic plan at the February 13th Board meeting.
3. I am also working on completing quarterly department meetings with all of our staff. I have always talked with staff on PUD updates as part of our safety meetings as we have pretty much all of our employees present. However, that does not create a situation that is easy for many staff to talk about what concerns them and answer their questions. As a result, I have started quarterly meetings with work groups. By work groups, I mean down to individual crews and departments. I think this will total about 12 meetings a quarter. SO far, it has been time very well spent.
4. WPUDA- Clean Energy Resolution Adoption- WPUDA passed the clean energy resolution as we have been discussing. This provides that IF there is carbon reduction legislation, it should include carbon pricing, not expanded RPS requirements. It passed unanimously with toe water utilities abstaining.
5. Renewable Natural Gas legislation – I have been working with the Department of Commerce and legislators on proposed legislation regarding tax incentives for RNG projects. I will report further at the meeting.