



# Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

80 Years of Service \* 1938-2018

## GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **December 22, 2020** Meeting

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

A. **None.**

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. **CARES Act Customer Support Submission** - We submitted the application for CARES Act funding for our customers on December 10. Klickitat County Board of Commissioners President Jim Sizemore called after their December 14 board meeting and they are intending on funding our CARES request for \$248,270 once they receive federal CARES funds from the state. He anticipates that this will not happen until the new year. County staff will engage with Brandy Myers on ensuring we meet regulatory requirements. The full amount of these funds will go directly to an estimated 640+ residential customers and will extend the COVID Small Business program for an additional 5 months benefitting 114 or more commercial customers. Funds will not be retained to cover PUD expense, but passed on to customers to provide relief. Thank you for your support on securing this funding.
2. **Republic Services Wellfield Automated Well Tuning** - Staff has been working with Republic Services for most of the year to bring an automated wellfield project to the landfill. Republic is in the final stages of addressing their concerns with automated wellfield tuning and we are optimistic we will be able to come to an agreement. Staff is in the process of conducting due diligence with the proposed contractor and intends to present a business case scenario to you at the meeting on January 12.
3. **MM28 Mediation** - We participated in mediation with the USA on December 15. The mediation did not result in a settlement.
4. **NSC Aluminum** - Brian is engaged in preliminary joint discussions with potential data center developers, the pumped storage developers and NSC Aluminum. I am planning to retain Brian to continue to work on these issues and Brian has agreed to an initial 6-month period. Kevin Ricks will begin to work with Brian to pick up the background on the project and project history.
5. **November Financials** - November draft financials have been prepared and reviewed by Accounting/Finance staff. Initial review indicates that the year-end forecasted financial position is largely in line with the 2020 forecast that was presented during the 2021

budget process. Final November financials will be presented during the January 12 commission meeting.