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Commissioner's Message

As one of your commissioners, I thought it important that our customers know something of the leadership of your utility and have an appreciation for the skills and dedication being applied in looking after your interests.

In December 2009, the Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners appointed Jim Smith the sixth general manager in KPUD's 75-year history. Jim was well-known throughout the county prior to this appointment, as he served as our engineering manager for 12 years.

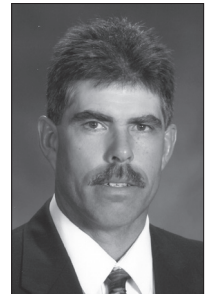
Jim's engineering leadership allowed the district to successfully expand into the generation and transmission business lines. He was instrumental in development and construction of the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas project, the White Creek Wind project, the addition of Klickitat PUD's 230-kilovolt transmission and substation facilities, as well as many new engineering and operations systems.

His project facilitation work with project developers and Klickitat County has assisted in providing electrical and transmission facilities that support more than \$2 billion of generation projects within Klickitat County. These projects supply the Pacific Northwest region with affordable, renewable electric power to meet our growing clean-power needs.

Jim plays an important role with decision-makers throughout the Northwest. His peers have recognized his leadership capabilities, have elected him to fill a seat on the executive committee of the Public Power Council and have appointed him as chairman of the Public Generating Pool. Most recently, he was asked to serve as chairman of the White Creek Wind project LLC group.

One of the board's first directives to

Jim was to position himself within the industry to have a voice and affect the decisions that could potentially impact Klickitat PUD and the region. Being elected to the PPC executive committee



was the first step in meeting that goal.

PPC's principal task has been to represent and defend the views of public power before the Bonneville Power Administration. Its mission is to represent public power in regional forums on wholesale power issues and transmission issues, and reserve for its members the historical preference rights to the power generated from the federal hydro system.

PGP is composed of 11 consumer-owned electric utilities, including many of the largest public utilities in the state. The member utilities have expertise in all aspects of integrated electric utility operations and are active participants in West Coast wholesale power markets, and provide a unique perspective for our regional legislators.

Last but not least, the White Creek Wind project is one of the largest publicly owned wind generation facilities in the U.S.

The board consistently emphasizes to management at your PUD: The reason we exist is to live up to our mission statement that says "Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County provides safe, reliable, cost-based utility services at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound business principles."

Dan G. Gunkel