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Public Power, Local Control

In early October each year, we celebrate Public Power Week. It is a celebration of the local control we enjoy with our electric utility.

Sixty-nine years ago—November 8, 1938—the citizens of Klickitat County decided they didn't want an outside business running the electric company. They decided to run it themselves.

Citizens of our county elect three officials, friends and neighbors, to provide the PUD's leadership. That first board, elected in 1938, was comprised of M. A. Collins, Bickleton; J. S. Degman, White Salmon; and Martin Lumijarvi, Centerville.

The PUD commission sets policy, decides what rates to charge and provides local rules for the PUD to follow. All of this occurs at meetings open to the public.

A manager and a staff are hired to direct the day-to-day operations. Emmet E. Clouse was hired in the fall of 1940 as KPUD's first manager.

The board also provides the vision and leadership that makes things happen. As a local provider of electricity, water and sewer services necessary to business, commercial and farm enterprises, the PUD is in the center of economic development efforts.

Through public power you have direct access to both the board of directors and the management team. Try that with a large investor-owned utility. I doubt you would get past first base to voice a concern directly to the president of the board at PacifiCorp. But that is exactly what happens all the time with public power.

Klickitat PUD's board meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. They are open to the public. We invite you to stop by to see public power in action. The PUD also hosts community meetings throughout the county to better understand your needs and to communicate what's happening at the PUD, as well as in the utility world in general. Look for the meeting in your community, or give us a call and let us set up a meeting with your community group.

We never tire of talking about all of the exciting issues and opportunities that face us in Klickitat County. Thanks to public power, we all have meaningful involvement in regional issues, as well as a voice in the control of our own destiny.

Tom Svendsen, General Manager



Public Power Week
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