



# Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

78 Years of Service \* 1938-2016

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD

For the January 24, 2017 Meeting

### AGENDA ITEMS

- A. 2:00pm – WASTEWATER AWARDS -- Representatives from the Washington State Department of Ecology will be attending the meeting to present our wastewater staff with awards for outstanding wastewater treatment plant performances in 2015 for the Lyle, Klickitat and Wishram systems.
- B. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES -- Staff is presenting a list of Professional Services Consultants for Board approval to add them to our 2017 listing.
- C. POLICY BULLETIN No. 23 – Staff is submitting revisions to the Purchasing Policy for Board approval.
- D. POLICY BULLETIN No. 03 – Staff is submitting revisions to the Compensation for Non-Union Employees Policy for Board approval. The revisions are on the numbers for the comparison utilities in Attachment A. There is no change in the comparison utilities, just updated statistics.

### NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. GM Meeting Attendance – Met with staff and another potential interested party for RNG. Public Generating Pool meeting this month was via conference call and focused on work plans for 2017. Focus this year is on EIM and related markets and carbon issues.
2. Ice Storm Outages – I think that staff did a very good job working together to get power restored to our customers on Wednesday. When crews finished up Wednesday night the service to the Flattop repeater site was the only customer without power, and they were on their propane backup generator. Frankly, the system held up better than I thought it would, given the extreme icing that hit the area. Almost all of our issues came in the west end. Far and away the largest issue was the BPA transmission line outage from the Bonneville Dam area to Bald Mountain. We utilized an alternate feed from PacifiCorp's Powerdale substation in the Hood River area while BPA traced the cause of their outage. Customers fed from our Bingen substation were out of service from 11 am until approximately 1 pm, and power was restored to the remaining customers in Husum, BZ, Trout Lake and Glenwood between 4 and 5 pm. Ron Schultz completed system engineering work with PacifiCorp to address protection, loading and voltage issues and then our crews and BPA completed the switching. BPA's outage was traced to broken conductors just outside their distribution substation in Stevenson. Their conductor was put back up, spliced and back in service early Thursday morning. Operations and Engineering will be able to provide further information on specifics at the meeting.
3. Skamania PUD Mutual Aid – The district provided a 4-person crew to help Skamania with their storm recovery efforts. Our line crew members Bernie Predeek, Justen Greenwood, Tony Lozano, and Travis Heilman started the assistance on Thursday afternoon and are expected to be

back home late Sunday. Skamania had extensive icing damage and we are part of the team assisting with putting it back together.

4. Cliffs Water Supply – Tom McDonald is continuing to assist in the water rights process. The next step is requesting the Consultation process per WACs and that is being initiated. This is a process Ecology must work through with appropriate local, state and federal agencies and Native American tribes. The process request is filed through Tom Tebb.
5. PURMS Representation -- Jim Moss would like the Board to consider appointing an alternate representative from KPUD, to fill in for Commissioner Knowles in case he is unable to attend a PURMS Board meeting.
6. Customer Meetings -- We are starting the process of scheduling our yearly visits to the various communities and organizations to provide a business update. A few of the dates have been confirmed; see enclosed schedule.
7. Renewable Natural Gas – We will provide an update at the meeting. Attached for your reading is a couple of interesting articles with respect to EPA, the Renewable Fuel Standards and President Trump (as of the time of my writing this).