

Public Power Helps Communities Thrive



Public utility districts such as Klickitat PUD are an example of public power. There is tremendous value in public power, and it's so much bigger than just energy. It's the lifeblood that enables growth within communities, driving them toward progress while helping them celebrate their rich histories.

Public power provides local control that allows PUDs to prioritize local needs when making important decisions. It also provides a network of public power communities across the country, giving participants a broad support system and access to greater resources than they would have on their own. Public power communities pride themselves on delivering the exceptional reliability and service that customers expect.

Klickitat PUD was created in 1938 by the vote of local citizens. It is governed by a three-person board composed of representation from across the county. Commissioners Dan Gunkel, Randy Knowles and Doug Miller are committed to ensuring that Klickitat PUD proudly represents its mission of "providing safe, reliable, cost-based services at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business principles."

The evidence of Klickitat PUD's commitment to meet customers' needs is demonstrated throughout the county. From providing power to the farmhouses that

were miles from power more than eight decades ago to the school football field lights today, Klickitat PUD is only a phone call away when you need to upgrade your service, have lost power or simply want to ask a question. KPUD employees are 100% committed to serving our customers, as we all receive the same benefit from the utility.

In 2023, Klickitat PUD celebrates 85 years of serving our communities, so watch for our booth during community events.

We are proud to serve the communities we live in and strive to continue to meet the

needs of our customers while maintaining our core services for the benefit of all. ■

National Public Power week is observed October 2-8. Klickitat PUD will hold an open house Wednesday, October 5, to celebrate. Please stop by our Goldendale or White Salmon offices, say hello and grab a treat.



TOP: KPUD Lineworkers, from left, Jess Beierle, Todd Niva, Cort Ladiges and Robert Dorais operate the utility's demo trailer. **ABOVE:** Todd, right, displays a cross arm to students.

PUBLIC POWER = Local Decisions + Local Solutions + Local Jobs



THE BOYS OF FALL will be coming to a field near you!!

Klickitat PUD makes it possible for our youth to keep practicing long after the sun goes down.



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Klickitat PUD is an integral part of our community and works closely with existing customers to provide the highest level of reliability and customer focused programs.

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