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We Remember

It is with a sad heart that we reflect on the passing of former Klickitat PUD General Manager Tom Svendsen. On behalf of all of us here at the PUD, I would like to pass along our thoughts and prayers to his wife, Debi, and their family.

In the interest of being true to Tom, this is also an opportunity to recognize a unique and positive individual. Tom hired me in 1997. The opportunity he offered me allowed my wife and I the chance to build a life and a family in a community we love. For that I will always be grateful.

Tom was undoubtedly the most creative engineer I have ever met, and he showed me what it is to be a professional. I did not always agree with Tom, but he never once varied from speaking his mind and doing what he thought in the best interests of the PUD and the community. He never held a grudge for slights or disagreements. That is a trait I have strived to emulate. I have learned much from Tom, and I will miss him.

See pages 4 and 5 for a bit of the history of Tom's career. I invite you to think a bit about the legacy you may leave behind when the time comes for you, as it will for all of us. I know Tom's legacy has driven me to think about the things I do and how they may improve our utility and my neighbors.

Cheers, Tom.

Jim Smith
General Manager

