



Public Power Week • October 5-11, 2014

Klickitat PUD Celebrates 28th Anniversary of Public Power Week

Enjoy refreshments at either KPUD office Friday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Klickitat PUD celebrates Public Power Week Sunday, October 5 through Saturday, October 11. More than 2,000 electric utilities are referred to as the public power system, and collectively provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 45 million Americans.

“Public Power Week is a chance for Klickitat PUD to articulate why the public power formula works in communities throughout Klickitat County,” says Dan Gunkel, president of the Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners. “We are absolutely dedicated to providing top-notch service and the lowest rates possible.”

Public Power Week is a national annual event sponsored in conjunction with the American Public Power Association in Washington, D.C. This tradition began in 1986.

“We are proud to have served Klickitat County for 76 years and to be a public power community,” Gunkel says. “Our focus goes beyond serving customers. We serve the community. For us, the hard work is rewarding since our customers are our neighbors and friends.”

Residents throughout the county are invited to stop by the Goldendale and White Salmon offices for refreshments Friday, October 10, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help us celebrate Public Power Week’s 28th anniversary and Klickitat PUD’s 76 years in operation.

“Klickitat PUD knows how vital electricity is for our communities, and we continue to find ways to do so with special dedication to reliability, safety and the environment,” Gunkel says. “We hope we can rely on the community’s support of public power as an asset that is good for Klickitat County’s businesses and local economy.”

Klickitat PUD was created in 1938. Our utility owns the H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Power Plant, named in honor of Harold W. Hill, who served as a commissioner for 30 years. Klickitat PUD also has a 13 percent share of the White Creek Wind I Farm in Roosevelt, and 50 percent ownership of the McNary Hydroelectric Fishway Project in conjunction with Northern Wasco PUD.

Approximately 10,100 residential, 1,885 commercial, and two large industrial customers make up our customer base.

Our service territory includes 1,334 miles of overhead, 293 miles of underground distribution line, 203 miles of transmission line and ownership of 23 substations. Also included in our business portfolio are 10 water and six wastewater systems throughout the county, owned and/or operated by Klickitat PUD.

We look forward to your visit at one of our office locations Friday, October 10. ■