

## New Manager Joins KPUD

*Winston Low brings electric co-op experience from Texas*

Winston G. Low started his first day as the sixth general manager of Klickitat PUD on January 5, 2009.

He was “born and raised” with an interest in electric utilities because both of his parents had long careers in the electric industry before retiring.

Winston began his electric utility career 24 years ago after graduating from Texas A&M University with a BBA degree in accounting.

Winston’s most recent position was with South Texas Electric Cooperative, a \$725 million generation and transmission co-op that serves eight member distribution co-ops in South Texas.

Some of his previous work history includes stints with Jackson Electric Cooperative, Nueces Electric Cooperative and Pedernales Electric Cooperative, all located in South Texas.

KPUD’s Board Secretary Dan Gunkel voiced the board’s confidence in Winston’s wide array of skills and how they will benefit the PUD as it proceeds with the landfill gas plant expansion in Roosevelt, transmission services development for the many wind projects going up in Klickitat County and exploring a pump storage



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project to complement the power shaping needs of the region.

Winston already is enjoying his move to Klickitat County. Some of his interests include golf and snow skiing. ■

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## Degree Days Help You Make Sense Of Energy Use

One way KPUD helps customers make sense of their energy use is by keeping track of degree days.

It is a way to measure how much the outside temperature fluctuates and how much work your home heating or cooling system has to do.

Degree days measures the difference (above and below) between the day’s temperature and 65 degrees F., and keeps a running total for the month.

The lower the number, the closer the

average temperature was to 65 degrees. The higher the number, the wider the gap between the outside temperature and 65 degrees.

To learn more about degree days, contact Nadine Huxley, KPUD customer services manager, at (509) 773-7609 or toll-free at (800) 548-8357.

To see the 2008 average degree day calculations for Goldendale and White Salmon, go to [www.klickitpud.com/conserves/degreedays.asp](http://www.klickitpud.com/conserves/degreedays.asp). ■

## Blood Drive Saves Lives

KPUD recently helped sponsor the Goldendale community blood drive January 15.

Fifty-three pints of blood were collected. As many as three people can receive help for each pint of blood.

The Red Cross sends a sincere “thank you” for each of the individuals who will be able to have surgery, survive a serious accident, or lengthen their life because of the blood that was collected.

The next blood drives are scheduled for March 25 at Goldendale High School and May 20 at Community Grace Brethren Church of Goldendale.

If you would like to sign up to donate blood, please call KPUD at (509) 773-5891 to schedule an appointment. ■

